Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) Parent BBQ
Thank you to the parents that braved the heat last Wednesday afternoon to meet with teachers to develop learning goals for the year. If parents were unable to attend please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a suitable time. All students in our school will have a PLP completed by the end of the term and they will be reviewed regularly throughout the year.

Athletics Carnival this Friday 4 March
Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday at Jubilee Park. All students will be bused to and from the event. It is expected to be 38 degrees on Friday. Please ensure your child has a hat, water bottle and sunscreen for the day. Students may be bused back throughout the day after they have competed in their events if the weather is too hot. K-2 students will also be attending and will return after lunch. Students are invited to wear their house colours on this day.

The Canteen will be operational for the morning and lunch period. It will be a Red Food Day and there will be soft drinks, lollies, sausage rolls and pies to purchase.

Students aged 8 years and over have been participating in field events for sport during the term. Please note that only finals will be conducted for each field event and age group on the day.

We look forward to sharing the fantastic efforts of our students with family and friends. We expect to arrive at Jubilee Park at approximately 10.00am.
“Happiness is found when you stop comparing yourself to others.”

Messages for our parents

Assemblies
Assemblies are held every fortnight on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm. The Primary assembly is held in the Hall. The Infant’s assembly is held in the Library. Parents are most welcome.

Dance Workshops K-6
Our school has been lucky enough to secure a day of workshops with Jarryd Byrne from ‘Dancing with the Stars’ on Monday 14th March. The workshops are free for all students and will focus primarily on hip-hop and modern dance styles similar to this.

Children need to be on a neutral or positive level to attend. The workshops will be in the school hall and the children will attend with their classes.

NRMA Bus Safety Visit
Last Wednesday Kindergarten had a visit from the NRMA Bus Safety Team. Don, Chris, Constable Tim and bus driver Chris talked to the students about the importance of Safety Rules when travelling on a bus. Later the students were taken on a bus ride to practise what they had learnt. Our visitors commented on the excellent behaviour of our Kinder students and thought that they were the best they had seen.

Important Dates
Premier’s Reading Challenge begins 1 March
Harmony Day 2 March
Dental Clinic begins 2 March
Clean Up Australia Week 3 March
Athletics Carnival 4 March
Swimming Assembly 9.30am 7 March
Day with a Scientist 9 March
Dance workshops K-6 14 March
MAHS Taster Day 16 March
Peer Support Camp 17-18 March
Athletics Assembly 9.30am 21 March
Easter Hat Parade 24 March

Canteen Roster
Wed: C.Barby
Thurs: C.Barby - Help needed
Fri: T.Bennett, B.Chapple
Mon: C.Barby
Tues: C.Barby
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others 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.
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.
A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey was sent home with students last week. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 11 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

After School Sport
After school sport has started. Monday afternoons for Infants children and Wednesday afternoons for Primary. The sports programs will run from 3pm-4pm these days and the children will be provided with a small healthy snack.
The program is available for all students at Ashmont Public School and is a free sports initiative provided by the school. Peter Little will provide a range of fun and engaging activities for the children. Please be advised that they need to be picked up from the school by a parent and are not to walk home.

Memory
Developing children’s memory is an important part of teaching our students to be 21st Century learners.
This term Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 are learning the poem: “Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf” by Roald Dahl.
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are memorising the poem: “Colonel Fazackerley” by Charles Causley.
Have fun at home with your children learning these humorous poems. If you would like copies of these poems please see your child’s teacher. Many children can already recite much of their poem. Ask them to say it for you.

Premier’s Reading challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge will begin on the 7th March. It closes on the 19th August. The challenge encourages the love of reading for pleasure and enables students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge for each student to read more.
Kinder to Year 2 students will be exposed to 30 books in this time. 3-6 students will need to read 20 books in this time. We hope you will support your child with this challenge.

MyScience
Yesterday students from Years 5 and 6 began their investigative work as part of the MyScience program. During this time students are conducting experiments on ‘Adaptation of Plants and Animals in the Australian Environment’. Our students were joined by ‘Mystics’ who are selected students from Mount Austin High who have an interest in Science and Investigation, to help them with their experiments. These groups were also provided ‘Mentors’ who are students from Charles Sturt University studying sciences to help oversee the projects. So hold this space for further investigative news from the MyScience program.

Gavin Lihou
Parent and Community Art Workshops

Every Monday from 2.30pm
Try your hand at clay, painting and weaving. If you have an art or craft skill you would like to share, let Kath know and we can run that as well. All welcome.

The Coffee Drop

COME AND VISIT THE COFFEE DROP - ALL FREE

The Coffee Drop is a place to meet with friends in a relaxed, friendly and safe atmosphere. Morning tea is provided free by the Baptist Churches of Ashmont, Wagga Wagga and O'Brians Hot Bake.

9:15 am to 11:15 am
Every Wednesday (except School Holidays)

17-19 Malta Crescent
Ashmont (beside Ashmont Oval)

Contact Kim - 0438314730

You may be eligible to receive $500 to assist with your child’s music tuition, instrument hire and dance classes!

• Would you like $500 to spend on your child’s extra activities?
• Do you have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card?
• Do you have some regular work?

If you answered yes to these three questions then you could be eligible for the Saver Plus program, which matches your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500!

The Smith Family is now offering the Saver Plus program in your area. To find out more, phone 1300 610 355, or SMS your name and postcode to 1300 610 355, or email saverplus@bst.org.au.

Contact Jenny
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School Office hours
8.30am to 3.45pm

AFTERSCHOOL SPORT
Mondays 3 - 4pm
Infants
Wednesdays 3 - 4pm
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