A Learning Journey Success

It was certainly my favourite time of the year! I enjoy watching the children smile with pride as they share their learning with family members and friends. This occasion is only made special by our visitors supporting the day, so thank you. I also wish to thank parents for completing our Tell Them From Me Survey during their visit. This feedback is very valuable for our school to improve and plan for future directions. I hope those who joined myself and other staff members for morning/afternoon tea in conclusion to their visit to classrooms, enjoyed the opportunity to touch base and celebrate their child’s success.

I also wish to acknowledge the dedication of our teachers and staff ensuring the everyday success of our students. Learning is our core business and we strive every day for students to realise their potential and achieve continual success.

Tell Them, From Me Survey

Parents are invited to complete a survey to provide valuable insight into your thoughts and feelings about our school. This information will help us shape the future of our school.

Parents can access the survey via our school website: http://www.ashmont-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Thank you for taking this time to complete this survey for our kids!
Family Referral Service External Evaluation

Having a Family Referral Service worker (Stacey Peadon) in our school has allowed our school community members to connect to services to support their families. This has been of great benefit to our families and students.

100 students have been randomly selected to participate in an external review that is being conducted by Charles Sturt University. This review will provide valuable insight into this initiative that has been trialled in our school this year. If you are happy for your child to be interviewed in a small group of students please return the consent form to the office.

Parents that have also accessed the service are also invited to participate in the review. If you are happy to participate, please see Mrs Whyte.

Riverina Environment Education Centre- Brospeak and Sistaspeak

The excursion has been postponed until next term. Once a date has been secured parents will be notified.

Kindergarten 2016

If you know anyone with a child starting school next year, please urge them to contact the school this week to ensure a place in Kinderstart.

You may have noticed that last week we did a letter box drop to all the homes in our school zone. This was a strategy to ensure all parents are aware of our Kinderstart program and encourage them to enrol their child.

Important Dates

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Stage 2 T-Ball Girls
Unfortunately our school had to forfeit participation in the Wagga Wagga Softball Association Primary School competition in Tee-ball. Children in Years 3 and 4 were invited to participate but unfortunately there was only limited interest from the students.

Swimming success
Thank you to all the parents who have supported our sports program this term. I have received positive feedback about how our children have progressed in skill and confidence in the water. We look forward to continuing this initiative next year. The program was subsidized by Sporting Schools funding.

Proud & Deadly Awards 2015
The awards will be held on Thursday 8th October, our first Thursday back for Term 3.
All students who will receive an award will be sent home a permission note and all parents are invited to attend. This year the awards will be held at the Commercial Club in Gunwood St. They are set to start at 1pm with a sausage sizzle at 12:15pm to be held at Wagga Wagga Public School.
Mrs McKenzie’s choir will be performing Taba Nuba for the awards.

Stage Two Excursion
On the 13th October, children from Stage Two will visit the Civic Theatre to watch a stage performance of Roald Dahl’s Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts.
This fast-moving, always surprising show is a celebration of the world’s number one storyteller. Hailed by audiences and critics alike Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes & Dirty Beasts has been described as 'flawlessly funny... Beautifully gratifying, clever stuff’ (Weekend Notes).
The cost of the excursion is $6.00 and is open to the first thirty children from Stage Two who return their notes. They must be on a positive level to attend. This is an exciting excursion and something the children look forward to seeing.
Amanda Barratt

Term 3 Positive Rewards
With only one week of school remaining for the term, Ashmont Public School is looking forward to rewarding all of its students who have achieved positive outcomes for the term in the schools welfare program. This term sees all Gold Certificate recipients have a morning tea with the Principal, Mrs Whyte, following the Welfare Assembly on Thursday morning. Students who have achieved Silver or Gold Certificates are rewarded with ‘positive play’ in the final session on Friday afternoon. All students who have attained Bronze, Silver or Gold Certificates are invited to a disco with Ms Barratt and Mrs Whyte in the school hall for the first hour after lunch on Friday the 18th.
Congratulations to all students on a fantastic term and have a safe and restful school holiday.

Year 6 MAHS Testing Days
Term 4 starts off with a ‘bang’ for the senior students of Ashmont Public School, with the Year 6 students heading off to Mount Austin High School (MAHS) twice in the first week. Students who are attending MAHS have been invited to the school to participate in two ‘testing days’ for literacy and numeracy. The tests are designed to show new students how high school procedures work as well as help to facilitate the transition from primary to high school. The two days when students will be going to MAHS are:
Wednesday 7th October, 9:45 – 12:15 for Reading
Friday 9th October, 9:45 – 11:45 for Maths

Wednesday 07/10/2015
9.45 – assemble outside hall
10.00 – complete student details
10.15-11.00 – comprehension testing
Recess 15 minutes – fruit provided
11.30 – complete student details
11.35-12.15 – Vocabulary testing
12.20 – Return to school

Friday 09/10/2015
9.45 – assemble outside hall
10.00 – Complete student details
10.15-11.10 – Numeracy testing
11.15 – return to school

T20 Blast
On Tuesday the 15th and Wednesday the 16th September Ashmont public will participate in a T20 Cricket Gala Day. A Stage 2 mixed team will play on the Tuesday and a mixed Stage 3 team on the Wednesday. The games will be played at Bolton Park from 9am till 2.15pm. The bus departs Ashmont Public School at 8.50am and returns at 2.40pm. The T20 Blast is a modified cricket game with an emphasis on participation and fun. Students are reminded to bring plenty of water and food for lunch and recess. Students are also reminded to bring along hats and sunscreen.

Term 3 Welfare Assembly
This Thursday, 17th September, sees Ashmont Public School host its quarterly Welfare Assembly. The assembly is a chance to acknowledge the achievements of students who have displayed Ashmont’s four core values over the year and recognise students who have attained sufficient ‘blue slip’ rewards to rise up levels in the welfare system. The assembly also recognises students, and their parents, who have shown fantastic attendance over the course of the term and rewards these students for their dedication to their learning. Following the assembly, there will be a morning tea with Ashmont Public School Principal, Mrs Whyte, for all students (and their parents) who have achieved level rises or a gold certificate for positive behaviour. The assembly begins at 9:30am and is open to all parents and guests who are interested in seeing the achievements of students at Ashmont.
Our school was very ably represented by Kaelin Lyons and Toriarna Honeysett in the Years 2 and 4 division and Libby Cooper and Audrey Putland in the Years 5 and 6 division of the regional final of the Premier's Spelling Bee on September 14. All contestants were faced with difficult words to spell and tried their best at spelling these words aloud which is much more difficult than writing them.

Each division of the competition had 50 + students from over 26 schools in the region. This year there were more students than previous years competing and more students continued further in the rounds than ever before.

In the Years 3/4 section Toriarna reached the second round and Kaelin progressed as far as the 5th round. Libby reached the second round in her division and Audrey moved through to the 6th round and was in the final six contestants from the 50 starters. However, she was knocked out by the word “entourage”.

It was great to see such good manners and sportsmanship from our students who were a pleasure to supervise.

Mrs Margaret Whalan

Sky Stories

Mt Austin High School & CSU’s Future Moves team would like to invite you to a Star Gazing Observation Night. Tuesday 15 September from 5.30pm. This is a free event. The night will include a BBQ dinner, a sky gazing experience and cultural stories from local elders. Please RSVP attendance and numbers to Mr Stephen Burns stephen.bums7@det.nsw.edu.au

Principal's Award Winners

Millie Smith & Liam Lang

School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

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