Close the Gap Day

Last Friday, our school hosted a community event to promote ‘Close the Gap’ and acknowledge our community agencies that work closely with our school to support our students and families.

Special guests included Councillor Kevin Poynter (WWCC), Jane Keames (Rivmed) and Susan Najor (Education).

Local schools and community members were entertained by our infants performance ‘Tuba Naba’ led by Mrs McKenzie, The Simpson family, and MAHS Hip Hop dance group.

Following the assembly morning tea was enjoyed and whilst browsing a number of stalls which showcased local agencies and provided information of the support available in our local community.

A special thank you to Aunty Louise Niki who coordinated this fantastic event for our community.

P&C Annual General Meeting - All welcome!

Parents and community members are invited to our P&C meeting being held tonight at 7.00pm in our staff room. There will be an election of all executive positions. New members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Friday 27 March

Easter Mufti Day

Please donate chocolate eggs/bunnies for the P&C Easter raffle.
"Don’t wait for people to be friendly. Show them how."

**Messages for our parents**

**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.

**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 as soon as possible to allow us to input the information in the enrolment system. Please be aware that all forms will be considered and parents may not receive their first preference.

**Scripture**  
All students will attend scripture classes based on their enrolment details. If you do not wish your child 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.

**Important Dates**

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**Canteen Roster**

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

Stage 3 Excursions
All students should have received the Canberra and Ballarat notes for 2015. While we have no limit on the Canberra excursion, we only have limited spaces on the Ballarat excursion. A non-refundable $50 deposit will ensure your place. These excursions will enhance our learning in the classroom.

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
  1JS, 1/2Sand 2G

Further information is provided to parents on the consent form.

Writing
Our school is currently concentrating on writing. The more children write, the more they improve. Could you give your children reasons to write?
- shopping list
- birthday wish list
- thank you letters for presents
- competitions
- letters to friends, teachers, relatives
- invitations

We are having a writing competition this week at school. Children are asked to write a paragraph which starts I am looking forward to the Easter holidays. Please encourage your child to write for 15 minutes and hand it in to Mrs Najor by Monday. Prizes will be awarded and the best writing will be published in our newsletter.

Welfare Assembly
The Dance group will be performing at the Welfare Assembly on Wednesday, 1 April at 9.30am.

Ngrang Yinyarra Outdoor Learning Area
Beside the Ngrang Yindymarra Learning Centre a goanna (girrawaa) is growing. This is the school’s latest environmental project. Students from 1/2S and 4M are helping to develop a sustainable and safe garden. They will be learning about and helping to plant and maintain local native plants. Members from the Wangan Wangan horticultural group will share their plant knowledge with the students. Also students will contribute artistically as the paved border around the goanna is formed. As a result of this activity the area outside the Ngrang Yindymarra learning centre should be an interesting and long lasting area for people to visit.

Netball Trials
On Thursday 19 March I went to the Netball trials. I was the only student from Ashmont School who went. It was a good day. I was there for more than three hours. There were 100 kids to play. We had to get 51 goals to make it in. I got 50 so I didn’t make it. I played every single game which was 10 games.

By Lilli Waters
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: Tamia Kirby
KR: Abbi Schnoegl
1JS: Ellora Wolfe
2G: Tysin Besley
1/2S: Latoya Russell

Blinky Bill Award
KB: Rhys Crampton
KR: Pauline Green-McGowan
1JS: Jason Gadsden
2G: Joshua Cunningham
1/2S: Natalie Landow

Blinky Bill Jnr Award
Ellora Wolfe

Uniform Award
Joshua Cunningham

Class Award
KB & KR - The class with no green slips

Seniors Week Morning Tea
You are invited to for a free Morning Tea and chat. Chat about how to get involved in local community activities, and other services that might support you.

Wednesday 25 March
10.30am - 1.30pm
Tolland Community Centre, Bruce Street, Tolland.
For more information contact: Stephen Smith - 0429 6664 082