Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 and yet again we are in for another busy term. The dates for your diary section of the newsletter will be continually updated so please keep a close eye on it. Congratulations to all who performed, organised and viewed our amazing dance spectacular in the last week of term 3. Yet again this event showed how talented our students and teachers are and the enormous opportunities Ashbury PS offers its students and staff. I would like to especially thank the staff who continually give up their time and go the extra mile to ensure these events are of a high standard and quality.

A special thank you to Marcelle and Splash for the beautiful garden area they have created at the back of the hall. Please respect and look after it.

NAPLAN and ICAS Tests

Occasionally, parents request information about these tests that our school participates in each year.

**NAPLAN** testing is organised in all schools by ACARA (The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority). The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

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**NEWSLETTERS at www.ashbury-p.schools.nsw.edu.au**

Please go to the school website and register to have the newsletter emailed to you. Go to the top and select the blue box which is labeled - Newsletter - Subscribe.
ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) is operated by EAA (Education Assessment Australia), an education group of UNSW Global Pty Limited which is a not-for-profit provider of education, training and advisory services and a wholly owned enterprise of the University of New South Wales (UNSW). Parents can choose for students to sit for these and at Ashbury PS we run them before school to minimise disruption to our normal program.

Sometimes parents ask if they can have access to past papers for these tests, however, the papers are protected by copyright and are not available for distributing from the school.

Below are links to the NAPLAN website which provides information about practice tests and the ICAS website which provides information about the purchase of past papers.


https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/buy-past-papers

Dee Stephenson
Relieving Principal

Enrolments for 2015
We are currently accepting all in area enrolments for 2015. If you live in the area and your child will be attending Ashbury PS next year could you please enroll asap. Also if your child will be leaving Ashbury PS at the end of the year could you please let the school know in writing asap.

SRC Mega Cake Stall
On Thursday the 10th of September the SRC held a mega cake stall. It was a great success they raised over $900 and lots of people brought in cakes. But it couldn’t have been possible without Mrs Horton and the SRC. The cake stall even continued on to Friday recess. Overall the cake stall was a great success.

The benefits of walking
What is it about walking, in particular, that makes it so amenable to thinking and writing? The answer begins with changes to our chemistry. When we go for a walk, the heart pumps faster, circulating more blood and oxygen not just to the muscles but to all the organs—including the brain. Many experiments have shown that after or during exercise, even very mild exertion, people perform better on tests of memory and attention. Walking on a regular basis also promotes new connections between brain cells, staves off the usual withering of brain tissue that comes with age, increases the volume of the hippocampus (a brain region crucial for memory), and elevates levels of molecules that both stimulate the growth of new neurons and transmit messages between them.

From this article:
http://www.newyorker.com/tech/elements/walking-helps-us-think
3M’s Roald Dahl Party

On the 15th September, 3M celebrated Roald Dahl’s birthday and 50 years since the book ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’ was first published. We had so much fun eating scrumptious lollies and watching, ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’. 3M also got to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character.

First, we all designed and made a Golden Ticket so we could enter Willy Wonka’s Chocolate Factory. Then Mrs Morris (Mrs Wonka) taught us some maths without us even knowing! We estimated and checked the height and width of stacked Nerds boxes and looked at the chance of picking out different coloured Nerds packets out of a box. It was hard to stack them without them falling down! We also talked about Charlie’s basic needs and came up with some advice for Prince Pondicherry for him to live in his chocolate palace.

Then, 3M had another challenge. We had to invent and describe our own Wonka sweet. Some of the amazing inventions included a wish giving lolly and glowing gum.

It was an exciting, amazing and spectacular day which we will never forget!

Carla, Jade and Sophie (3M)

October is Cancer Month

In memory of every cancer patient, family member and friend who has lost their battle with cancer and in honour of those who continue to conquer it! Think pink this October and support breast cancer awareness month:

Here at Ashbury Public School, we are going to celebrate Pink Ribbon Day on Friday 17th October. www.pinkribbonday.com.au

The celebration will include:

1) a big breakfast feast starting at 7.30am in the school grounds. Contribute with a donation.

2) the option of wearing an item of pink clothing to school and being in the pink photo (gold coin donation). This is not a mufti day but a ‘pink’ day.

3) The option of seeing a motorbike from the Pink Ribbon Ride displayed at school. www.pinkribbonride.com

4) The option of having a photo (another gold coin) seated on the motorbike. This photo will be made available to students on the school network in Multimedia

5) And more. . .

6) Check out our fundraising page on the Cancer Council’s web page http://nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/Ashbury
Community Garden – Stage 1 Kitchen Garden

On Friday 2B went down to the outdoor classroom. A couple of other teachers went as well. We went there to learn about water. My group cooked cous cous with lemon, broccoli and cheese. My teacher was Jo Anne. George, Oscar and I cleaned the vegetables. After that 2B and the teachers gathered to have a big feast to come and try all of the foods. I felt excited because this was the first time I had done this. After we had lunch, it was lots of fun.

By Sam

On Friday 2B went to the Kitchen Garden to cook with Jo Anne, Miss Bayndrian, Mrs Walker and Elaine. First Jo Anne talked to us about water. Then some of us asked some questions about how Jo Anne uses water. Next Jo Anne sorted us into 4 groups. The people in my group were Finley, Lily, Rohan and Evelyn. My group leader was Elaine. We made Italian bread salad. Rohan and I cleaned some tomatoes with the hose, when we came back we had to break some very hard bread and sprinkle some water on it. Then Finley and I picked some basil of a bush. A tiny insect landed on my t-shirt. We came back and we had to squeeze some tomatoes. When we finished squeezing the tomatoes we spread the tomatoes on the bread and made the dressing and then we were done. We all ate it all up.

By Owen

Congratulations to Noah

West Ashfield Leagues Club held its Annual Community Art Award on the 16th September. Ashbury 3N student, Noah, was one of two students from the area in the finals for his year group. The theme for the competition was ‘My Hobby’. In a post-modern vein, Noah chose drawing as his subject and drew pencils drawing a picture of a graffiti artist. Erstwhile weather-man, Mike Bailey, presided over the event, and three West Tiger’s players presented the prizes, dwarfing all the recipients. Noah especially enjoyed the cake table.

Uniform shop stock clearance sale

The Uniform Shop is clearing out some stock items this term so come and grab a bargain!

V Neck Sweat Shirts - all sizes - ONLY $5 each
White Shorts - all sizes - ONLY $2 each
Sports Shirts, Girls Blue Shorts, Grey Trousers, Track Pants, Dresses - LARGE SIZES ONLY ON SALE - $2 - $5 each.

The Uniform Shop will be CLOSED on Thursday 27 November for our end of year stocktake. There will be no sales on this day.
Ashbury Public School Disco
Friday, 17th October 2014
6pm-8pm
$15 per family or $10 for a child/adult ticket.
A paying adult must accompany all children.

**Dress as your favourite book or movie character.**

**We need as many parents as possible to help. Please offer half an hour of your time on the night.**

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**Pennant winners:**
Eric 4/3H
Caitlin 4M
Finlae 6/5L
Dylan 6/5L
Antonia 4M
Alexandra 6/5L
Joel 6/5L
Maeve O’Sullivan 6/5L
Nicholas I 6/5L
Ryan M 6/5L

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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**Jack’s Meats**

*Supporters of our Breast Cancer BBQ Fundraiser*

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Phone number is 97184344.
If you want some of our popular sausages or friendly service, come in and see Stuart or Gus (ex-Ashbury boys) and we’ll happily look after you.
Film by the Sea is an initiative of a small band of dedicated teachers. These teachers firmly believe in the positive, educational benefits gained from teaching film and film studies.

The NSW English syllabus emphasises the importance of understanding and constructing multimodal texts and film making and film studies are an integral part of a student's education in the development of visual literacy. Studying and creating films also encourages problem solving, critical and creative thinking as well as collaboration and cooperation.

This year the students from the Gifted and Talented Program at APS, which is generously funded by the P&C, entered this competition, with a film titled

“A Splash of Hope”

They started this process in week 5 of term 2; most schools started the process at the beginning of the year.

The Literacy group wrote the script which had to include the motif of ‘water’ to be considered. They turned their script into a visual story board and decided on the film type of Stop Motion.

The Technology group made all the scenes for their stop motion film and filmed each week on a very tight and strict filming schedule. Both groups worked tirelessly and showed outstanding literacy and technology skills, they are a credit to themselves, their families and the school.

I am very proud and honoured to announce that the school was awarded a Commended in this year’s competition. The groups will be able to see their 3 minute film at the premier this October.

Congratulations to the following students; Grace, Nell, Rosie, Finlae, Anika, May, Alex.K, Cara, Mira, Malena, Zoe, Nicholas, Noah, Ethan, Joel, Gabe, Dylan, Ben, Jonathon and Luca.

You are all AMAZING!!!!!

Leanne McEvoy
NIGHT CHURCH IS FINALLY BACK IN ASHBURY
ALL WELCOME

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From 17 Oct 2014 to 27 Mar 2015
Free trial - just turn up

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3 races per week
Sprints from 16m to 100m
Distance events from 4 X 16m to 800m
Championship events and Improvement Points Races

More details on www.enfieldswimclub.org