Close the Gap Day - A community event
Community members are invited to attend a special assembly to be held on Friday 20 March commencing at 10.00am. This event acknowledges and promotes the ‘closing the gap’ between our Indigenous peoples and others. The event is designed to promote the importance of partnerships between education and health services that are available in Wagga to support our families. Special guests, schools and a number of agencies will be in attendance. A morning tea will follow and allow everyone to mingle and visit stalls. Everyone is welcome!

Charles Sturt University Education Placements
We welcome 10 students from CSU this week to join our kinder to Year 2 classes. The students will be visiting each Wednesday for 8 weeks as part of their training requirements. Students will be placed in pairs in each class. We are very fortunate to be a part of this program to help shape our future teachers whilst gaining additional learning support for our students. The students are as follows: Lachlan Fairbank, Ruby Foxlewin, Gabrielle Goode, Kelsey Griffin, Lyndal Jennings, Amilia McFarland, Phoebe Metcalfe, Jasmin Sahota, Connor Smith and Harry Smout.

Staff Professional Learning
This Saturday, all our staff at our school will be engaging in learning about our local Aboriginal culture and history. We will be going on a guided tour with local Wiradjuri people to visit significant sites and to hear stories that shaped our community.
"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

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.

Year 6 MAHS Taster Day
Students in Year 6 will visit MAHS tomorrow as part of the transition to a high school setting. Students will arrive at 9.45am. Students will be involved in activities including Drama, PDH/PE and Science. Students are required to bring their own recess and lunch. No lunch orders please. Students will return to our school prior to home time.

Easter Hat Parade
Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be on Thursday 2 April at 9.30am. There will be a special canteen lunch available on that day to preorder. It is time for parents to pull out that craft box and get busy making those hats!

EOI- Placement in Year 7 2016
Students in Year 6 have 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.

Important Dates

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School Photos
Our school photos will be held on Wednesday 25 March. Envelopes were handed to students last Thursday. Please remember the following:
- Your child’s name is spelt correctly on the envelope.
- Envelops must contain the correct money as change will not be given.
- Payment can also be made online and if you choose this option, ensure your reference number is written on the envelope.
- Sibling photos- please collect the envelope from the school office.

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform and has black shoes on this day.

Scripture
All students will attend scripture classes based on their enrolment details. If you wish for your child not to attend, you must indicate this in writing to your class teacher. All students attending non-scripture will be participating in Ethics classes which will underpin our school and community values.

P&C Annual General Meeting
Our P&C invite you to attend the upcoming AGM on Wednesday morning at 10.30am 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.

Gymnastics Term 2
Notes have been given to students in Stage 1 and Stage 2 for their gymnastics program in Term 2. The cost is $36.00 for the 8 week program or $4.50 each week. It will begin the 27 April. Please ensure permission note and payment is received prior to the event to ensure your child does not miss out. Following are the days/times the classes will attend:

Monday 1.45pm-3.00pm
3P, 3/4M and 4L

Wednesday 1.45pm-3.00pm
1J5, 1/2Sand 2G

Further information is provided to parents on the consent form.

P&C Easter Mufti Day Friday 27 March
Students can come out of uniform on this day when donating a chocolate egg/bunny for the Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn during the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 2 April.

All students will receive raffle tickets. Please return all tickets sold and unsold by Monday 30 March.

AWARDS

Merit Awards
KB: Emily Hibbs
KR: Jaylem Honeysett
1J S: Summer White
2G: Macey Clark
1/2S: Bella Knight

Blinky Bill Award
KB: Eve Cunningham
KR: Isabella Ingold
1J S: Caleb Thomsen
2G: Allilah Prior-Sutton
1/2S: Faith James

Blinky Bill Jnr Award
Allira Lawrence-Winslett

Uniform Award
Neisha Buswell

Class Award
2G - Best Attendance
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 sea and community. We pay our respect to them and their cultures and to the Elders both past and present.

**Principal’s Award Winners**

Lemand Bath &

Tye Crawford

**School Office hours**

8.30am to 3.45pm