Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who turned up to the Trivia Night. It was a great night. As we all know these nights just don’t happen so a very BIG THANK YOU to Belinda and Catherine for all their hard work, to Evan our quiz master, thanks for a great variety of questions and finally thank you to all the amazing local companies who donated prizes and to everyone for participating.

As we are all aware Ashbury is a very busy place and will continue to be until the end of the year. Thursday we have the musicale at CHPRSL, which is always an incredible night of sheer talent and hard work.

It is that time of the year when we go through the very important process of electing our school officers for 2015. Students in Year 5 have already started the process by being nominated. Monday 24th November we will be holding election speeches in the hall at 1:30pm. All students and staff will then vote on Thursday 27th November. I would like to wish all our candidates the best of luck.

A reminder to all students who bring a mobile phone to school, please take them to office in the morning and collect them on your way home. It is important that all phones are in a safe place. A general reminder to parents and students that cyber bullying does regularly occur in society and is in no way accepted. It is also important to know, be aware and understand the sites that your child is visiting and that primary students should not be accessing social media. Parents need to be vigilant at monitoring the student’s involvement with social media.

For further information regarding cyber bullying click on the link below:

Thank you to everyone who has already taken the time to complete the school survey. If you have not had the opportunity to do so, could you please click on the link and complete the survey by Friday 28th November. We appreciate your support in participating in the survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/apsparents2014

Dates for your diary

Term 4

Thurs 20 Nov - Musicale
Mon 24 Nov - School Officers speeches
Tues 25 Nov - White Ribbon Day
- Yr 2 Band Info night
Thurs 27 Nov - School Captain Elections
Fri 28 Nov - Market Stall
Sat 29 Nov - Community Garden Working Bee
Tues 2 Dec - Thank you morning tea
- 7-8 pm Ashbury 3 Year Plan meeting
Fri 5 Dec - Reports to go home
Thurs 11 Dec - Presentation Day / Yr 6 Farewell
Fri 12 Dec - Infants / Primary Picnic Day
Sun 7 Dec - St Matt’s Christmas Carols
Wed 17 Dec - Last Day 😊
It is always wonderful to hear our bands perform for us at our school assemblies. Last Tuesday we had the pleasure of hearing the Intermediate Band play and tomorrow our Training Band will be entertaining us. If you are free please join us in the hall from 2:20pm.

*Dee Stephenson
Relieving Principal*

**Celebration Sing Out!**

Last weekend, the Ashbury All Stars Senior Choir participated along with hundreds of other primary, high school and community choir members in the Celebration Sing Out! The concert was held in the Sydney Town Hall and included performances by an orchestra and other talented musicians. Students should be commended on their excellent singing and behaviour during the combined rehearsals and performance. Thanks to Mrs McInerney for helping with supervision, as well as parents and students for their support and involvement. The concert was held for an important cause, as ticket sales have raised funds for the Music Therapy Unit at Westmead Children’s Hospital. The Ashbury All Stars are now looking forward to performing at Musicale!

**Remembrance Day Service**

On the 11th day of the 11th month at 11am Ashbury PS paused to remember this very special day. The school officers led the short Remembrance Day ceremony with distinction. This allows us all the time to understand, reflect and remember why it is important to stop and remember certain events in our proud history.
Poetry by 6/5S

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is the day the war
Ended.
Many of us fought for peace.
Eleventh of the eleventh at eleven o'clock.
Memories of the ones that fought for us and died.
Brave men that never came home are
Remembered.
Always in our hearts.
Nephews, uncles, fathers and sons.
Comrades in the battle fields.
Ever after we are grateful.
Defending our country
Australia.
Yes, we will never forget.

By Riley

Remembrance Day is a very important day.
Everyone pauses for a minute’s silence.
Many people died.
End ed on the 11th month on the 11th day at 11 o'clock.
Most people were affected by the war.
Brave people got medals for various things.
Red poppies bloomed on the battlefields.
Armistice Day was its former name.
No choice about if you were to go.
Clueless about what it would be like.
Everybody thought it was a terrible tragedy.
Deaths were frequent.
A lot of people lost their lives.
Young innocent people died.

By Zoe

Remember who died fighting in the war for us
Eleventh day of the eleventh month at eleven am
Many who fought for our country
Ended lives
Memories
Brave
Respect
Armies died
No choice to go
Courage
Explosions
Death has been caused
Australians died
Young and innocent died

By Essence
Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards

Congratulations to Ivy in 1W who was Ashbury PS recipient of this year’s Deadly Kids Doing Well Award. Ivy received her award at the University of Technology last Friday.

Ashbury School Plan – Special Meeting

Dear Parents and Community members,

We are currently working on planning for the next three year cycle i.e 2015-2017. The voice of the entire Ashbury Public School community, students, teachers and parents, should be represented in this plan. With a common goal we can take Ashbury PS from fantastic to amazing.

I would like to invite everyone to attend a special meeting on Tuesday 5th December at 7pm in the school hall, so they can have a voice. Your thoughts and ideas are valued. The goal is for everyone to be represented in this plan and to thus have buy-in to the common goals.

To be part of this initial consultation all you need to do is follow 2 simple steps before the meeting:

Step 1: watch the following short videos:

Ken Robinson – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDZFcDGpL4U
AITSL - AITSL - http://youtu.be/nA1Aqp0sPQo

Step 2: Answer these questions and be prepared to write them down at the meeting OR if you can’t attend the meeting, email or send your response back to school:

–What sort of school do we want Ashbury to be?
–What sort of students do we want to produce?
–What do we want our students to experience?
–What do you want your child to have in their backpack when they leave Ashbury Public School?

The data we collect will help us prepare our three year plan. Data will be collated and a draft vision sent out for comment, after which strategic directions and the school plan will be developed.

Regards,
Dee Stephenson
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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Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be CLOSED on Thursday 27 November for our end of year stocktake. There will be no sales on this day.

Stage 3 Camp Highlights

Giant Swing – Great Aussie Bush Camp

We’re walking towards the Giant Swing. From here it doesn’t look scary or high. Actually now we are sitting down and Seb is talking about comfort zones it looks really high, actually 17 metres high. Okay I really have to listen now; he is talking about how to put the harness on. This looks so confusing.

I’m getting more nervous now. It’s nearly my go for the Giant Swing.
I seriously don’t know how to put this harness on, it’s very difficult. The straps won’t tighten! Okay I have it all figured out now. Alright now I need a helmet. This helmet is too tight, I need to loosen it.
Now I’m getting strapped onto the giant swing. I’m so scared, it’s really high now. Lola and Amina are going on with me. They’re really scared too. Amina’s getting on first. I’m going on now too.
“Ouch”, Wow I just got the biggest wedgy. Okay now Lola’s on we can go up.
Everyone is pulling the rope to make us go higher. They’re running really fast so we are going higher quickly. OMG this is so high! Lola and I are screaming and Amina is just laughing her head off.
Wow we are nearly to the top of the Giant Swing. OMG I’m so scared! Amina’s just about to pull the rope. This is the scariest thing ever!
“Ahhhhh Ahhhhhhh” I can’t stop screaming this is so scary but so fun. Now that we are getting lower it’s not scary anymore.
I can’t wait to get off! Wow that was so fun I really want to do that again!

By Nell
Canoeing

It was hot and sticky,
We felt sweaty and icky.
We learnt some tips,
And they say don't slip.
Then we are pushed in,
Our group hopes we can swim.
My friends capsized straight away,
Everyone laughs and says "No way!"
We start to swim,
And get back in.
That was funny,
We looked like dummies.
Team #SWEG had fun.
We swam till our legs were numb.
Played some games,
And called out names.
It was just the best day!

By Samantha

Lost Island

Mud, sweat and more mud. Lost Island was a horrific but extremely exciting experience.

Lost Island was truly a great experience. A muddy obstacle course. What could have been better? (Well anything would have been better to clean!). It was so fun until we took a whiff of the mud mixed with duck faeces.

The camp instructor and Mrs D’Arrigo were making fun of how bad we smelt and looked. Our clothes became so muddy!

I kind of hope I can do Lost Island.

By Geoffrey

Canoeing

Brendan, Miles and I were all in the same canoe we went in and were going well until we tipped upside down three times. One time Brendan was getting in the boat and it tipped upside down.

The Giant Swing

This harness is going to give me a wedgie. We’re going up so high Brendan has a wedgie and is in pain from the wedgie. He wants to stop going up because of the wedgie. We stopped 3 quarters of the way up and Brendan pulled the rope and we went flying down to the ground.

By Carlo

Thank You Morning Tea

To show our appreciation for all the help that is voluntarily given to our school throughout the year, we are holding a Thank You Morning Tea at 10.35am on Tuesday 2nd December. An invitation was sent home to all families today. We hope that you can join us. Please phone the school on 9798 4509 to let us know for catering purposes.
P&C Trivia Night
The trivia night held on Saturday was a great success. Money was raised to help enhance our children's education and it was a fun social event. It allowed parents to meet other parents and gave us an opportunity to mix with teachers. Thank you to everyone who came along. It was wonderful to see so many teachers support the event and take away prizes.

Special thanks need to go to Catherine Walsh who organised the amazing prizes and Evan Shapiro our quiz master. The success of the night can be attributed to the hard work of these parents.

Many local businesses supported us and donated fabulous prizes. Please support these businesses in return any opportunity you get.

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Sweets Summer Hill
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Drug Store Summer Hill

Primary Ethics at Ashbury
Did you know that we run Ethics classes at Ashbury during Scripture time?
The classes are run by volunteers who have undergone a 2 day training course with Primary Ethics. We currently have classes for Stages 1, 2 and 3 running on Tuesday mornings.
The classes are able to be offered at Ashbury because we have parents who give up their time but, we are always looking for more volunteers to take classes every week or to be available to fill in if the usual teacher is away.
If you would like to know more about Ethics classes at Ashbury for your child, or you think you might be interested in becoming a teacher, please contact the co-ordinator, Fiona Muirhead, or you can express your interest directly with Primary Ethics on their website – www.primaryethics.com.au
Fiona can be found in the playground on Mondays and Wednesdays or send an email to Fiona.drew@iinet.net.au
Breaking the Silence

Ashbury continues to work on building partnerships between homes, school and communities to address respectful relationships.

Students have once again written poetry around the topic of respectful relationships. This year their work was selected and showcased in the Sydney Town Hall as part of the ‘Come Together ‘Celebration of excellence.

Congratulations to Finlae, Rosie, Alex, May, Anicka, Nell, Cara, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Mira, Malena, Zoe and Grace for your outstanding poems.

As part of White Ribbon Day 2014 on Tuesday 25th November we are asking students to wear black and white as part of our ongoing work to build respectful relationships and asking students to not stay silent.

Diwali

On Wednesday 5th November, Carl, Joe, Oliver, Sophie, Katy and Rose went with Mr Newmarch to Parliament House to celebrate the Indian Diwali Festival of Lights. We travelled by train from Ashfield to St James and walked up to Parliament House. When we entered Parliament House our bags went through the scanner to check we hadn’t got any nuclear weapons. (unlikely). We got changed into the Indian costumes that Mala brought for us. We had a practice of our performance on the stage and then we waited a long, long time. When we FINALLY started, we started with an Indian poem called ‘Deep Jalaoo’ followed by a stick dance. The Premier, Mr Baird and the Minister for Citizenship and Community, Mr Dominello were in the audience along with many important people from the Indian community. When we finished, the ceremony kept going, but we had to get changed into our school uniform. Then our parents picked us up and took us home.
Pennant winners:

- Zoe 4M
- Julian 4J
- Tia 4M
- Georgia 2/1F
- Samantha 6/5D
- Annabel 4J
- Arieal 4/3H
- Nina 4/3H
- Olivia 2M
- Yvelyn 2M
- Jada KR
- Elena KR
- Annika KR
- Jacob KR
- Alisha KR

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Notes Sent Home This Fortnight:**

- Musicale Tickets
- Musicale Rehearsals
- P&C Budget Meeting
- End of Year Scripture Service
- Chess Championship

*If you missed any of these notes please call in to the office for a copy*
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Tickets will be given to your child Wednesday 19th November.

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Sara Cotsios has facilitated and collated the overall design. The winner will
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CHILDS NAME:...................................................................................... CLASS:.............

Please return order form and cheque/money order payable to to Ashbury School Band to your class teacher by TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER.
This tournament will be held on **Tuesday 9th December from 8:30am - 1:00pm.**

To enrol, please tick the boxes below

Please note that information about products for sale is provided for your information only. Tick any optional purchase you wish to make.

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**Chess Championship Entry Fee:** $15

**[Tuesday 9th December 8:30am - 1:00pm]**

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The tournament will be run as a Swiss, with approximately 7 games. This means that all children play in all the rounds and no one is knocked out.

There will be **trophies** awarded for the highest 3 scorers, **medals** presented as age prizes, as well as a perpetual trophy for the school with the name of each year’s winner engraved on it. Each child playing will also receive a participation certificate. There will also be encouragement awards, depending on the number of entries.

To enrol, please fill in this form and return it with payment to the **school office** by **Friday 5th December**. Cheques are to be made payable to **Ashbury Public School**.

Please place your form and payment together in a sealed envelope, with your child’s name and class written clearly on the front.

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**Student’s Name:** ___________________________      **Date of Birth:** ____ / ____ / ____

**Class:** ________      **Parent’s Name:** ______

_________      **Contact Numbers:** (Home) ___________ (Work) ___________

_________ (Mobile) __________ Email: __________

**Relevant medical conditions / allergies:** ____________________________

**Signed:** ___________________________      **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

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Tuesday 28 October 2014

Ms Stephenson
Ashbury
Trevenar St, Ashbury NSW 2193

Dear Ms Stephenson

I would like to congratulate and thank the students from Ashbury Public School for their participation in Primary Play Day 2014. The outstanding performance and exemplary behaviour displayed by students for both the Primary Play Day Workshop and Performance is a credit to your staff and school.

The Primary Play Day performance was a most enjoyable day with students sharing their play built performance pieces with other schools. It was also a great opportunity for teachers to network and build upon their own drama skills and knowledge.

I would also like to take this opportunity to personally acknowledge and thank Mrs Paula Horton & Mrs O Brien, Jenny McLoughlin and Stefanie Mc Keever & Miss Mignacca for their commitment to Primary Play Day 2014. The success of the Primary Play Day Program relies on the dedication and support of teachers from within our schools, who contribute to providing rewarding creative arts opportunities for students.

I would also like to thank you for your support of Primary Play Day and I look forward to your continued support of NSW Public Schools Creative Arts programs.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Michelle Stephens
Primary Play Day Coordinator
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