Dear Parents/Carers,
Hope you are surviving the wet!
Unfortunately due to the Big Wet, we are experiencing a delay in the delivery of our ordered new turf for our grassed area which has now been prepared and ready for the turf.

We have opened up the area behind the library for students to play in while we wait for the beautiful new grassed area to be completed.

2013 Classes
Today students will enter their 2013 classes.
Teachers at the end of 2012 spent many hours working on the 2013 classes to ensure all students reach their full potential.

2013 Classes and Staff:
KV  Mrs Viswanath
KX  Mrs Xanthis
K/1R  Mr Robinson

1H  Ms Hughes
1F  Miss Filaktos
2B  Miss Bayndrian
2M  Mrs Mitchell (Assistant Principal responsible for Kindy, Year 1 and 2)

3M  Mrs Morris
3S  Miss Stephenson (Assistant Principal responsible for Stage 2)
4/3H  Mrs Horton
4M  Ms McKeever (Ms Wighton)

6/5D  Mrs D’Arrigo (Assistant Principal responsible for Stage 3)
6/5M  Mr Mansfield
6/5L  Mr Lesslie
6/5S  Mrs Strong

Learning and Support Teacher (LaST)- Ms Asimina Salvartsis (Executive Teacher)
Library  Mrs Kaye (Relieving Executive Teacher)
English Second Language (ESL)- Mrs Kapruziak
Reading Recovery Teacher- Mrs Saville
Enrichment Groups’ Teacher & ESL- Mrs O’Reilly
Release  From Face to Face Teachers (RFFT- Ms Pastine, Ms Evans, Mrs Saville and Mrs McInerney)
School Counsellor  Ms Jen Murray (Wednesdays & alternate Friday mornings)
Office Manager  Mrs Deidre Azopardi
Administration Officers- Ms Annete Degeeneers, Mrs Michele Brennan
School Learning Support Officers: Mrs Lesley Spinks, Mrs Maria Oaks & Ms Alex Da Silva
General Assistant  Mr Vince Severino

Principal- Mrs Susan Shelley

2013 promises to be a year full of many and varied learning opportunities across the school and of course we are all looking forward to working together on another successful fete.
I take this opportunity to encourage everyone to become involved in the preparations throughout
the year and the actual fete day. Thanks to the P&C and particularly Tina Bidese, **Dearne Kinmont** and **Megan Walker** who are coordinating the fete.

**2013 Staff**
Mrs Shelley will be Relieving School Education Director, for Georges River Network, Sydney Region for the next few weeks. Mrs D’Arrigo will be the Relieving Principal during this period and Mrs Kaye will be the Relieving Assistant Principal, responsible for Stage 3. Miss Evans will teach 6/5D during this period.

I thank Mrs D’Arrigo, Mrs Kaye and Miss Evans for their support which enables me to further my Professional Learning which will lead to further improvements at Ashbury Public School.

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**Pennant Reminder:**
Don’t forget to keep your Double As, Merit Cards and Superstars safe and return to your teacher when you have achieved enough for a Pennant. 5 Superstars earns you a Pennant. If your cards have not been used (stamped on the back) then you can use them from previous year(s).

**2013 Swimming Carnival**
Ashbury’s 2013 Swimming Carnival will be on Thursday 7 February at Ashfield Pool. Students from Year 1 to Year 6 are expected to attend. Please ensure your child has returned their permission note to attend the carnival with $10 in an envelope clearly marked with name and 2013 class.

Parents are encouraged and most welcome to attend and help out during the day. It is always a great day!

**Chess Coaching**
Chess coaching for students at Ashbury Public School is held on **Tuesdays** from **3:05pm – 4:05pm**. Term 1 lessons will commence on **12th February, 2013** and it is never too late to join! Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games. Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can either pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

**Road Safety**
Please drive carefully around the school and observe the rules that apply. Everyone needs to be very alert so we can keep our students and school community safe.
It's Fete year at Ashbury!

The Fabulous Ashbury PS fete will be held on Saturday 31st August 2013 from 10am to 4pm.

The fete is the main fundraising event for our school this year and in 2013, money raised will be used to fund technology resources, an outdoor covered area and enrichment opportunities for our children.

Luckily for our 2013 Ashbury families, there is plenty of time to get involved. You might be interested in:

- Running or working on a stall
- Joining a working group (eg craft, plants)
- Helping find sponsors
- Sponsor a stall
- Donating goods and services
- You may have some great ideas of your own for stalls or entertainment

We already have a great group of people working behind the scenes and we need you!

Please come along to the first fete committee meeting on Tuesday 26th February at 7pm in the staff room.

If everyone helps a little we can achieve a lot for our great school.

See you there!!

Tina Bidese Email: manatina@optusnet.com.au
Dearne Kinmont Email: skinmont@optusnet.com.au and
Megan Walker Email: megan_walker@optusnet.com.au

Fete Co-ordinators 2013

See photos below with some fun memories from the 2011 Ashbury Fete.
Second hand Uniforms
Did you know that the Uniform Shop also has a number of good quality second hand items available? You can find them in the downstairs Activity area in the wire baskets (opposite the Uniform Shop). The items are sorted into size and availability depends on what has been donated. You are welcome to look at the second hand uniforms at any time. Prices are $5 or less and are listed next to the drawers. If you take anything, please place the money into an envelope and leave with the office or pay at the Uniform Shop if it is open. We also welcome donations. We are looking for items that are:

- Not excessively faded, ripped or stained;
- The zips are still working; and
- The elastic has not perished.

If you have any items you would like to donate, please leave them in a bag in front of the drawers.

Ashbury P&C Invites You To A

Welcome BBQ

Friday 15th February 2013
5.30 – 7pm at school

On Friday 15th February, the P&C will host a Welcome BBQ for new families. This is a great chance for everyone to come along and welcome new families to our school. The BBQ will be from 5.30-7pm at the covered area near the playground – weather permitting! On the night we will also have a Gelato stand where you can buy delicious Pure Gelato cones. We hope you can all make it.

To make catering easier, could you please RSVP with the number of people attending by Monday 11th February.

To make our Welcome BBQ a success, we will need volunteers to help out on the BBQ and with serving food and drinks. If you can help please fill out the form below and return it to your child’s teacher before the 11th February.

Rowan Kemp
Ashbury P&C

Yes – we will be attending the Welcome BBQ.

Parent’s name:

Child’s name:

Yes, I am able to help with the jobs below at the following times:
(Please circle your preference)

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Dates for your Diary

Term 1 2013
Wed 6 February - 7pm Community Garden Committee Meeting in Staffroom. All welcome
Thursday 7 Feb - Ashbury Swimming Carnival @ Ashfield Pool - Yrs 1-6 attending.
Tues 12 Feb - 7pm P&C Meeting in Staffroom - All welcome
Friday 15 Feb - P&C Welcome BBQ - 5.30pm all welcome to come along for a free sausage and to meet everyone.
Mon 18 Feb - 7pm Band Committee Meeting
Tuesday 26th February - 7pm Fete Committee Meeting in the staff room.
Thur 28 Feb - School Photo Day
Fri 29 March - Mon 1 April - Easter break
Sat 6/Sunday 7 April - Band Camp
Fri 12 April - last day of Term 1

Term 2 2013
Mon 29 April - Staff Development Day
Tues 30 April (Additional Staff Development Day due to new Curriculum)
Wed 1 May - Students return for Term 2
Tues 14 May, Wed 15 May & Thurs 16 May - NAPLAN Testing
Wed 22 May - School Walkathon (P&C)

Term 3 2013
Mon 10 June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 28 June - last day of Term 2

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Friday 28 June - last day of Term 2

Term 3 2013
Tues 16 July Students return
Thurs 1 Aug - Ashbury Athletics Carnival at Campbell Oval
Sat 7 Sept - Ashbury Fete Day (Mark this in your diary)
Fri 20 Sept - Last day of Term 3

Term 4 2013
Tues 8 Oct to Wed 18 Dec

Sue Shelley
Principal
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Please go onto the school website to register to have the Newsletter emailed to you

If you see anything happening in the school which is unusual please call the Ashfield Police on 9798 4400