Athletics Carnival
We had beautiful weather last Friday at our annual Athletics Carnival. A fantastic day was had by all and many personal bests and school records were broken. It was really pleasing to hear of the team spirit and willingness of students to ‘have a go’ and ‘do their best’. Included in this Bulletin is the list of record breakers.

A ribbon presentation will be held at 9.15am on Monday 16 March for students who placed in their events. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Best Start Kindergarten Assessments
Parents will receive results from the testing conducted at the beginning of Term 1. Your child has continued to learn from this time but it does give you a valuable insight into where your child started at the beginning of the year. The letter also includes ideas for parents at home to help support your child’s learning in literacy and numeracy. If you have any questions in relation to the testing, please contact your child’s teacher.

Expression of Interest- Placement in Year 7 2016
Yesterday, students in Year 6 received their Expression of Interest Forms for High School placement next year. These forms need to be completed and returned to our school by Friday 20 March. Please be aware that all forms will be considered and parents may not receive their first preference.
"If you don’t like something, change it. If you can’t change it, change the way you think about it."

**Messages for our parents**

**Athletics Carnival 2015**
We had a fantastic day on Friday with our annual Athletics Carnival. Many students competed in the track and field events and many records were broken. Well done to all our competitors! Thank you for all parents who attended to cheer the students on.

A special thank you to all staff, high school students and parents who helped out on the day.

Congratulations to our new record holders:

- **Junior Female 800m** - Melodie W. (3:28.91)
- **11 Years Male 800m** - Dylan W. (3:02.63)
- **8 Years Female 100m** - Kaylina F. (19.20)
- **9 Years Female 100m** - Melodie W. (19.21)
- **Junior Female High Jump** - Honey S. (0.99m)
- **11 Years Male High Jump** - Tyson G. (1.23m)
- **11 Years Female High Jump** - Shauna B. (1.09m)
- **Senior Male High Jump** - Zafar H. (1.25m)
- **Junior Female Long Jump** - Honey S. (2.75m)
- **11 Years Male Long Jump** - Tyson G. (4m)
- **11 Years Female Long Jump** - Ebony W. (2.89m)
- **Junior Male Shot Put** - Jay W. (5.25m)
- **11 Years Male Shot Put** - Dylan W. (7.12m)
- **11 Years Female Shot Put** - Tora N. (4.70m)
- **Senior Male Shot Put** - Dallas B. (5.86m)
- **5 Years Male 70m** - Kye L.K. (18.67)
- **6 Years Female 70m** - Natalie L. (15.38)

District carnival information will come in Term 2.

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**Important Dates**

- MAHS Boys Night Out: 10 March
- MAHS Girls Night In: 17 March
- P&C AGM @ 7pm: 17 March
- Year 6 MAHS Taster Day: 18 March
- Wagga PSSA Swimming: 27 March

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**Canteen Roster**

- Wednesday – T. Bennett
- Thursday – T. Bennett
- Friday – K. Warner
- Monday – D Tootell
- Tuesday – K. Warner / A Phillips

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**Year 6 MAHS Taster Day**

Notes will be sent home this week. The cost will be $2 per student. Please return notes by Monday 16 March.
Clean Up Australia Day
There has been a change of plans for Clean Up Australia. Students will be given responsibility for areas around the school over the next few weeks. This is due to sharp objects being located in the oval area last week. We wish to ensure student safety and all reports of objects of this nature are reported to our local council for clean-up.

Personalised Learning Plans (PLP’s)
Members of our school community visited our school last week to complete PLP’s for their children. This is an important event where parents can discuss their child’s learning needs and future goals. All students need to have one completed. If you missed the event please make comment on the PLP form sent home or contact your child’s teacher to arrange an appointment. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss learning progress at parent interviews in Term 2 and Learning Journeys in Term 4.

Cross Country
Our Cross Country carnival will be held on Thursday, 2 April. All students turning 8 this year and up are required to attend. Please be advised that ALL students must pay the fee for the Cross Country as the cost is distributed amongst all students, not paid per student.

Scripture
Scripture classes begin this Thursday at 2.15pm. Ashmont students are reminded to be on their best behaviour when attending scripture and show respect to our visiting teachers.

Stage Spelling Test
The countdown is on! We have only a week until the Stage Spelling Test. We have heard from teachers and parents that lots of children have been working hard to try and achieve 100% Children who improve by 10% or more will receive a certificate. Those who receive 100% will attend the 100% Party in Week 10.

‘Scientist for a Day’
As part of the Ashmont Public Schools Gifted and Talented Program, 16 children will be chosen to attend the ‘Scientist for a Day Program’ at our school on Monday, 16 March. Children will be chosen based on their interest and ability in science. Students selected will receive a note on Thursday.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
We are delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measure factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

We want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. The surveys will be conducted over the next two weeks with students in Years 4-6.

P&C Annual General Meeting
Our P&C invite you to attend the upcoming AGM on Tuesday, 17 March 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.

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.
‘YOUR LINK TO SUPPORT’
The Family Referral Service and Education have partnered to provide greater access to service for local communities. The Family Referral Service is aimed at assisting families to link into various support services. These may include:

- Housing and accommodation
- Financial assistance
- Parenting
- Drug and alcohol support
- Domestic violence
- Youth support
- Health
- Counselling and mediation
- Mental health
- Cultural support
- Health and wellbeing

APS will host Stacey the FRS Family Worker on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9am – 1pm. If you would like to get in contact with Stacey phone 1300 307 897, visit the school or drop into the FRS office located at 36-40 Gurwood St.

Relationships Australia Canberra and Region Inc acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land and community. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to the Elders both past and present.

Close the Gap

Friday March 20th –10am in our school hall

Ashmont Public School will again host a Close the Gap event, so please save the date and come along to learn more on Closing the Gap and be entertained, followed by refreshments while browsing information stalls.

Ashmont Community BBQ
Free Event

Saturday March 14th
11:30 - 1pm

Ashmont Community Hub

Please join us for a fun and relaxing community event with children’s activities and BBQ at no cost.

Face Painting Sausage Sizzle
Jumping Castle Puppet show

Principal’s Award Winners

Shakilah -Jayne Mathers & Tylar Allen

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

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