Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to all of Year 4 who performed magnificently at their Play Day Tuesday 21st October. From all accounts every class was outstanding. Thank you to the year 4 teachers and David Baldwin for putting in an incredible amount of time and effort to ensure that the students delivered polished performances. It was wonderful to hear the students recount this opportunity. On Friday 7th November the Year 4 students will be presenting their plays and we would like to extend an open invitation to all parents to join us in the hall at 10am.

Thank you to Mrs Megan Walker and Mrs Jenny Strong for developing this year’s school survey. The school values everyone’s opinions and contributions. Together we can make Ashbury PS an even more successful learning environment. Could everyone please take the time to complete the survey. This survey is very beneficial to school for its future planning. 

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/apsparents2014

Thank you to everyone who supported the Annual Spring Jazz Festival. It was wonderful to see so many families attending this excellent event, supporting the bands and the community garden. We couldn’t have had better weather. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to organise, promote and lend a helping hand to ensure another successful event for Ashbury PS and its community.

Congratulations to our students who successfully gained entry to an Opportunity Class for 2015. If you are taking up the placement can you please advise the school in writing.

Our Orientation/ transition days are well underway. This is another important part of Ashbury PS as we all welcome our new 2015 families. Thank you to the 2014 kinder parents who supplied a delicious morning tea for all to enjoy after our first morning orientation. A very special thank you to the office staff who have put in a great deal of time and effort compiling our orientation pack. Once again due to everyone’s effort we had a very successful morning.

Finally happy camping to our Stage 3 students and staff. Stay safe, enjoy, have a go at everything and please take care of the teachers. 😊

Dee Stephenson
Relieving Principal
Road Safety

Congratulations to Mrs Morris and 3M who feature as the “Good News Story” in the K-6 Road Safety Education Enewsletter for Term 4 2014. In the last edition of the school’s newsletter I published the excellent work that 3M had been doing in regards to road safety around our school. Once again congratulations Mrs Morris and 3M.

Play Day

What a performance! On Tuesday 21st October 4M, 4J and 4/3H performed in the ‘Playday’ drama program in Hurstville. Each class spent a day in Term 3 with a ‘Playday’ tutor in which they participated in drama games and play building techniques. The students and teachers then put together a play with the help of drama coach David Baldwin, who scripted each piece. The task to mould these early scripts into plays which we could perform for other schools and teachers seemed daunting, but with heaps of enthusiasm combined with lots of hard work learning lines and rehearsing we were ready and eager to perform at last.

Finally the day of the performance arrived and we were nervous but excited to perform. The students managed their lines, costumes, props and the odd mishap to give magnificent performances. We also got to see plays from many other schools which were great fun too.

We would like to thank the ‘Playday’ organisers, tutors, teachers, students and parents who helped us learn lines and put together costumes, especially Mrs Layson who so artfully did the face-painting. A big thank you goes to David Baldwin for his super playwriting and inspiring direction.

Stefanie McKeever
Classroom teacher 4M

4J wrote a few sentences about their experiences at Play Day

Play Day was a true actors experience, a big stage and audience and in a theatre. Play Day really built my confidence in acting. Although, it was scary it was really fun and all of the other plays were fantastic compared to last year. This one was better! Kala S

We left school at 11:30 am on Tuesday 21st of October. When we arrived I was quite nervous but as soon as I got on the stage I just couldn’t wait. I had a really great day. Louis D

4J, 4M and 4/3H have practiced and prepared plays for Play Day and David Baldwin helped direct these plays. The plays were magnificent. All of the Ashbury students projected their voices. It was like watching a professional play. Anna M

On Tuesday all of year 4 went to a Play Day and everyone did really well. When it was our turn it was pretty exciting and a few people were nervous but they still participated. I lost my walking stick for my character but I did really well. We went back to school and it was a good day. Leyana M

For the last term year 4 have been working on some drama. My class 4J were doing a play called ‘The Locket’. On Tuesday we went on a bus to the Hurstville Entertainment Centre for Play Day. I was very excited and nervous at the same time. In my play I was a cook and had lots of scenes. After it was all over I was relieved I did not have to do more. Well at least until next time…….Ella J

On the 21st of October Ashbury Public School year fours went to the Play Day. Play Day is when the year fours of Sydney local schools get an opportunity to present their plays they have been doing in class. It was extremely fun but everyone was nervous because we were performing in a giant hall at Hurstville Entertainment Centre. Ashbury did very well as did the other schools. Ben H-R
On the 21st of October our class went to the Play Day. It was always fun practicing and I had great fun doing the play. Lots of the other plays were great and the costumes were fabulous. I thought our play was the best we had ever done. It was not scary performing. **Holly L**

On the 21st of October part of the Stage Two went to the Hurstville Entertainment Centre. My class did a murder mystery play and we saw lots of other plays. They were fantastic! **Avery J**

**Spring Jazz Festival**

On Sunday 26th October Ashbury enjoyed another successful Jazz in the Garden Festival, a combined event organised by the Ashbury Band and Garden Committees. It was a beautifully sunny spring afternoon, perfect for relaxing in the shade and listening to the wonderful music offered by the Ashbury Public School Jazz Band and Choir, Ashfield Little Big Band and Sydney Secondary College Jazz Orchestra. We certainly have some extremely talented music students both in our school and local area!

Our very first beetroot competition attracted some interesting and delicious entries, from beetroot jam to chocolate beetroot cakes and brownies. Ashbury residents obviously love their scones as the scone competition had many entries. The guest judges, local food expert Jo Anne, and Brooke from Excelsior Jones Cafe, tasted and made notes on each entry, and the excited winners were awarded ribbons and prizes. We even had a carrot pulling competition, where children pulled some of the biggest, smallest and strangest looking carrots we’ve ever seen!

A big thank you to all of our parent volunteers, committee members, teachers and musicians who helped make our Spring Jazz in the Garden Festival happen. As always we extend our gratitude to Jason Isaac for his efforts in managing Ashbury’s award winning band program. The funds raised from the event will go toward maintaining the band program and community garden.

*Michelle Favelle*
*President*
*Ashbury Community Garden*

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**2B’s Movie Making**

On Friday I joined a number of 2B’s parents and Mrs Kaye at the World Premiere of 2B’s movies based on the book “Flame Stands Waiting”. What a talented bunch 2B are. Everyone who attended was blown away with their little movies. Mrs Kaye loved them so much that she is going to include them on her library blog. So make sure you do yourself a favour and check out these movies through your students DEC portal, BlogEd, school library. Congratulations 2B.
**World Teacher’s Day**
The Ashbury staff celebrated World Teacher’s Day on Thursday 30th October. We would like to thank the P&C for organising our delicious breakfast supplied by one of our local café’s Excelsior Jones. It was a very important celebration indeed as we had the Canterbury Network Director Mr Rod Leonarder join us for breakfast and present Ms Jenny McLoughlin with her Teaching Certificate. Thank you again to the P&C for recognizing the continuous hard work of the staff at Ashbury PS.

**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](http://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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**2015 ORIENTATION DAY**
On Wednesday the 29th of October the kindies of 2015 arrived at Ashbury Public School with their parents for Orientation day. While they were here the old kindies had to move to their year 6 buddy classes up until recess. While the kindies were in our classroom (6/5S) they read, they went to the community garden and drew pictures of plants and some drew chickens. Some kindies hung out with their buddies and some played with their own friends. Everyone had a great morning. And many new parents and kindies loved the kindy teachers and the kindies may have had the best time of their life.

*By Nicholas B & Julian S 6/5S*
A great way to end the day
There is nothing like ending the day by looking out of the window at the beautiful sight below. Thanks again to Marcelle and her SPLASH team for providing a wonderful learning space for the students. It certainly is well used and loved.

Ashbury P&C
Theme Free Trivia Night
Saturday 15th November
7.00 - 10.30 pm
$20 per person
All games free (no gold coins required)

Return your notes to school ASAP to secure your seats! Enquiries to belindaduke32@hotmail.com

The trivia night is an adults-only event. Come along, have some fun, meet other parents and support the school.

Many local businesses have supported us and donated fabulous prizes for the night.

Up for grabs are prizes from:
Spec Savers Ashfield  Inner West Music College  First Street Pantry Café  Trading Circle Summer Hill
The Creatory  Summer Hill  That Look Hair Design Summer Hill  Scissors Taper Cut Ashfield Mall
Ashfield Eye Care Ashfield Mall  Ling Nan Tan Massage Summer Hill  Essential Beauty & Nails Ashfield
Sydney Symphony  Hair Chair Summer Hill  Sideways Cafe Dulwich Hill  Excelsior Jones Cafe
Pilgrim Café  Leah’s Waxworks Burwood  Saba Hair Croydon  Absolutely Fabulous Beauty Summer Hill
Croydon Tennis Centre  Carina Florist Ashbury  Gleebooks Dulwich Hill  Perfect Beauty and Spa Ashfield
Wendys Ashfield Mall  Kmart Ashfield  One Penny Red Summer Hill  Aunty Ali Home Services
Hennessy Speech and Drama Studio  Pure Gelato  Elizabeth McGirr Ballet School  Sweets Summer Hill
Village Patisserie Summer Hill  The Larder Dulwich Hill  Campos Drug Store  Da Vinci Pizza Summer Hill
Stage Stuff Drama Classes

Students are invited to apply for enrolment in the Stage Stuff drama sessions which will be held again on Saturdays throughout 2015. There are separate classes for Stage 2 (Years Three and Four) and Stage 3 (Years Five and Six.) The Stage 2 class is at 12.30pm and Stage 3 at 2pm. Both classes run for an hour and a quarter. These drama sessions take place in the hall at Ashbury Public School.

Students participate in drama games, improvisation, voice work and an end-of-year production which brings all aspects of the work together.

I have taught drama within the curriculum at Ashbury Public School and continue to work for Yeo Park Infants School in drama and storytelling. I am a professional actor and I do commercial voice work. The Saturday Stage Stuff sessions have been running for two years.

The fee for these sessions is $20 per class payable in a lump sum sometime in the term. The 2015 sessions will start in the first term.

My classes are small and vacancies are limited. Please contact me at davidbaldwin@aapt.net.au Let me know your child’s name, current class at Ashbury, mobile and email details.

David Baldwin

Pennant winners:

Grace KR
Kylani 3M
Alexis 4J
Christina 2B
Joshua 3M
Leah 1W
Taj 1W
Oscar KR

Achilles 1X
Leon 2/1F
Julian 6/5S
Lola 2M
Lola 6/5L
James 1W
Michael 6/5L

CONGRATULATIONS!

Notes Sent Home
This Fortnight:

- Celebration Sing Out – Choir
- Musicale
- Trivia Night

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

Community Group Advertisements

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## Supporting Your Young Persons’ Mental Health

Rotary Club of Rockdale invites Parents of Adolescents, Teachers, Counsellors & GPs to attend an information session around Mental Health.

**DATE**
THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER

**TIME**
6.30 - 8.30pm

**VENUE**
TORWOOD LOUNGE

**ADDRESS**
247 ROCKY POINT RD, SANS SOUCI

**GUEST**
PETER SLATTERY

**RSVP**
(02) 9580 8700

### About our guest - Therapist Peter Slattery

Peter has worked with young people and families for 30 years. He has worked in Australia, Asia, Europe and North America. He is passionate about developing new, exciting and ever more useful ways of helping people explore what troubles or inspires them. Peter has published a number of resources including “Youth Works and Thoughtpics”.

Refreshments will be provided on the night. Please RSVP for catering purposes.
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