A Message from our Principal

Semester 1 Student Reports
Teachers are busily preparing student reports to report on student progress over the first semester. The reports reflect learning progress over the six areas: English, Maths, Science, History, Creative Arts and Physical Development, Health and Physical Education.

Student reports will be given to parents in Weeks 9 and 10 at parent interviews. Teachers will be providing parents with times when interviews can take place. Please ensure the slip is returned promptly so time slots can be booked and confirmed. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child’s learning and any issues you may have.

Riverina Dance Festival
On Friday, 5th June, the Ashmont PS Dance Troupe performed in Albury at the Riverina Dance Festival. It was an early start, leaving Wagga Wagga at 6.15am. The 25 girls were very excited as they approached Albury, and had a very busy and eventful day. They behaved beautifully and their manners throughout the day are to be commended.

It was a pleasure to watch the girls perform. They have grown into fantastic dancers. They looked lovely in their costumes and enjoyed getting their hair and make-up done.

Well done on such a wonderful achievement.

Ms Barratt.
“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”

Albert Einstein

Messages for our parents

Premier’s Sporting Challenge
It’s that time of year again! We will be participating in the PSC starting from Week 7 Term 2 through until Week 6 Term 3.

Let’s get active!

What is the NSW Premier’s Sport Challenge?
The NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

The Premier’s Sporting Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge.

A class may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity. Moderate activities could be as simple as brisk walking, bike riding with friends, skateboarding, lawn bowls, playground games, yoga and dancing. Vigorous activities are associated with such activities as Australian Football, netball, aerobics, soccer, running, fitness circuits, dance, swimming laps and training for sport. Students in classes that have reached the Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge Bronze, Silver, Gold or Diamond Award receive a certificate at the conclusion of the Challenge.

Amanda Barratt
PSC Coordinator

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
**Excursion to the Temora Aviation Museum**
On Friday 22 May Stage 1 went to the Temora Aviation Museum as part of their HSIE unit. The students were able to compare life in the past to the present. They were able to be detectives and solve who mysteriously painted the spitfire plane. They also learnt that Temora had the last WWII flying school. We were able to see what a bedroom looked like when the pilots were in Temora training. Each student also learnt about morse code and got to practise using it. The students were very well behaved and an informative day was had by all. Thank you to Mrs Jones for organising it and all the staff who helped on the day.

**Grip Leadership**
On Tuesday 26 of May, eight Ashmont students attended a leadership conference at Charles Sturt University. The conference was organised by GRIP, the abbreviation GRIP stands for:

- **G - GENEROSITY** - Willingness to use what you have been given (time and resources) on behalf of those you seek to influence.
- **R - RESPONSIBILITY** - We all have a responsibility to develop what we have and help others to live well.
- **I - INTEGRITY** - A commitment to truth and honesty in dealings.
- **P - PEOPLE** - Every human being is of great significance, and has a purpose to fulfil.

The conference was designed to help our students develop their leadership skills, abilities and talents. This would allow them to become better leaders and contribute to the school by creating inspirational projects, supporting their peers, staff and the wider community. The day was divided into three sessions. In the first session, our students learnt how to stand up for themselves and make the most of their leadership opportunities. Peter Grosse said this had allowed him to become a better leader.

In the second session our students learnt how to look for opportunities to lead and in the final session of the day they were given ways in which they could develop a leadership plan. All students returned with ideas about how to make a positive contribution to the school and the locality. The day can best be summed up by Cassidy Lane who said “Leadership is about standing up for myself and having self-respect, which allows me to be a better leader so that I can help myself and my community.”

**Mortimer Shield**
On Tuesday 26th May, the Ashmont Dragons participated in the annual Mortimer Shield Rugby League carnival at Paramore Park. Due to our outstanding displays in previous competitions, we found ourselves in the toughest draw, facing some of the other top sides in Wagga. The team handled this challenge magnificently, winning our first game of the day (with two players down) and narrowly missing out on the other two. Under the expert tutelage of our own Pete Little, the Dragons displayed grit and determination in every game and carried themselves exceptionally well in both victory and defeat - another example of Ashmont’s four core values being on display for all to see. Congratulations to all who competed for their effort and attitude over the whole days’ event.

**Kindergarten Excursion**
The children in kindergarten will be walking to the Men’s Shed in Ashmont on Thursday, 18 June. We will leave the school at 12pm and return by 2pm. This excursion is planned to support our investigations in Science involving different materials and how they are used. If you do not want your child to participate please inform his/her classroom teacher.

**Australian Ballet**
Last week we had the pleasure of hosting The Australian Ballet. The company did workshops with class groups from years 2-6. The students were engaged in interesting movement activities and self-awareness. The students gave very positive feedback about the program. The program was free for all students and gave them the opportunity to gain insight into the world of ballet.

Students from Kindergarten-Year 6 were then treated to an afternoon performance where highly experienced dancers demonstrated techniques and skills in ballet. The students were enthralled by the amazing talent of the dancers. Photos of the event are included in this Bulletin.

**Year 6 Shirts**
We have a new supply of Year 6 Shirts in stock. If you would like to get another shirt please come to the office. Shirts are $25.00 each
Yarn’n with Louise
You are forgiven for not showing up for our meeting on Friday the 29th, I forgot about it until 11am as there were no parents to remind me. We will try again on Friday 19th June at 9.20am in the staffroom. We really need to talk about NAIDOC, our garden and what you would like to see happen in your school. No pressure, just come along with a friend for a yarn and a cuppa.
I won’t forget this time remember 19th June – 9:20am – staffroom.

Principal’s Award Winners
Talyssa Hampton & Caleb Kearnes

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

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Boys Night Out
When:
Tuesday - June, 9th, 2015
4.30pm – 6.30pm
Where: Mount Austin High School Hall
Leavenworth Drive, Wagga Wagga, NSW
All boys, dads, granddads, and male carers are welcome.
This term featuring World Cup Tabloids

Tickets Booking Essential
Full per person. Ticket includes a 3 course meal and a
whole lot of fun! Purchase online at
www.eventbrite.com.au or by calling 0926-55555.
This event is for 18’s only. ID will be required on entry.