Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support in helping to settle your children back at school. I also would like to thank the P&C for the great BBQ held last Friday night which gave many new and returning families an opportunity to mix. The students certainly had lots of fun.

It was also great to see so many parents at the Meet the Teacher Night. I would also like to thank the many families who have been so generous sending in School Contributions. These donations help the school provide many extra opportunities for our students.

School Photo Day is Thursday 28th February- Envelopes with name details and money should be returned to the school by tomorrow at the latest!

Swimming Carnival
The Zone Carnival will be held at Roselands Pool on the 27th February. Mrs D’Arrigo, Mrs Horton and Spook will be attending the carnival. We still need a few more parents to assist with driving the kids to the pool. We wish the Ashbury swimming team all the best.

Supervision of Children
It is important that children at school are supervised by parents before and after school. Teachers come on duty at 8.30am each morning, so please don’t arrive at school before this time. Some children have more than one extra-curricular activity on in the afternoon. It is important that they are supervised by parents between each activity. We want to keep our children safe at all times!

KITCHEN GARDEN WORKSHOPS
The Garden Committee is excited to advise that our very first kitchen garden workshops will be held over two Fridays mornings, on 8th and 15th March, for year 5 and 6 students.

Kitchen Garden Specialist, Jo Anne Calabria will be running these fun, hands-on workshops in our outdoor classroom. Amongst other activities, Jo Anne will help the students start the process of making ginger beer to coincide with the Stage 3 curriculum topic of microorganisms, in particular yeast. Classes will need to 'feed' their ginger beer
starter for 7 days, and then bottle the ginger beer ready for tasting in 6 weeks' time.

Students participating in the workshops will be given more information closer to the dates. To assist with costs we will ask each student to bring one item from a list of ingredients and materials.

It would be great to have two parent helpers for each workshop. If you are available please contact Ms Bayndrian, Mrs D'Arrigo or email info@ashburycommunitygarden.com.au.

The Trading Circle
Helping women trade out of poverty
An initiative of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
The Trading Circle is a not-for-profit fair trade project established by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Australia in 1993. The Trading Circle works in partnership with women in Africa, Asia and Latin American countries who live in situations of severe poverty. Through the international network of the Good Shepherd Sisters, the Trading Circle supports women’s micro-enterprises. The women and families involved in the fair trade partnerships with the Trading Circle are paid a fair and just price for their work.

The Good Shepherd International Network works with women in the projects to effect positive and long term changes in their lives. The products made by the participants in the employment projects are unique and different and their sale makes a difference.

Some women have little choice....
Many women in urban slums and rural villages of the Majority World have few choices. They are forced because of their poverty, to work for very low wages or under exploitative conditions eg Factory workers in Indonesia earn about A$3 per day, making expensive sports shoes.
The Trading Circle helps empower women to earn the money they and their families need to survive and live with dignity.

Sydney Store
27 Lackey St, Summer Hill
02 9798 0373

A stall selling goods will be set up at Ashbury at 8.30am and 2.45pm on Wednesday 7th March, 2013 (International Women’s Day)

E readers at school
Some students have been bringing e-readers to school for use in class and at lunchtime. While we certainly applaud the children for their love of reading and technology, we would prefer that the children do not bring them to school as they are valuable and are easily broken or misplaced.

Band Information
Budding Percussionists:
The training band needs some more percussionists. If your child is considering becoming a percussionist, please contact Tina at secretary@ashburyband.org.au. There's still time to grab a spot in one of NSW’s best band programs!

Dates:
4th March, 7pm: Band Camp and Program information night
6-7th April: Band Camp
29th April: Jazz band workshop
30th April: Concert band workshop

Recorder Groups
Students have now been placed into groups, with the beginner group (must be Yr 2 or older) meeting at 8am and the advanced group follows at 8.30am. The $20 fee per term is now overdue. Students must pay before this Friday’s lesson.

PSSA – Change of training dates
PSSA competition began last Friday. Training day has been changed and is now on a Wednesday afternoon from 3 till 4pm. For more
details have a look at the Wiley Park PSSA Zone website.
http://wileypark.sessazones.com/
To find out even more, go to -
(sessazones.com

- Member Schools
- Code of Conduct
- Calendar
- Zone/District Executive
- State Draws and Results
- School Sports Guidelines
- Footwear for Athletics and Cross Country
- Medical Insurance
- Teacher Resources
- Opportunities for Students with Disabilities

The website also provides links to
www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au which provides
information relating to Sydney East SSA and
NSWPSSA/NWCHSSA activities.

Pennant winners: Ariella L, Andy C,
Franco T, Alex C, Lucy G
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).

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.

Clean Up Australia Day
on the Cooks River
Sunday 3rd March, 9am -
12.00pm
Join our riverbank clean up behind
Canterbury Racecourse. Meet and register
next to the cycleway at Broughton Street,
Canterbury. Gloves, grabbers, rubbish
bags and morning tea provided. Children
very welcome. Please bring hats, sunscreen
and strong shoes or gumboots.
For further information and other clean up
sites along the Cooks, contact Alison Gibbs:
0432 733960.

Bike Safety
It is great to see so many students riding their bike
or scooter to school. All students must wear a
helmet and all bikes and scooters must be kept at
the bike racks at the back of the school.

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

Mind Quest 2013
St George Girls High School
Saturday 6 April & Sunday 7 April
9.30am-3.30pm $170
For Gifted and Talented Students
Many workshops for your child to be involved in during the 68th NSW Talented Enrichment Weekend
Contact the school office for more details or call 02 42322494
Closing date is Friday 8 March.

Ashfield Boys High School
Open Night
Tuesday 5th March, 2013
6.30pm-8.30pm
In the School Hall
Ashfield Boys High School “We have time for you and your child”
Ph 97986620 for further enquiries.

Canterbury Girls High School
Year 7, 2014
OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 26 February, 2013
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
School tours 5:00 – 6:30
Presentation 6:30 – 7:30
School in Action
Tours

This is for both mainstream students and Visual Art & Design Specialist Stream students
Application forms for the Visual Art & Design Specialist Stream are now available for downloading from the website or from Dulwich High School of Visual & Design.
Canterbury Boys High School
Year 7 2013 Information Evening
Will be held in the library at Canterbury Boys High school
From 5.30pm-7.30pm
On Tuesday 26th February, 2013
David Hill or Zeynep Ozcan on 9798 8444

Tennis Coaching
Lees Park
Hay Street, Ashbury

Childrens’ Saturday morning group classes
Private lessons midweek
School holiday camps

All ages and ability levels catered for ranging from the MLC Hotshots program designed for very young children through to elite tournament players

Greg Perkins is a Talent Development Coach and High Performance Coach with Tennis Australia

Mobile: 0419 237 185
Email: greg_perkins@bigpond.com

Dates for your Diary
Term 1 2013
Tuesday 26th Feb – 7pm Fete Committee Meeting in the staff room.

Wednesday 27th Feb – Zone Swimming carnival
Thur 28 Feb – School Photo Day
Thursday 7th March – Trading Circle stall at Ashbury PS
Friday 8th March – Stage 3 Kitchen Garden
Monday 11th March – Regional Swimming
Friday 15th March – Stage 3 Kitchen Garden
Monday 18th March – Green Mufti day – Sweet pea planting 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)
Mon 10 June – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
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
Fri 20 Sept – Last day of Term 3
Term 4 2013 – Tues 8 Oct to Wed 18 Dec

Sally D’Arrigo
Relieving Principal
Welcome to the 2013 Band Program! A special welcome to new families in the training band – it will be an amazing year. All the bands are well under way. The calendar is already filling up, and Tuning Notes will keep you informed.

Budding Percussionists:
The training band needs some more percussionists. If you know anyone who was considering becoming a percussionist, please tell them to contact Tina at secretary@ashburyband.org.au.

Band Camp:
The information night for band camp will be 4th March, at 7pm. This session is both for band camp and a general information session for this year’s band program. All families are strongly urged to attend, even if you’ve been around for a few years!

Band camp will be 6-7th April. Notes for all of this will be sent home shortly.

Concert and Jazz Band Workshops
Monday 29th April – Jazz band
Tuesday 30th April – Concert band
There will be full day (9am – 3pm) workshops for the Jazz & Concert bands during the 2 pupil free days at the beginning of term 2. Students need to bring their own food. There is no extra cost, but parent supervisors will be required for the day. The roster coordinators will be contacting you regarding this.

General Housekeeping
A few reminders since the beginning of the year can be a hectic time.
All students are required to help set up and pack away for rehearsals. This means they need to arrive about 10 mins early and need to stay for about 10 mins after the official finishing time. This ensures the students are getting the most out of their rehearsal time with Mr Isaac.
An adult is required to be with students during lessons – either in the room or directly outside. This is a DEC requirement and is for everyone’s safety.

Next Band Committee Meetings
Next Meeting: Monday 18th March
7pm in the staffroom
AGM: Monday 8th April
The Band Program would not be possible without the hard work of the Band Committee. This is a subcommittee of the P&C made up of parents and staff reps. We’re always looking for new members to help with all aspects of the Band Program - no experience necessary!

Website: Don’t forget to use the website to keep up to date with all things Ashbury Band Program.