A Message from our Principal

Personalised Learning Plans (PLP’s)
Parents and students are invited to meet with their class teacher to complete their PLP for this year on Wednesday 25 February from 3.00pm-4.15pm. There will be a BBQ supplied during this time.

This is a valuable process to engage the key stakeholders in planning future goals for students. It is also a great opportunity to get to know students and develop relationships between parents and teachers. Meeting will be 5-10 minutes with teachers. All teachers will be assembled under the primary COLA. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Leaders Induction Assembly
This special ceremony was held last Monday for the 2015 school leaders. Badges were presented to those students who have been elected to leadership positions for 2015 (Captains and Prefects and class representatives for Term 1. Students, who were elected by their peers, recited the school pledge. The leadership positions also included sporting house vice captains and captains positions.

National Apology Day
Last Friday our school captains Tora Niki and Jumame Little-Keames represented our school with Aunty Louise Niki at the ceremony for the National Apology Day. The event theme was "Heal our past- build our future together". The significant event was recognised by a formal gathering at the Civic Centre.
“Things turn out best for people who make the best out of the way things turn out.”

Messages for our parents

Borambola Peer Support
Our Year 5 and 6 students will be visiting Borambola this Thursday to participate in activities to build their confidence and develop skills as effective school leaders. Activities will continue on Friday at school. Students are expected to wear full school uniform on this day. Full payment of $40 was due last Friday 13 February.

Student Exemptions
Due to changes in the DEC school attendance guidelines, exemptions from school can no longer be granted to students who are absent because of family holidays. In cases where students are absent from school for this reason, written explanation is to be provided to the school. In accordance with the DEC Attendance Policy, students will be marked in the school rolls as being on “Leave” and will be counted in total absences for the year.

Meet the teacher meetings
Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who accepted the invitation to attend our class information sessions last week. The sessions were a valuable opportunity to hear first-hand about the day to day operation of classes, about student learning requirements and special activities such as excursions. All teachers are looking forward to getting to know their students’ parents throughout the year and will welcome any approach to discuss issues or concerns regarding students in their care.

Important Dates

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Canteen Roster

Wednesday - T. Bennett
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Friday - K. Warner
Monday - D Tootell
Tuesday - K.Wamer / A Phillips
**Term 1, Week 4**

**Brospeak**

Beginning next Monday, Aboriginal students will be selected to participate in an Aboriginal culture group to enhance their Aboriginal identity and pride in their culture. The activities will be coordinated by Tony Rudd and Peter Little. This is a trial group and will be limited to up to 20 participants.

**Dental Clinic for 2015**

The Dental Clinic Program offered to all Ashmont School students by the CSU Dental Clinic will begin this term. It will commence in Week 6 on Wednesday 4 March. The clinic will complete a dental check for each student attending, provide information on dental hygiene and consult with parents or guardians about any required treatment. Forms will be given to each student. If a student is to attend the clinic these forms must be filled in and signed. There are three spaces where forms must be signed by a parent/guardian. Please return these forms to the office.

**Emergency Contact Details and Medical Information**

It is necessary that emergency contact details are up to date to ensure parents can be contacted promptly if your child is sick or has had an injury. People often change their mobile phone numbers and it can be challenging to make contact.

Updated medical information is also important for the care of your child. Students who have specific needs such as allergies, medical conditions or other health problems need to alert the school and provide documentation if special care is required. Students with asthma should have a completed Asthma Plan and a copy should be provided to the school. Parents of students needing medication at school are required to supply written directions for administration purposes. The school keeps a record of all medication given to students.

**Reading Blitz**

Everyone knows the best way to be a better swimmer is to swim! So of course the best way to become a better reader is to read! At Ashmont School we employ extra teachers and support staff so that our students can read with an adult in small groups nearly every day. We call this special time READING BLITZ. Since we have been running this program at our school our reading has improved enormously. Well done Ashmont! Remember to read at home as well.

**Sheffield Shield**

A fantastic opportunity has been given to our primary students this week. They have been invited to attend the Sheffield Shield that is going to be held at Robertson Oval. 3P and 4/5L visited the event today. 3/4M, 5W and 6M will be going tomorrow. The cost is $2 for all students.

**Spelling champions**

A photo is included in this week’s Bulletin of the best spellers in our school on the Term 1 pre-test. Remember to practise regularly at home to improve your child’s spelling.

**Remember to return holiday reading pouches for a prize**

**BOXES**

If you have any clean boxes, we would really appreciate it if they could be sent to school for use in the CARE Program.
**Yarn’en with Louise**

Welcome back to all our parents and students and a special welcome to our families.

Kindergarten children are really settled, thanks to our school’s excellent Kinderstart program.

I would like to run parent learning days this year. I am thinking of running them Monday mornings straight after our school assembly or whichever morning is convenient. Please see me if one day suits you better. We will be running 1-2-3 Magic in the next couple of weeks. Please see me if you’re interested in attending for catering purposes and let me know what day suits.

Our first Wagga Wagga Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (LAECG) will be held today

**Tuesday 17th February 4pm at Kooringal High School.** It is very important that parents and community have a say in our children’s education, so please try to attend.

Looking forward to catching up and having a cuppa and a yarn.

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**Principal’s Award Winners**

**Blake Easton-McKenzie & Nathan Dohl**

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**AWARDS**

**Merit Awards**

KB: David Williams
KR: Phoenix Niki
1J S: Tyla Heinrich
2G: Aleetah Thackeray
1/2S: Wayne Green-McGowan

**Blinky Bill Award**

KB: Mya Niki
KR: Cooper Prior-Sutton
1J S: Jason Gadsden
2G: Shakilah Jayne-Mathers
1/2S: Lemand Bath

**Blinky Bill Jnr Award**

Melitta Hampton

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**Years 3 - 6 Boot Camp**

Boot Camp is back..

Boys - Mondays and Wednesdays.
Girls - Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Friday mornings are for everyone - boys and girls. Please come along and join Peter Little for a great morning full of fun.

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**School Office hours**

8.30am to 3.45pm