



Ashmont Public School

# Bulletin

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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.**

## **Important Dates**

|                                   |   |             |
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| 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 |



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 ex-student 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.

## **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





## K-2 Christmas Party & Reward Day

**When:** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Where:** Junee Pool

**Cost:** \$5.00 per child

A note with more detailed information will be sent home soon.

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,

You are invited to our K-2  
**Christmas Concert**  
celebrating  
*'Christmas Around the World'*

**Friday, 14th December, 2018**  
at 9.45am in the  
Ashmont Public School Hall

We would like the children to dress in the Christmas colours of red, white and green. We have some T-shirts at school if your child needs to borrow one.

We hope you can come along,  
From K-2 Staff

### Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

- 1 Download the app**  
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**  
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**  
Search for your school and add your subscription groups

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## Breakfast Program

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays**

**Finishes on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Recommences 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019**



## Library News



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.



### 10 Tips for Surviving School Holidays

While school holidays are a welcome break from the busyness of school routines, there is never a break from parenting. The following tips will help you have fun and connect with your kids so you make the most of the school holidays:

- 1. 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
- 2. The best things in life are free**
  - Make sure the list includes plenty of free activities such as picnics, bike rides, trips to the beach, the local library and the great outdoors
- 3. Boredom is good**
  - Unstructured time and time away from electronic devices is good for young minds
- 4. 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 such as getting their own breakfast and lunch, taking the dog for a walk or going to the shops by themselves

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### REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2019 SEASON

We are seeking any interested junior footballers and netballers aged between 5 and 15 to join our club for the 2019 season. The season will begin on April 28 2019, training will start late March/early April.

ActiveKids \$100 vouchers will be available January 1 from Service NSW. Each child is entitled to one voucher which can be used towards their registration fees

Payment will be required to be paid online at time of registration. If you have any issues or require assistance please contact the club.

### ALL NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

No previous playing experience necessary.  
All players guaranteed a game each week.



To register go to  
**cgpfn.org.au**



For more club information and news follow us on facebook at  
**facebook.com/GullieJuniorDEMONS**



## Parent Line NSW

Parent Line counsellors are available to help with any of your parenting issues.

Parent Line is a telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents of children aged 0 to 15 years who live in New South Wales. We can also provide support and information for professionals working with families.

Our counsellors can help with problems relating to young babies and children:

- Settling and feeding newborns and babies
- Toddler learning
- Managing child care and school transitions
- Support during family separation
- Managing stress and anxiety

Through to issues relating to teenagers:

- Teen mental health
- School and study issues
- Managing technology use
- Alcohol and drug use
- Strategies to build positive relationships

Help when you need it.  
Monday - Friday, 9am - 9pm  
Saturday - Sunday, 4pm - 9pm

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- 5. Ask for help**
  - Don't be afraid to ask for help to share the load. For example, asking friends or family to help care for children or to provide assistance in other ways
- 6. Accept that things may not always go to plan**
  - Even the best made plans may need to be discarded at the last minute due to unforeseen events such as illness or accidents. Whilst stressful, these unforeseen events often teach us and our kids valuable life lessons and may even become the source of family bonding or stories down the track.
- 7. Don't forget self-care**
  - Look after yourself and take time to relax, even if it's half an hour whilst you have a cuppa and read a book. Remember, happy and relaxed parents make for happy children
- 8. Support and company**
  - Having a support system can be crucial to any parent. It also gives parents the opportunity to interact with other parents whilst giving the kids a bit of play time
- 9. Consider your child's mental health and wellbeing**
  - Whilst it may be a family tradition to go on an annual family holiday or attend a family dinner, maybe your teenager is too depressed or your child with K2HD will be labelled by judgemental relatives. Consider if it's really worth maintaining the tradition when it may be at the cost of mental health and wellbeing
- 10. Holiday connections help us the rest of the year**
  - School holidays provide unique opportunities to connect with, listen to and get to know your kids. Use the time to spend one-on-one time with each family member
  - Parent Line can also provide over the phone support throughout the holiday period if you need some extra help. Our counsellors are here for you seven days a week, 8am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm weekends (closed public holidays).

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## Ashmont Public School Presentation Night



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