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 4 March (please note the change of date) 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.

Brospeak and Sistaspeak

Beginning yesterday, Aboriginal students in years 4-6 participated in an Aboriginal culture group to enhance their Aboriginal identity and pride in their culture. Brospeak will be coordinated by Tony Rudd and Peter Little. Sistaspeak will be coordinated by Aunty Louise Niki. Invited students to the program have received a note to inform parents. If you do not wish your child to attend please return the slip to school by Monday 2 March.

P&C Annual General Meeting

Our P&C invite you to attend the upcoming AGM on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in the staffroom. New members are always welcome. Your support is needed as ‘many hands make light work’. Please bring a friend and support your school.
“Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway.”

Earl Nightingale

School Plan 2015-2017
We are currently finalising our school vision statement and strategic directions for our school. This has been through lengthy consultation in 2014 through parent surveys, P&C meetings, Aboriginal Education meetings, staff meetings and informal practices that have informed our plan. Following is our school vision:

Ashmont Public School will provide a quality education of excellence, developing capable citizens for the future.

Our strategic directions are as follows:

1. Driving a culture of continual learning through excellence in teaching.
2. Promoting successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.
3. Driving partnerships and connections that enable engagement and attainment for all students.

We once again invite your feedback before the plan is finalised. Attached to this week’s Bulletin is a copy of our vision statement and strategic directions for you to make comment. Thank you for your ongoing support and input into the future of our school.

Important Dates

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Canteen Roster

Wednesday – T. Bennett
Thursday – T. Bennett
Friday – K. Warner
Monday – D Tootell
Tuesday – K.Wamer / A Phillips
Sporting Schools
We were ready to roll with cricket after school last Thursday but nobody turned up! We will be running again this Thursday. The program runs straight after school from 3:15 to 4:15 and includes an afternoon tea. An expression of interest will be coming out today. The first 24 students will get a place. Don’t miss out!

Creative Arts- A focus
Last year our school community completed surveys for Creative Arts. The findings indicated that parents wished for their children to have more opportunities in this area. This year we have employed dedicated Creative Arts teachers to support all students K-6. A focus has been placed on opportunities in Visual Arts, Drama, Dance and Music. We believe that this will support all students in developing their skills and expertise in this area.

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.

Handwriting Assessment
To become good story writers children must write quickly, fluently and legibly. Children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are required to print. Children in Year 3 are moving from printing to cursive (running writing). Children in Years 4 - 6 should be doing most of their writing in cursive writing. In Week 9 all children will have their Handwriting Assessment. Samples of the handwriting assessments are included here. The time limit will be 15 minutes. Please encourage your child to practise.

Stage 2 & 3
Nine Miles From Gundagai
I’ve done my share of shearing sheep,
Of droving and all that,
And bagged a bullock-team as well,
On a Murrumbidgee flat.
I’ve seen the bullock stretch and strain,
And blink his weary eye,
And the dog sit on the tuckerbox,
Nine miles from Gundagai.

Jack Moses

Stage 1
Like to Meet an Alien
I’d like to meet an alien.
Yeah, wouldn’t that be neat?
I’m sure there’s not another creature I would rather meet.

by Kenn Nesbitt

WAGGA’S MONSTER GARAGE SALE
Supporting Scripture in Schools
Saturday 28th February 2015 - 7am to 3pm
Thousands of items all at bargain prices

Books, Clothes, Furniture, BBQ, Coffee shop, Bric-a-brac, Valuables, Cakes, Plants, Toys, Shoes, Silent Auction, Car wash, Camping & Sports Gear ... AND SO MUCH MORE
Don’t miss out. 154 TARCUTTA ST WAGGA
Phone 0409 607 657

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.
You are invited to a Community Connection Day
Wednesday 4 March
9.30am - 10.30am
Ngurang Yindymarra room
(Community Centre)

Come along and hear information on what is happening in our school this year.
For example Parent Learning Days, Bro Speak, Sista Speak, Aboriginal Perspective/language in classrooms, PaCe, The Smith Family, Family Referral Service just to name a few.
We value your input so please come along and have a say in our future leaders and enjoy morning tea.

Merit Awards
KB: Tylah Barby
KR: Jett Lyons
1JS: Shalia Fox
2G: Joshua Cunningham
1/2S: Hannah-Lee Solomon-Gilbert

Blinky Bill Award
KB: Merrinda Kennedy
KR: Shyer Krause
1JS: Chrislyn Little-Niki
2G: Tyler Thomsen
1/2S: Isabella Duncan

Blinky Bill Jnr Award
Deakan Widdup

Principal’s Award Winners
Destiny Pitts & Harlem Kennedy

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

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.

Class Award
KB: Most names on hats

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