

Ashmont Public School

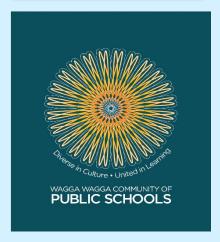
# Bulletin

To Dream. To Inspire.
To Succeed.

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## Term 4, Week 9

## A Message from our Principal

Thank you to all the students and their families who came to celebrate our children's successes for 2018. Each were deserving of their awards. Congratulations to this year's Dux of the school, Gypsy Williams, and to our new leaders: Brooklyn Pettit and Shaelah Black- Captains, Tyler Thomsen and Bailey Atkins – Vice-Captains, and our Prefects are Allilah Prior-Sutton and Kayla Van Beers.

Congratulations also to Clair Chamberon, the winner of our lucky door prize of a new LCD Television.

2018 has been a very busy year for both students and teachers alike. Students and staff have had some really amazing opportunities both inside and out of the classroom. The introduction of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) throughout the primary has been a focus during the year with the re-establishment of our kitchen garden creating a clear pathway of the processes involved in bringing food from the paddock to the plate. We've experienced visiting Science shows and linked up with the Live Life Well, project receiving grants to further develop our garden and canteen resources. Our senior students have been involved in Leadership programs based at Charles Sturt University, public speaking competitions and, of course, their fabulous excursion to Sydney. Our teachers are provided with ongoing professional learning across all Key Learning areas to best deliver teaching and learning programs to our students. It is through the high expectations of teachers, their focus on using data to drive their teaching and learning and their ongoing commitment to be continually improving their performance through professional learning that has lifted the standards for ALL our students at Ashmont Public School. Though Literacy and Numeracy are our main focus, the school strives to also cater for the whole child, physically, creatively, culturally, socially and emotionally.

We have continued our strong focus on enhancing our Aboriginal cultural understanding with the completion of such wonderful projects like our tribal poles, and the production of a book and film based on the life of Aunty Fay Clayton. We initiated a youth mentoring program in collaboration with the Environmental Education Centre and PCYC. We continued our Wiradjuri language program, Sista and Bro Speak and participated in Closing the Gap Assembly, a Smoking Ceremony and NAIDOC celebrations.

We had a number of fantastic opportunities throughout the year which the children have been involved in. There have been carnivals, cultural days, gymnastic programs, Deadly Nines touch carnival, the Regional Dance festival, and the Colour Run just to name a few highlights. The school continues to grow and develop and we are continually evaluating what is working and what needs to be revised and updated to meet our changing context. You will see early next year our new signage for our PBL revised core values of Respect, Resilience and Success around the school as we shake up our Wellbeing procedures across the school, developing new reward systems and procedures for positive behaviour management. You will also see the building of a new life skills area in the breakfast bar area and the creation of additional classes in both infants and primary to allow smaller class sizes and greater individualised learning. It promises to be an exciting year.



## **Attention:**

Canteen Closed Week 10 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> December)

Due to circumstances beyond our control and lack of volunteers, the canteen will be closed in Week 10.

Please pack a nutritious lunch for your children on those days.



On Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> of November our school was invited to participate in the first ever Aboriginal flag raising for a Men's Shed in Australia. Uncle Hewitt Whyman spoke about the history of the Aboriginal flag then did a smoking ceremony while an exstudent Chris Heir played the didgeridoo.

Riley Cavanaugh and Georgia Hampton proceeded to raise the flag with pride. The children were very excited to be a part of this special event and are very proud of their culture.

#### **Important Dates**

K – 2 Christmas Concert 9.45am - 14 December

Primary Christmas Carols 12.00pm - 14 December

Helpers Morning Tea - 17 December

Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9.30am - 17 December

Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6.30pm - 17 December

K – 2 Rewards Day Junee Pool - 18 December

3 – 6 Rewards Day Narrandera Pool - 19 December

#### K-2 Assembly Awards – Week 8 Term 4

#### **Merits**

K Red – Joziah Jackson & Maleah Black

K Blue – Kaiden Wootten & Charlee Rigby

1 Lime – Georgia Griffiths & Summah-Lea Moore

1 Yellow – Amalia Dennis & Kellindi Little Niki

2 Pink – Kaiden Gibbons & Amelia Dunbar

2 Aqua - Chayce Matouk & Shyer Krause

#### **Blinky Bill Awards**

K Red - Akira Booby

K Blue - Kleighton Cousley

1 Lime – Hinata Booby

1 Yellow – Blade Johnson

2 Pink - Saraya Tompkins

2 Aqua – Hope Hardman











Term 4, Week 9

#### **Breakfast Program**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Finishes on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018
Recommences 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019



Notes have gone home with students listing their current library loans.

Can parents and students please have a good look around and send all library books back for stocktake.

No more borrowing until 2019.

## **Rewards Days**

We are all excited about our rewards days next week!

Infants will be enjoying the day at Junee Pool on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Primary will be heading to Narrendera Pool on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Just a reminder only the children on a Positive Behaviour level are permitted to attend. Please check with your child's class teacher if you are unsure.



Plan
 Get your kids involved in making a list of activities that they would like to do

Plan for good and bad weather

Schedule down time and time out as well as time for one-on-one and family group activities.

Make sure the first includes plenty of free activities such as picnics, bike rides, trips to the beach,

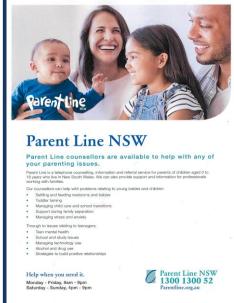
3. Boredom is good

Unstructured time and time away from electronic devices is good for young minds

Use opportunities to teach new skills and self reliance
 Not having the pressure to rush out the door in the morning can allow for kids to develop new skills.

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## **Ashmont Public School Presentation Night**

























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