Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations and thank you to the Band Committee for organizing another wonderful Band Camp this weekend that has just passed. The students had a wonderful time and produced some amazing music at the concert on Sunday afternoon. Many thanks to Kate O’Sullivan for the amazing organisation. Thanks to Mrs Kaye, Mrs McInerney and Mr Isaac who stayed the whole weekend with many wonderful parents. If we didn’t have the support of these very willing parents to give up their valuable time then a camp like this would not happen. The intense immersion of students into music for a whole weekend really sets the students up for success.

Pennant winners:

Nicholas L (6/5S), Cara B (6/5M), India PG (6/5M), Julian S (6/5M), Callan AA (3S), Edward C (6/5M), Stefania C (2M), Callum T (6/5D), Maddison W (6/5D), Rebecca B (1F)

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).
Life Education
Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be involved in the Life Education Program the first week back. The Life Ed van will be parked next to the hall for three days.

Drama
Students in Years 3 to Year 6 will have the opportunity to once again work with our Resident Actor David Baldwin from Week 2 in Term 2. I thank the P&C for supporting this worthwhile activity which gives students the opportunity to improve their voice projection, development of confidence and skills, enabling students to participate more effectively (and happily) in theatre work and exercises (whether in class exercises or on stage in front of an audience), story telling and public speaking.

School Holidays
At the end of this week Term 1 will finish and we will have two weeks holidays. Teachers will return two days earlier than students as we have been given an extra School Development Day (Student free). This extra day has been given to schools for their staff to gain familiarity with the new English syllabus which will be implemented in 2014. Students return to school on Wednesday 1 May, 2013.

Teachers’ Professional Learning
Ashbury staff will have a day looking deeply at the new NSW English Syllabus and the second day teachers will be trained in Non-Crisis Intervention strategies.

If you are staying around Ashbury please keep an eye out for the school. If you see anything people in the school who shouldn’t be please phone Ashfield Police on 9798 4400

Library Refurbishment
The library is being refurbished internally. A new internal ceiling is being installed. The windows and doors are going to be replaced, new lighting, fans and carpet will be installed and the library is being painted internally. As a consequence of this work being done, the library has been emptied in preparation for this major upgrade. Library lessons will occur in classrooms and there will be limited borrowing.
Band will be rehearsing in the Upstairs Activity Area while the library work occurs. It is very important that students do not enter the main classroom building unless they have a teacher or parent with them. Music lessons will continue in their normal venues, unless notified that there is a change of venue.

I would like to thank Mrs Kaye, Mrs Brennan, Mrs Rodi and Mr Vince Severino (GA) for their work in getting the library ready for this refurbishment.

As the library is being packed up we have some TVs (4) all in working order for a lucky family.

Pod cast equipment

We also have 2 pianos we would like to find a home for. If you are interested in any of these items please contact the office.

Stokke Trip Trap Chair
Dates for your Diary

Term 1 2013
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
Wed 1 May- 7pm- Community Garden
Meeting
Wed 1May, Thursday 2 May & Friday
3May- Life Education for Kindergarten,
Year 1 and Year 2
Sunday 5 May- Autumn Garden Festival
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

Term 3 2013- Tues 16 July-students
Return
Thurs 1 Aug- Ashbury Athletics Carnival
At Campbell Oval
Friday 20 Sept- Last day of Term 3

Term 4- Tues 8 Oct-Wed 18 Dec

S. Shelley
Principal
You are invited to

Jazz in the Garden

Please join us for “Jazz in the Garden” a community event run by the Ashbury Community Garden held within the Gardens and on Ettrick Street, Ashbury between Trevenar and Melville Streets.

Come and enjoy mingling with the local community, grab an early dinner with food cooked from the Autumn Harvest of the Ashbury Community Garden and chill out as you listen to the Ashbury Public Jazz Band, the Choir and the Ashfield Little Big Band and other special performances.

All Meals $5: Choose between Pumpkin Soup, Tim’s famous Basil Pesto Pasta or Spinach and Cheese Pie

Cakes, Tea, Coffee and kids drinks will also be on sale.

BYO chairs or blanket and if you plan to purchase food, we invite you to reduce waste by bringing eating utensils and your bowl/or plate.

For more information, contact Sally Layson on 0417 464 814, or email info@ashburycommunitygarden.org.au.