A Message from our Principal

**Book Fair, Character Parade and Education Week**

What an amazing week! Thank you to all our school community members that made a special effort to support our school. I have received many positive comments about our school display in the Marketplace. Thank you to all the students and teachers who contributed to the display. A special thank you to Miss Terry and Miss Skinner for putting the display together. The display will be in our school office foyer if you missed a chance to see it.

Our students once again performed at the Marketplace to promote our school and public education. Congratulations to our junior group and primary Dance Troupe. A special thank you to Mrs McKenzie and Ms Barratt for their support at this event.

I would also like to acknowledge our chess team: Xander Conway, Zeke Carter, Bradley Marshall, Cain Dedini-Hardman and Jeremiah Fonua, for their sportsmanship whilst participating in the chess competition.

Our Book Fair was a huge success, raising over $2000. Thank you to Mrs Schneider for organising the event. It was great to see so many parents enjoying our BBQ breakfast, open classrooms and Book Character Parade. I am sure you will all agree that this was a fun and entertaining day. At the conclusion of the Parade, many parents joined staff for a light morning tea in the staffroom.

The next event for parents and friends will be our Learning Journeys commencing in Week 9.

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**Touch Football**

A gala touch football day will be held on Thursday 13 August. There will be a Stage 2 boys and a Stage 3 boys team. Students will receive a note tomorrow.
Aboriginal Performance

You are invited to a performance by Ryka Ali called KADUL. Ryka Ali’s heritage stems from the Wuthathi tribe of Shellburne Bay, Cape York and from the Torres Strait Islands.

Ryka’s performance reveals the richness of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands culture. His show includes dance, (where he invites students to participate). Presentations and explanations of various musical instruments, artifacts and costumes specific to the islands. The performance will be on:

Thursday 6th August at 9:30am in the School Hall

All students will attend this free performance and parents and community are more than welcome to come along.

Stage 3 REEC Visit

Throughout this term, Stage Three will be participating in a Gifted and Talented Program through the Riverina Environmental Centre. Each session will have four of our Year Five or Six students attending. They will learn about a variety of concepts and develop skills in hypothesising, conducting experiments and recording and analysing their findings.
Book Week Parade

Students, staff and families of Ashmont Public School had a lot of fun celebrating in Book Week with our Annual Book Fair and Book Character Parade. This special event celebrated the wonderful characters and adventures that can be shared through reading books, storytelling and writing. There were many colourful costumes representing favourite book characters which the children and staff had adapted to create their own special memories.

Congratulations to our best dressed winners. Thank you to our whole school community and dedicated staff for participating and making our Book Parade such a success.

Book Parade Winners
KR - Tylah Barby
KB - Cooper Prior-Sutton
1JS - Jasmine Barnes
1/2S - Elora Wolfe
2G - Luke Stubbs and Yazmin Websdale
3P - Brock Neilsen
3/4M - Lillie Dowdy
4/5L - Zeke Carter
5H - Lacey Cochrane-Hamilton
6M - Zachary Schnoegl

Art Gallery Exhibition Featuring Ashmont Public School!

Stage 3 students from seven primary schools local to Wiradjuri Country were invited to participate in a Visual Arts program called Ngulagambilanha; to be returning home. Our school was chosen for the program and worked hard throughout Terms 1 and 2 to create artworks stimulated and inspired by local Wiradjuri artists. Some of our artworks were so great that they were selected to be placed in the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery for visitors to Wagga Wagga as well as the local community to see. Below are the details of our exhibition so you can go and have a look at our wonderful artworks. It is free to visit the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery and is open to people of all ages.

Ngulagambilanha Exhibition Dates:
Saturday the 18th of July to Sunday the 6th of September
Opening hours:
Monday - Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm,
Sunday - 10:00am-2:00pm
Address: Morrow St, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650
(On the right before the bridge at the end of Baylis St)

English Competition

These students were selected from classes Year 2 to Year 6 to participate in the University English Competition held today for showing excellent ability in English.

Year 3 - Tyra Lawrence, Chloe Griffiths, Brandon Lawton, Kaelin Lyons, Joseph Ross, Kiara Hancock-Taylor
Year 4 - Heidi Carter, Vaine-Honey Sarich, Sky Barker, Talyssa Hampton, Toriama Honeysett, Sebastian Hancock-Taylor
Year 5 - Maddison Griffiths, Audrey Putland, Xander Conway, Kodi Lyons, Bradley Marshall, Marissa Pearce
Year 6 - Libby Cooper, Shakaya McKenzie, Lily Corbett, Nathan Dohl, Hannah Eggleton, Rhys Warhurst,

Congratulations to our English Competition Participants. We will be looking forward to the results later this term!

Spelling Bee

Parents are welcome to support our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students on Monday 17 August at 9.45am in the hall. The top 2 spellers of each class will compete for one of two places to represent our school at the district finals to be held on the 14 September.

Mrs Whalan

CHORDS

The Chords Festival will be held in Term 4. Our school choir of Year 4 - 6 students will be attending cluster practice next Thursday 13 of August. A note will go home today. The children in the choir are expected to learn the songs and they are provided with all the words as well as a cd to help them along the way.

Life Education- Healthy Harold

During Week 7, each class will visit the Life Education Van to spend time learning about Health and Personal Education with Healthy Harold.

This is always a learning experience enjoyed by the children! The lessons and post-activities developed and taught during the Life Education visits are part of the PD.H.PE curriculum and it is expected that all children will attend. A permission note will be sent home in the coming weeks.
Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes day is on again this Friday the 7 August to support the Children’s Medical Research Institute. Come along in your denim jeans or denim jacket to support a very worthy cause and help researchers get one step closer to eradicating disease in children.

Cost of the day is a gold coin donation to be collected by the Student Representative Council. Every dollar raised on the day helps scientists at Children’s Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

Symptoms
Generally a mild illness caused by a virus, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth, on the hands and feet, and perhaps the nappy area in babies.

School or home?
Keep home from school until all blisters have dried.

How can I help prevent spread?
Careful hand washing, especially after wiping the nose and using the toilet, and respiratory etiquette (covering a cough or sneeze and disposing of tissues in a rubbish bin).

Principal’s Award Winners

Savannah Abel & Dallas Bennett

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

After School Sports Program

Infants
Monday 3.00 - 4.15

Primary
Thursdays 3.00 - 4.15

Fruit is provided.

Students need to be collected at 4.15 promptly

Notes are available from the office

Congratulations to Ethan and Kodi from 5H who organised the sale of lamingtons to raise money for people living with cancer. The sale of lamingtons was a huge success and they raised $306 for Relay for Life.