ANZAC Day
Our school marked the 100th anniversary of the spirit of ANZAC last Friday and Saturday.

Our students hosted a community ceremony at school. The event was opened with all our students singing ‘The Last ANZAC’. As part of the ceremony student representatives (pictured above) laid wreaths in memory of those who fought and lost their lives at Gallipoli. It was well attended by parents.

On Saturday, our prefects and school captains participated in the community march and ceremony held at the Victory Memorial Gardens. The prefects marched in the parade and our school captains laid the wreath at the Cenotaph.

I am truly proud of all our students who demonstrated pride in such a significant event. Our students represented our school community with respect and dignity upholding the ANZAC spirit.

NAPLAN 2014 for Year 3 and 5
Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 have received an updated information letter regarding the upcoming national assessment. Parents may wish to consider an exemption or withdrawal of their child. More information is provided in the letter. If you wish to discuss these options, you need to consult Mrs Whyte by 30 April.
“Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it. Right is right even if no one is doing it.”

St. Augustine

Messages for our parents

Year 5 entry to Opportunity Class in 2016

Opportunity classes cater for high-achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library or contact your current school.

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Canteen Roster

Wednesday – T. Bennett
Thursday – T. Bennett
Friday – K. Warner
Monday – D Tootell
Tuesday – K. Warner / A Phillips
After School Sports
On Thursday afternoons for Term 2, students are invited to participate in training to improve their footy skills. Students from 3-6 are welcome to attend from 3.00pm-4.30pm. Parents are required to pick up their child. Students will be provided with an afternoon snack of fruit. Depending on numbers of students, it may include K-2 in the coming weeks.

CSU Oral Health
Visitors from Charles Sturt University will be conducting sessions promoting oral health in Stage 2 classes on 29 April and 13 May. The aim is to educate staff and students about the importance of good oral hygiene and dietary habits. There will be interactive lessons with Years 3 and 4, as well as an effect on the entire school through working with the breakfast club and the school canteen to integrate recommendations.

Parents of Ashmont Primary School are welcome to visit the Oral Health Clinic at the Charles Sturt University campus. It is open to the public of all ages and treatment is offered at a low cost. For more information or to book an appointment, please call: 1300 278 642, or search: www.csu.edu.au/dental-clinic. Also, to the parents of grades 3 and 4, look out for brochures about oral hygiene and dietary habits in your child’s school bag. We hope that you have the chance to read these in order to care for the oral hygiene of your children, yourself and your family.

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 on 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
1J S, 1/2Sand 2G

Further information is provided to parents on the consent form.

Spelling
All classes have now done their Term Spelling Test Pre-test. The words they spelt correctly have been highlighted in orange. The lists are being sent home this week. Could you please encourage your children to practise the list at home? If you need additional copies of the lists, please ask your child’s teacher. The list will be retested in Week 9 this term. Many thanks for your help improving the spelling skills of our students.

Shake a leg- K-2
Shake a leg is a school based health promotion program delivered to all students with an indigenous perspective. The main aim of the program is to reduce preventable health conditions in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children through information which will strengthen health knowledge and build community expertise to improve health outcomes for children and families.

The ‘Shake a leg program’ is run by two Aboriginal Health Workers from Rivmed (Natalie & Ted) focusing on children Kindergarten – year 2.

Topics that are covered are;
- Oral health
- Nutrition
- Hygiene
- Hearing
- Physical activity

TRENT BARRETT SHIELD
Our school will not be participating this year in the Trent Barrett Shield for Stage 2 students due to low numbers of interested students and for safety reasons. Students will receive refunds for those that have paid.

Paul Kelly Cup
Senior boys will be invited to play AFL next Thursday 7 May from 8.45am-2.30pm. Students will need to wear footy boots and mouth guards to participate. Notes have been sent home today. Please note that students must be on a positive level to attend.
The Unknown Soldier
On 25th May, 30 students from Stage Three will attend the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre to watch the stage production ‘The Unknown Soldier.’ Set on the battlefields of WW1 and in 21st century Australia, our play follows the dual journeys of a 16 year-old soldier fighting for King and Country, a modern-day 11 year old boy ‘who questions how anyone can simply just disappear’. Entwined within these two tales is the story of a mother who refuses to believe that her son is missing in action and goes searching for him in the mud.

The play is targeted to Primary School Years 5 & 6 and High School Years 7 & 8, and links to the NSW syllabus and key learning areas including English, Creative Arts, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education and Human Society and Its Environment.

A Monkey Baa Theatre Company Production.

Merit Awards
KB: Sasha Pascoe
KR: Cooper Prior-Sutton
1JS: Liam Griffiths
2G: Jack Eggleton
1/2S: Preston McKenzie

Blinky Bill Award
KB: Phoenix Krause
KR: Emily Hibbs
1JS: Ellora Wolfe
2G: Luke Stubbs
1/2S: Martin McKenzie

Blinky Bill Jnr Award
Leiland Allen

Uniform Award
Shyer Krause

Class Award
KB - Tidiest bag room

Principal’s Award Winners
Hayley Fleming & Tysin Besley

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

P&C News
Mother’s Day
The P&C will be selling gifts on Thursday 7 May and Friday 8 May at lunchtime. The prices range from $1-$5

Portrait Fundraising
Our school is hosting a family photo day on Saturday 2 May. Contact Kidshotz on 1300309776 or www.kidshotz.com to make a booking. Only $20!