A Message from our Principal

**NAPLAN 2014**
Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the national testing. The scheduled times for the testing are as follows:

- Tuesday 12 May - 9.15am - Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 13 May - 9.15am - Reading
- Thursday 14 May - 9.15am - Numeracy

A special breakfast will be provided to those students sitting the tests between 8.45am-9.15am. Please ensure students are at school on time on these days.

**Staffing Appointment**
I wish to acknowledge the recent permanent appointment of Mrs Kelly Honeyman as our School Administration Officer. Mrs Honeyman has been working temporarily in this position for over twelve months. She is a welcomed addition to our staff. Mrs Honeyman has many years of experience in this role and is a valued asset to our school. On behalf of our school community, I wish to congratulate Mrs Honeyman for her permanent appointment.

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Stage 1 Excursion
Temora Aviation Museum
22 May

Please send in note and money to the office. If you need another note please see your teacher or the office.
“It is our choices... that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities”
J. K. Rowling

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.

Messages for our parents

Importantly Dates
Shake a leg K-2 commences 11 May
CSU Oral Health Stage 2 13 May
Stage 3 excursion - Civic Theatre 25 May
Mortimer Shield Stage 3 29 May
MAHS Boys Night Out 2 June
Stage 3 Canberra excursion 5 June
Year 6 MAHS Taster Day 10 June
District Cross Country 11 June
Student reports/Parent interviews 15-26 June

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 Years 2-6 are welcome to attend from 3.00pm-4.15pm. Parents are required to pick up their child. Students will be provided with an afternoon snack of fruit. Permission notes have been sent home today and need to be returned for your child to attend.

**CSU Oral Health**

Visitors from Charles Sturt University will be conducting sessions promoting oral health in Stage 2 classes on the 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 Years 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. 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

**Soccer News**

Our senior boys and girls have a PSSA Soccer match on 22 May. Permission notes will go home this week. If anybody has football boots and shin guards that they no longer need could they please send them into school so we can have some spares. Thank you.

Mrs Jaques

**Paul Kelly Cup**

Thursday 7th of May saw the Stage 3 Ashmont Dragons take part in the annual Paul Kelly Cup AFL competition for Wagga and the surrounding schools. The day was very cold with difficult conditions for playing any sport. However, the boys managed to triumph over the conditions as well as all competitors – ending the gala day with three victories from three attempts. Even more pleasing than the results of the games was the spirit in which the boys played. Throughout, the boys continually encouraged each other and at the end of each victory, Ashmont P.S. were the first to congratulate and thank their opponents for a game well played. Congratulations to all boys on displaying Ashmont’s four core values.

**Excursion Stage 1**

On the 22nd of May, Stage 1 will have the opportunity to visit the Temora Aviation Museum. This will allow students to be immersed in history and investigate technological advancements over time. The cost of the excursion is $10. Please ensure permission notes and money are returned by Wednesday 20 May.

**Australian Early Development Census (AECD)**

Between May and June this year our school will be taking part in a nationwide census of early childhood development. It will help our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AECD is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training. The census will only be conducted for kindergarten children.
Yam'n with Louise
Well Term 2 is here already! Another busy term as they all are. We begin with an Aboriginal Education meeting on the 29th May at 9.30am in the staffroom. All parents are more than welcome.

At the end of term we will be holding our NAIDOC celebrations. The theme for this year is: We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate. If you have any ideas please let me know or come along on the 29th. Sista Speak will run again this term for Years 4, 5 & 6 on Tuesday afternoons at 2:15pm. Mums, Aunts, Nans are welcome to join us. Hope to see you all at our meeting.

Principal's Award Winners
Tyra Lawrence & Destiny Knight

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm