Dear Parents and Carers,
Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual big brekky raising money for the cancer foundation, in particular breast cancer. To date we raised close to $2000. It was wonderful to see so many students, staff and parents get involved in the morning events. A special thank you to Mr Newmarch, for organising the very special pink motorcycle to visit our school. It certainly was a hit.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended the school disco and to the parents and teachers who volunteered their time during the night. A very special thank you to Fiona Muirhead for coordinating the night. The children certainly had a fantastic time and their costumes were great.

This week I attended another police forum discussing the issues around the local area and in particular schools. The police have asked that parents speak with their child / children about how to cross roads correctly, the importance of paying attention when walking and not being distracted by mobile devices when walking or cycling. Parents once again have been asked to always park in the right spots, walk to collect your child when possible and be respectful.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday at the Spring Jazz in the Garden festival.

Dee Stephenson  
Relieving Principal

Road Safety
Our children’s lives are very important to all of us. Once again I ask all parents to take extreme care when driving around all school zones and please obey the road and parking rules. Recently we have had a number of near misses with students running across the road at the wrong place as they have been called across by an adult. We have two school crossings surrounding our school. It is important that we all use them. Ashfield police have also visited our school and had to explain to a number of parents that they were parking in the
Dear Drivers,
Please obey the rules, if not you’ll be chased down by the police. Obey the rules because you should set a good example for the children. Never ever talk on the phone while you’re driving. Double parking is not allowed here. Sometimes people overspeed, you know what? SPEEDING KILLS YOU. Beware of fatal or serious injuries. Please obey the rules.
Yours sincerely,
Isaac (3M)

Dear Parents,
My name is Joshua.
I am in Year 3.
Please drive slowly around my school to keep me safe.
It is important and it is against the law to speed.

Kind regards,
Joshua (3M)

Imagine losing someone you love. Going slow in a school zone is to protect everyone. Don’t go through a red light because other cars are coming the other way and if you cross a red light, BANG BANG BANG. Be patient and look out for each other. Thank you for listening to my ‘be safe’ comments.

Clair (3M)

Dear Drivers,
Stop driving fast around school zones because it’s not safe for you or the people who are crossing the road. If you also drive fast, you’ll get a fine.
Keep your eyes on the road at all times and try to leave home or work a bit earlier so you don’t have to speed.

Kind regards,
Stella (3M)
Speak Offs

On Thursday 9th of October, Ashbury held its Speak Off public speaking competition for Early Stage One to Stage Two. There were 2 representatives from each class who presented on a range of prepared topics from Koalas, to the NRL Panthers. Stages One and Two also presented impromptu speeches on the topics 'Summer and Winter' and 'Rainbows'. There was a high standard of speeches delivered throughout the day. Congratulations to our Stage winners who progressed to the regional competition - Dru W (ES1), David T (S1) and Astrid P (S2).

Congratulations to David T who won the Canterbury Network Public Speaking Competition 2014 and will now be representing the Canterbury Network at the 2014 Greater Southern Sydney Primary Schools Public Speaking Grand Final at Loftus PS on 5th November.

’Plastic Bags are Rubbish’ Canterbury Council Poster Competition

Congratulations to the following students who entered the Canterbury Council “Plastic Bags are Rubbish” poster competition. Annabel P Stage 2 for winning her category, Mary C and Anicka Stage 3 who were 2nd and 3rd in their category. These students will receive their awards at a full council meeting on 23rd October. Also congratulations to the following students who were awarded a consolation prize - Anastasia G, Joanne K, Finlae G, Caitlin H, Mariah K and Rebecca B. These students will be presented with their awards at a school assembly.
Selective High School Applications

Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014. A letter has been sent out to all students in Year 5 regarding the application process for selective high schools. If you require an information booklet please return the letter or contact the school. The application information booklet will also be available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. If you require additional information please contact your child’s teacher or myself.

Key dates for entry to Year 7 in 2016

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Junior Choristers Sing like Angels at Ashfield Baptist Nursing Home

The Junior Choir really shone their best colours on Wednesday the 17th of September when they sang their little hearts out for the residents of Ashfield Baptist Nursing Home.

The residents were thrilled to have the children visit - ‘ahhs and ohhs’ could be heard here and there as the little troupe of choristers entered the stage.

The children sang several songs, some of them being old favourites such as ‘Three Little Fishes’, ‘Inchworm’ and ‘One Bottle of Pop’. Other songs with a more sentimental note such as ‘Why We Sing’ and ‘Why Walk When You Can Fly’ definitely brought a tear to the eyes of some ladies and gentlemen.

The Junior Choir were such a hit that they have been invited back to sing Christmas Carols on the 3rd December. The children are looking forward to this and are currently working hard to prepare for their next debut.

Junior choir practises every Tuesday morning at 8.15am in the downstairs music room. All members are a delight to teach as they have a real love of music and singing, and their passion definitely shines through!

Well done Junior Choristers - not only are you beautiful singers, but you are out there doing something really worthwhile and special for your community!

Thank you also to all the parent helpers on the day - Megan Walker, Angela Theivendram, Greta Morris, Sally Layson, Rachel McConchie, Glenn Campbell and Gianna Kresevic.

Thank you also to all the parents for your commitment to bringing your child to choir rehearsals each Tuesday morning - it is most appreciated.

Debbie Saville
Junior Choir / Infants Teacher
1/KX Sponsor Cerebral Palsy Alliance - ‘Steptember Challenge’

During Term 2 our class grew Grassy Heads as part of our Science unit “How Things Grow and Change”. This rich task was also incorporated into our Literacy and Maths work. The end result was to construct a Grassy Head kit which we then advertised to our next door class 1W and sold for $5 a kit. From this venture we raised $105.

1/KX had a discussion about what we could do with the money and the children decided that because they were so lucky to be a part of a wonderful school and community such as Ashbury, they would donate the money to a cause that would help children that need the funds more than themselves.

During the month of September, a member of our class Nerys, and her family were participating in the Steptember Challenge. Steptember 2014 is run by Cerebral Palsy Alliance, the Steptember charity event that challenges people to take 10,000 steps a day for 28 days straight in the month of September. Every dollar raised during Steptember allows Cerebral Palsy Alliance to provide much-needed services, support, and care for so many kids and adults living with cerebral palsy and their families.

So we decided to sponsor Nerys while she was counting her 10,000 steps during Steptember by donating the $105 dollars that we raised from our small project.

I am so proud with the generosity and compassion that 1/KX showed during our discussion on this topic and their enthusiasm to support such a worthwhile cause.

Mrs S Xanthis
Class Teacher

Pink Ribbon Day

On Friday we wore pink to school for Pink Ribbon Day. When we got to school some of us had a bacon and egg roll. It was delicious. After that Mr Pink arrived on his pink, fluffy motor bike. Some of us sat on the motor bike for a photo. We collected money for breast cancer.

KR had a wonderful morning.

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.
Leyla's Taekwondo Tournament
On the 14th of September 2014, Leyla had a taekwondo tournament. It was amazing!!! Leyla was an orange belt on the day and still is. She has been doing taekwondo for three years and she still is a great master at it. On the day Leyla was really excited and she was prepared for anything that got thrown at her. When she arrived at the tournament she went over to the match board to check who she was competing against. She saw that she was competing against a girl called Cortney. Leyla was hoping to get a first place trophy against her opponent. Her match was extremely exciting. There were a few ups and downs during their match, in the end she pulled through with a 1st place trophy!!!!!! Leyla and her family were so proud. Her family thought she did so well that she was rewarded with a new pair of flashing converses.

Bee Hive Splitting
A big thank you to Stuart Gibb who invited our environmental officers to watch as he split one of our bee hives. The students were totally enthralled by it all. We certainly are a lucky school to have a community garden and a number of experts who are always willing to share their knowledge with our students. Thanks again Stuart.

Order your Unique
ASHBURY Public School
2014 TEA TOWELS & APRONS

ONLY $14 for a limited edition tea towel and $20 for an apron OR
SAVE by ordering multiples of 2 or 3 or an apron/tea towel combo ($32).

Complete your order form with payment (cash or cheque made payable to Ashbury P&C Association) and return to your child's teacher or the office in an envelope clearly marked "TEA TOWEL & APRON ORDER".

Final orders are due before → 4th November 2014
Dear Ashbury P&C

2M would like to thank you very much for giving us $100 as a prize for getting our Walkathon cards in quickly. We looked through a large number of catalogues to find something that would be good to use in our classroom. We wanted to purchase something that would be fun and help us learn too. We found some construction straws that could help us learn about the properties of shapes and are fun to use to just make things.

Thank you again for the prize money and we are sure that we will have lots of fun with the equipment.

Kind regards the Students of 2M

Vinz  
Olivia  
Mariah  
Molly  
Eva  
Scarlett  
Peter  
Gabriel  
Caitlin  
Rebecca  
Anna  
Scarlett  
Peter  
Gabriel
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Ashbury Public School P&C Theme Free Trivia Night**

Saturday 15th November  
7.00 - 10.30 pm  
$20 per person  
All games free (no gold coins required)

Booking information coming soon.

If you have relationships with local businesses that can donate vouchers or prizes please see Catherine Walsh (Anna M is in 4J) or email walshcma@gmail.com

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**Pennant winners:**
- Ryan 6/5L
- Xavier 6/5L
- Seeddharta 3M
  - Henry 4J
  - Daniel 2M
  - Leyana 4J
  - Avery 1W
  - Nikita 1W
  - Julia 4M
- Scarlette 2M
- Brendan 6/5D
  - Nerys 1X
  - Leon 2/1F

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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**Notes Sent Home This Fortnight:**
- **Play Day - 4/3H, 4J, 4M**
- **Aussie Bush Camp – Stage 3**
- **Tea Towel/Apron Orders**
- **Financial Literacy – Stage 3**
- **2016 Selective High School Applications – Year 5**
- **Spring Jazz in the Garden + Baking Competitions**

If you missed any of these notes please call in to the office for a copy.

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Ashbury Public School * Trevenar Street ASHBURY 2193 * Phone 9798 4509 * Fax 9716 8089 * Email ashbury-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Come enjoy the Ashbury community spirit at “Spring Jazz in the Garden” an event run by the Ashbury Community Garden held within the Gardens and on Ettrick Street, Ashbury between Trevenar and Melville Streets.

**With performances by:**
- Ashbury Public School Jazz Band and Choir
- Ashfield Little Big Band
- Sydney Secondary College Jazz Orchestra
- Newtown High School of the Performing Arts Jazz Orchestra

**Baking competition judged by local food experts:**
- Scone baking competition for all ages and
- Creative Baking with Beetroot Challenge

**Food available to purchase:**
- Gelato
- Tea and Coffee
- Cakes and Scones

BYO chairs or blanket

Support our garden and Jazz Bands

Reduce waste by bringing your eating utensils and bowl/or plate

Or BYO picnic

Community Group Advertisements
Ashbury Public School does not endorse any of the following advertisements.
What is the Family energy rebate?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

Am I eligible for the rebate?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

What do I need to do before I apply?

Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

How to apply

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

For more information & assistance

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply online now!

$150 towards energy bills

2 minutes to fill in a form


* eligibility criteria apply
Prospective students for Year 7 in 2015/2016 & their parents are invited to SSC Leichhardt Campus. We offer an academically selective stream, a comprehensive stream and enrichment programs. Students are guaranteed access to our Blackwattle Bay Campus in Years 11 & 12.

To register your interest please call 9560 2355.

Balmain Rd, Leichhardt. Phone 9560 2355
www.leichhardt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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Join us to reminisce and celebrate the thousands of children who have attended the preschool and benefited from the care and commitment the preschool has shown over the years.

Be part of the celebrations!
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Time: 11am – 3pm
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Catering for all abilities daily from
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