Weekly Bulletin
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Bulletin  Week 6 Term 2

Student Welfare Rewards
Positive Power Play Sessions
This reward for students who have been able to maintain a positive level in the school’s welfare level system will take place this Thursday for students from Years 3 to 6 and on Friday for students in Kindergarten to Year 2. Students on levels 1 to 5 will be able to participate in a variety of different activities that have been organised, and will be supervised by teachers. Activities include stunts and games, chess, computers, sewing and drama games.

Values Day Excursions
Special excursions have been planned later in the term for students who have consistently upheld our school values of respect, self-discipline, tolerance and honesty. The ‘Values Day’ excursions will be taking place in Week 10 with K – 2 students going to Noah’s Ark and 3 – 6 students to the Oasis Regional Aquatic Centre. For students to be eligible to participate in these excursions, they must not have had a Green Slip issued to them from the start of Week 5 until the date of the outings. Therefore those students who participate will have demonstrated that they have consistently followed school rules and led a positive school life.

Both these student welfare initiatives recognise and celebrate student achievement. They will involve a small cost for parents and caregivers however the school will be contributing towards the cost of these outings to enable as many eligible students to attend as possible.

National Sorry Day
To mark the tenth anniversary of the important Sydney Harbour Bridge walk in 2000 to promote reconciliation and acknowledge the Stolen Generations, Ashmont Public School will be staging its own walk to symbolise this significant historical event. The National Sorry Day Committee invites all Australians to cross a bridge to represent the reconciliation process. As we do not have a suitable bridge nearby to perform a crossing, the students and staff will be walking around Ashmont Oval for its reconciliation walk. Following the walk at 12.30pm there will be a sausage sizzle lunch for students, staff and community at the school. The barbecue lunch is being provided by the Indigenous Coordination Centre and NSW Community Services.

The Smith Family
I have recently held discussions with representatives of The Smith Family. You will all no doubt know of this organisation due to their outstanding charity work over many years. The Smith Family have now however changed their focus to support education programs across the community. A number of excellent programs are available to support them with their children’s educational needs.

student2student: This program matches older competent readers with younger students in need of support with their reading. The older student, known as the mentor, contacts the younger student by phone. The student reads to the mentor. The mentor helps the student practice reading strategies.

The Smith Family is currently looking for both students and mentors for this program. Mentors must be at least year 5 students and be competent readers to participate in this program.

Learning for Life: This program provides a financial scholarship and support for children from financially disadvantaged backgrounds to purchase items that are necessary for them to participate in mainstream school activities. The scholarship amounts are dependent on the child’s stage of schooling. Referral forms for this program can be obtained from myself through the school office.

Saver Plus: This is a program on financial literacy for adults. Its aim is to help families improve their financial knowledge, build long term savings habits and save money for their children’s education. Saver Plus is a matched savings program and provides the opportunity for participants to have every dollar saved matched with an additional dollar for family-related education expenses.

Canteen Move
As most people would be aware from last Friday’s note, the school canteen has relocated to the breakfast program whilst the school hall is being upgraded. This arrangement will be in place until the new canteen is built adjacent to the western end of the hall. Last Friday afternoon a small group of people moved fridges, freezers and canteen appliances and supplies to the breakfast program area. A sincere thank you to Tim Taylor, Ken and Cath Watkins, Tanya Bennett, Ken Wooden and Sean Bremer for helping with this big move.

Important Dates
Positive Power Play Sessions    27 & 28 May
Wagga PSSA District Athletics Carnival 28 May
P&C Meeting 15 June

Michael Woolbank
Principal
### ASSEMBLY AWARDS  Term 2  Week 6

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### Canteen Roster/News

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Monday – sausage roll with sauce + fruit box $3.00.
Wednesdays – toasted cheese sandwich + flavoured milk $2.50.
Fridays – pie with sauce + fruit box $4.00.

### Birthdays
Kiralea Bowen  
Brea-Ann Galinec  
Suhraya Thomas  
Kina-Lee Packer

### National Sorry Day 26 May 2010
You are invited to share National Sorry Day with us

2010 marks ten years since the historic reconciliation bridge walk. The Prime Minister spoke of 'Bridges of Respect' when he delivered the Historic National Apology to the Stolen Generations on 13 February 2008. The NSDC campaign for this year is to have Australians walk across bridges all over the country as they did back in 2000.

This year for National Sorry Day, participants are being invited to carry feasts to symbolise the Stolen Generations Track Home and to stop half way and reflect on what Sorry Day means.

As we do not have a suitable bridge close to Ashmont Public School, we as a whole school and community will walk around Ashmont Oval opposite the school. Families are then welcome to stay and have lunch with their children. This is a great opportunity to connect with your school.

Time - 12:30pm
Welcome to Country and flag raising  
Walk together  
Sausage sizzle provided by NSW Community Services  
and Indigenous Co-Ordination Centre  
Hope you are able to join us

### P & C Winter Escape Raffle
**First Prize** - one night's accommodation at Rydges, World Square Sydney, includes full buffet breakfast for two people and valet parking – valid until 31 January 2011.
**Second Prize** - $100 Restaurant Voucher for La Porchetta.
**Third Prize** - $50 Beauty Voucher at Shemmers donated by Gemma Aiken.
Tickets are $1.00 each for 3 for $2.00.
Raffle drawn Wednesday 30 June 2010.
Tickets were sent home today with the Bulletin.

### Have You Seen Our NEW School Website!!
The Bulletin and photographs of school activities are now online:
www.ashmont-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Premier’s Sporting Challenge

The Premier’s Sporting Challenge officially commenced on Monday with 40 students joining Mrs Loch before school to run a mini marathon around Ashmont Oval. The Sporting Challenge is an individual and class based program that is running for the next 10 school weeks.

Classes are challenged to set goals to accrue time spent each week in moderate to vigorous activity which is undertaken in a range of sports and physical activities. Class members contribute the time they spend in physical activity each week to the class effort.

To achieve a Premier’s Bronze, Silver, Gold or Diamond Award, classes and individual members must accrue the following time spent in sport and physical activity (see table).

Class member record their physical activity time in the Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge log book at school.

Remember exercise at home also counts! All students took home a yellow recording sheet last week. This sheet allows students to record exercise completed outside of school. Parents please sign the number of minutes your child completes and ensure it is returned to school each Friday so it can be added to your child’s total for the week.

Stay fit and healthy – Mrs Loch

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Avatars

Years 5/6 have been learning about

An Avatar is a graphical likeness of yourself, for use in forums, instant messenger, blogs and almost anywhere else on the web.

What’s WILD about you?

Ork Spider Eyes - You’ve got six eyes, but you don’t see very well! Moray eels are almost completely blind. Instead of sight, they use a keen sense of touch to track down prey.

Nurse shark fins - You can use your nurse shark fins to rest in the shallow water during the day, so you’re ready to hunt the night.

AVATARS BY ZAKK BARKER 5/6T, KENDEL DOUGHTY 5/6T & HANNAH SUTTON 5/6E
Maths Problem of the Week

Starting this week, we are having a “Maths Problem of the Week” for both infants and Primary students. Children who can solve the problem can be in the running to win a free Dominoes pizza. So get your mums and dads to help you and get your entry in by Friday’s Assembly.

Kath Morton & Amanda Smith

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PROBLEM of the WEEK
How many triangles can you find?

Puzzle of the week “Make a Square”
Cut out and try and assemble the shapes into a square
as shown. Glue them onto a separate sheet of paper
with you name and post in the puzzle box. GOOD
LUCK!!!