Aboriginal Performance

Last Thursday, our school was delighted to host Kadul with Ryka Ali as an Aboriginal performer visiting our area. The students were captivated and engaged for the whole performance. The children had opportunities to interact with our guest and learn about Aboriginal culture. The event was supported by our Aboriginal Education funding to ensure all our students participated in this fantastic experience.

Students arriving and departing from School

There has been reported incidents that are concerning for the safety of our children. Some primary aged students have either arrived and left the school to visit our local shopping mall or visited the shops before catching the bus home from school. I would appreciate it if you would discuss with your child/ren the safety implications for these actions. Furthermore, discuss that the money that your child brings to school should be used to place a lunch order at the canteen before 9.30am.

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. The cost will be $3 per child. This has been subsidised by the school to ensure all students participate.

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.HPE curriculum and it is expected that all children will attend.
"The difference between who you are and who you want to be is what you do."

**Messages for our parents**

**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.

**CHORDS**
The Chords Festival will be held in Term 4. This is an amazing experience for our students. They will perform at the Civic Theatre with other schools from our area.

Our school choir of Year 4-6 students will be attending cluster practice next Thursday 13 of August. Students have received a permission note. 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.

**Stage 3 REEC Visit**
Throughout this term, Stage Three will be participating in a Gifted and Talented Program through the Riverina Environmental Education 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.

**Important Dates**

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Volunteers Needed**
Intensive Swimming - Years 1 and 2
Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will be attending an intensive 10 day ‘Learn to Swim’ program at the Oasis Regional Aquatic Centre starting 24 August until 4 September. The cost will be $40.00. Permission notes will be sent home this week and need to be signed and returned to the school with payment by Friday 21 August. If you have any concerns please contact the school.

Assemblies
The Years 3-6 Assembly is held every second Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 in our school hall. All parents are welcome to come along and join in with our children’s successes. This week 4/5L will be running the assembly. We will also be sharing some of the songs we are learning for the CHORDS festival.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


Civic Theatre - The Cranky Bear
Early Stage One and Stage One children will be attending a performance of “The Cranky Bear” at the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre on the 16th September. This is an exciting stage show of the best-selling book written by Nick Bland. Permission notes have gone out with the newsletter. The first thirty children to return their notes will attend the show.

Touch Football Gala Day
Super Coach, Peter Little, is taking away 20 students from Stage 2 and 3 to compete in the Touch Football Gala Day held at Jubilee Oval this Thursday 13th August. Ashmont Dragons have a proud tradition of developing competitive teams for touch football and Peter Little has high hopes for our teams this year. Notes are due back ASAP. The bus will leave at 9.30 am and there is still the possibility a canteen will be running on the day. So get down to Jubilee Oval and support our teams.
FRS in Schools Project

The Riverina Murray Family Referral Service (FRS) is your link to support.

Stacey (FRS Family Worker) is now located at Ashmont Public School every week, to help families link in with services that may be of support to them at various stages of need.

Stacey can provide information and access to a number of support services including:

- Housing and Accommodation
- Financial Assistance
- Parenting Support
- Drug and Alcohol Support
- Health
- Domestic violence support and advice
- And much more........

Stacey is at school on Wednesday’s from 9.00am - 3.30pm and on Thursday from 9.00am - 12.00pm

If you would like to chat to Stacey please call in to see her at Ashmont Public School or call the school office on 02 6931 4944

You can also call 1300 307 897 5 days a week. Or call into
The Family Referral Service at 36-40 Gunwood Street Wagga

AWARDS - Term 3 Week 3

**Merit Awards**
KB: Rhys Crampton, Phoenix Krause
KR: Shyer Krause, Latrelle Simpson
1JS: Savannah Abel, Tyla Heinrich
2G: Skye Warhurst, Shakilah-Jayne Mathers
1/2S: Niarla Robbins, Preston McKenzie

**Blinky Bill Award**
KB: Hayley Fox
KR: Jacob Miotti
1JS: Mia Reid
2G: Destiny Pitts
1/2S: Isabell Duncan

**Blinky Bill Jnr Award**
Leah Little

**Uniform Award**
Faith James

**Class Award**
2G
Class with names on belongings

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

Principal’s Award Winners
Shaelah Black & Cain Dedini-Hardman

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm