National Sorry Day
Our students marked this significant occasion by our Year 6 leaders flying the Aboriginal flag at half-mast today.

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities. This event is significant to many of our Aboriginal families and community members.

Riverina Dance Festival- 5 June in Albury
Our students have been selected as one of three primary schools in Wagga to represent the Riverina. Students received notes last week. Parents need to read the information carefully as there are strict timeframes for returning payments. There are limited spare seats on the bus for parents if they wish to attend for $25, which is to be paid to the office. Those parents will have to purchase tickets for the event by phoning the Albury Entertainment Centre on 6043 5610, as bus travel does not include entry.

The cost for students to be involved has been significantly subsidized by the school and supported by the P&C through the purchasing of costumes. This is an amazing opportunity for our Dance Troupe and we do not want any child to miss out! The supervising teachers will be Ms Barratt and Mrs Whyte.

No Canteen at Recess on Monday 1 June
Items can be purchased at Lunch time that day.
“The strongest people are not those who show strength in front of us, but those who win battles we know nothing about.”

Michael Crossland

WWPSSA Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the students who went out to Ladysmith and competed in the district cross country carnival. The day was perfect for a run around Ladysmith school’s grounds and proved to be quite challenging too, with many obstacles to be negotiated by each of the competitors. There were over one hundred children competing on the day and, unfortunately, Ashmont students missed out on selection for the upcoming Riverina carnival although, Melodie Warner did manage to secure a first reserve position in the 8/9 years girls event. Throughout the day all Ashmont students displayed the school’s four core values and cheered on loudly for their fellow school mates as they ran past our section of the course. Well done to all.

Mr Millman

Soccer News

On Monday 18th May the primary girls soccer team participated in a match against Lake Albert Public School. The girls arrived with team spirit and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. For some, it was their first game of soccer. They all played with great enthusiasm and encouraged their team mates. Lake Albert had an impressive side and finished with the win. All parents and students involved from Ashmont should be very proud of the way they represented the school. The girls had a fun day and learnt some new skills!

Important Dates

- School photos sent home: 26 May
- Dental Clinic: 27 May
- Art Gallery - Stage 3: 27 May
- District Athletics: 27 May
- Stage 1 Gymnastics: 27 May
- Art Gallery - Stage 2: 29 May
- Mortimer Shield Stage 3: 29 May
- Netball Gala Day: 29 May
- Aboriginal education meeting: 29 May
- MAHS Boys Night Out: 2 June
- Stage 3 Canberra excursion: 5 June
- Riverina Dance Festival: 5 June
- Year 6 MAHS Taster Day: 17 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
Changes- After School Sports
There has been an overwhelming response to After School Sports with Pete. For this reason, we have to split days for infants and primary students. Days have changed from next week.

From the week of 25 May:
K-2 Monday 3.00pm-4.15pm
3-6 Thursday 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 and need to be returned for your child to attend. If you have not received a note, please see the Office.

Gymnastics Term 2
Notes have been given to students in Stage 1 and Stage 2 for their gymnastics program in Term 2. The total 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
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Primary Art Gallery Excursion
In Week 6, students have the opportunity to attend an excursion to the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery with Miss Terry and support staff. Year 3-4 students will attend next Wednesday the 27th and 5-6 students on Friday the 29th. Students will be guided through the current exhibitions at the gallery, participate in a Wiradjuri language workshop and create their own printmaking artwork to take home with them. This will be a fun day spent celebrating and learning about art, community and culture. Permission notes are due back by this Friday the 22 May.

Netball
The primary girls netball team will be attending a gala day on Friday 29th May. Miss Skinner has been training the girls during recess and lunch time. There is a range of players, some being beginners and others more experienced. We look forward to the competition and learning some new skills. Miss Barrat will be attending the gala day with the girls.

Structural Changes
Our school is currently undergoing planning with Work Health and Safety and Asset Management to make structural changes to our school to address the ease of access to our school roof tops. A number of changes have already taken place including; removing netting from the top of the cricket nets, steel sheeting above the primary COLA above the play equipment and changes to the fence of our school garden. Further changes will be evident over the coming weeks.

The safety of students is paramount and we will do what is 'reasonably practicable' to address this safety concern. Parents do have a shared responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of their child and we need to continue to have the support of those parents for whom this issue is a concern.

PSSA Football Report
Ashmont boys soccer team played Turvey Park in round 2 of the PSSA Soccer Knock Out at Gissing Oval last Friday May 22nd. Our team played hard but we were up against a fast, well-drilled opposition who followed through with their scoring opportunities to lead 5-0 at half time.

In the second half, Ashmont came into its own. A great team effort by our centres and forwards resulted in two goals being scored by Tyson Gibbons and Dylan Warner-Chilstone. This prompted Turvey Park into action and they scored another four goals. At the final whistle the score was 9-2. Despite losing, our team, including young Ebony Warner-Chilstone in goal during first half, worked tirelessly in defence and offence. The team showed lots of stamina and determination right to the final whistle. Well done everybody as you not only displayed great team skills but also showed good sportsmanship. It was a pleasure to see you all “dig deep” and take the game to the opposition.

Many thanks to our parents once again for your assistance with transport and support.

Mrs Jaques

Spelling Test
It is only 4 weeks until the Stage spelling Tests. Classes are working hard to learn the lists. Practice at home will also make sure our students show good improvement in Week 9. Thank you for helping our students improve their spelling skills.
Congratulations to Carlie on a very successful Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. Carlie and Ralee made biscuits to sell on behalf of the students who raised $192.25. Thank You to everyone who made donations as we raised another $374.75. A total of $567.00 for the Cancer Council.

**Yarn'n with Louise**

We have our first Aboriginal Education Committee meeting this Friday 29 May at 9.30am in the staffroom. We really need parents to be involved our children’s education. During this busy term we will be researching and planting traditional plants in our gugaa (goanna) and welcome community input. We will also be having a visit by local artist Kath Powderly who will have workshops on designing and making ceramic tiles for every student and interested parents. The tiles will be displayed in our school grounds.

We have NAIDOC at the end of this term and I would like to discuss ideas for class activities, so if you have a talent you can share: read a book to children or just give a hand, that would be great. We will also have a BBQ for NAIDOC and will be seeking volunteers. There is more happening so come along and have a cuppa and a yarn for our children, our future.

**Principal’s Award Winners**

Jasmine Barnes & Jumarne Little-Kearnes

**School Office hours**

8.30am to 3.45pm

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**Non Violent Resistance**

A 10 session group program for parents, grandparents and carers of children and adolescents aged 8 - 18 who are displaying aggressive, violent and dangerous behaviour.

**Overcome your child’s aggressive, dangerous and destructive behaviour with Non Violent Resistance**

**Where:** Relationships Australia 36 – 40 Gunwood Street, Wagga Wagga

**When:** Wednesday evenings, starting Wednesday May 27th 2015

**Time:** 6pm – 8pm each week (supper included)

**Cost:** $10 per family / session

Agency referrals accepted

For more information please contact:

Relationships Australia on 6923 9100