Weekly Bulletin
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Bulletin Week 7 Term 2

Half Yearly Student Report Meetings
With half yearly student reports due to be forwarded home in the last two weeks of this term, teachers are presently organising dates for report meetings to discuss student progress with parents and caregivers. Half yearly report meetings are to be held in the last two weeks of this term and in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3. Notes advising parents and caregivers of meeting dates and times for their child’s class will be forwarded home in the coming weeks. I encourage all parents to take up this invitation to meet with their child’s class teacher to discuss their report and to raise any issues or concerns that they may have.

School Website
The school’s website is now fully operational thanks to the efforts of Mrs Loch. The website contains a calendar of upcoming events, the weekly school bulletin, recent photos that have been taken of students participating in school activities plus generic information on DET schools. Mrs Loch will continue to add information to the website to ensure that it remains current and informative for our school community. The web address for the school’s website is: www.ashmont-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

School Sport
It’s been a busy time for students with many sporting activities taking place last week. Last Wednesday the senior boys soccer team played a game against Lake Albert Public School but unfortunately went down in a very spirited display. The senior girls league tag team played in the semi-finals of the Mortimer Shield competition also on Wednesday and were successful in winning through to the finals on 10 June – a fantastic performance. And last Friday, a group of very enthusiastic students competed in the Wagga PSSA District Athletics Carnival at Jubilee Park. There were some terrific individual performances, and Mrs Morton who organised the carnival, commended the students on their sportsmanship and behaviour. Congratulations to Jada Mathyssen and Kim McKelvie who have now progressed to the Riverina carnival. An enormous thank you to Mrs Jaques(soccer), Mrs Nielsen (league tag) and Mrs Morton(athletics), for their supervision, coaching and organisation of these sporting activities. Also, a sincere thank you to the parents and caregivers who assisted in transporting their children, and others to these sporting events. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Road Safety Issues Around Schools
The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority have significant traffic fines and consequences for motorists who break road rules around all schools. The penalties are implemented in an

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attempt to improve pedestrian safety around schools. The RTA has provided schools with a list of tips to improve children’s safety around our school. These tips include:
- children should always get in and out of the car through the rear kerb side or ‘safety door’;
- always drop your children off on the school side of the road;
- meet your children on the school side of the road, preferably at the school gate. This is particularly important in wet weather;
- NEVER call to your child from across the road. Teach them to wait until you come to them. Talk with them about what they should do if you are not there on time;
- ALL children must use the pedestrian crossing and follow the instructions of the crossing supervisor; and
- children up to at least eight years old should hold an adult’s hand in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.

School Concerns
School Uniform
With the cold weather now upon us, some students are taking the liberty of wearing patterned “hooded” wind cheaters to school. These garments not only come in a variety of colours and designs but are not in keeping with the school uniform. The other items of clothing are slip-on fluoro shoes. Bright green or orange shoes are not suitable as school uniform because the colours are unacceptable and the shoes provide very little support. Please do not allow your children to wear these items of clothing to school.

Morning Food
There appears to be an increasing number of students eating foods before school that are unhealthy and affect their capacity to learn. Junk foods such as chips, chocolate bars and lollies are being eaten by some students as a substitute for breakfast, which is very concerning due to the affect they have on their overall health and on their ability to concentrate and show self control. It would be appreciated if parents and caregivers could supervise their children’s eating of a morning and to direct them to the breakfast program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings if breakfast is required.

Important Dates
P&C Meeting 15 June

Michael Woolbank
Principal
### Assembly Awards Term 2 Week 7

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### Premier’s Sporting Challenge

Congratulations on your fantastic participation so far. Here is the leaderboard at the end of the first week.

Remember the recommended amount of activity is 60 mins!

Keep up the great work Ashmont!

Mrs Loch

### Birthdays

- Layhnee Kearnes
- Logan Kearnes

### P & C Winter Escape Raffle

First Prize - one nights 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 are selling very fast, extra books are available from the school office.

### National Sorry Day

26 May 2010

Sue McMahon, Bev Tucker & Isabel Abbas painting some hand print s.

Students participated in a walk around the school block carrying feet to symbolise The Stolen Generations Trek Home.
**What's happening in the Library?**

**One Big Happy Family**

by Colin Thompson

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I like the page on the ants because it was funny and the ants climbed on the mum. They had a dog, a cat, a mouse, a frog, a goat and chickens, lots of them. I love this book.

By Amber Morris 2D

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**LITTLE WHITE DOGS**

**CAN'T JUMP**

Bruce Whatley

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Last week we read the book 'Little White Dogs Can't Jump' by Bruce Whatley for National Simultaneous Storytime. This is a campaign organised by the Australian Library and Information Association, in which a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian, is read simultaneously to children in a variety of venues around the country.

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**Where's Spot**

Eric Hill

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To celebrate the 30 years since "Where's Spot?" books were published we have been reading and drawing spot in the Library.

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**Infants Maths Problem**

Complete the magic square by finding the magic number. To find the magic number you must find the sum of all the rows, columns and diagonals. The magic number will be that sum.

The magic number is ________

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**Primary Maths Problem**

- A magic triangle is formed by using the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 exactly once only
- The sum of each side must be the same
- Challenge 1: Find the magic triangle whose side sum is 20
- Challenge 2: Which magic triangle has the smallest side sum/the largest side sum?
- Challenge 3: Find as many magic triangle side sums as possible!!!
  1. Side sum of 20
Community News

MAKING TRACKS
Is a short course for separated parents. Information will be provided on finances, legal issue and family issues. Guest speakers from legal aid and child support will be running the course. Three sessions will be held, starting 8 June at Wagga Centacare. Call 04233 880 to book a place.

SAVER PLUS
You may be eligible to receive $500 with Saver Plus
- Do you have a current Health Care card or Pensioner Concession card?
- Do you receive income from some regular work
- Are you over 18?
- Do you have a child attending school this year or are you doing a vocational training course?
If your answer is YES to these questions then you may be eligible to participate in the Saver Plus Program, delivered by The Smith Family, in partnership with the ANZ Bank. Saver Plus is a matched savings program in which you save money for education expenses (including a laptop or computer, excursions, camps, uniforms, school or sport shoes) and the ANZ Bank will match $1 for every $1 you save, up to a maximum of $500.
Please contact Cynthia from The Smith Family on 0437 375 832.

Borambola Sport & Recreation Ctr
Communities NSW, Sport and Recreation will be holding a Sports Crazy Camp for boys and girls aged between 9 to 14 years, during the second week of the July school holidays.
The camp is designed as an introductory skill development program to give children in Southern NSW the opportunity to improve their skills in a variety of sports with fully qualified and experienced coaches and instructors.
Date: Monday 12 July – Friday 16 July
Venue: Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre, located 25kms east of Wagga Wagga, on the Sturt Highway
Activities: Volleyball, soccer, wheelchair sports, touch football, croquet, archery, fencing and more
In order to secure a place in this program, students must ensure that they meet the age criteria and return a completed enrolment form by Friday 25 June. Details of where to email the enrolment form are on the attached form. Additional copies of the enrolment form can be found on the department’s website at the following address:

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