Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended Presentation Day. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers, grandparents and ex-students. Congratulations to all the students who were recognised for their efforts this year. A special thank you to CHPRSCL for the use of their facilities, their staff and for the refreshments. Once again Ashbury PS did itself proud, we are a remarkable school.

Congratulations to our outgoing school officers who have led the school commendably this year - Jaslyn, Michael, Lola, Nicholas, Nell, Ned, Yuki and Luca. I am proud to announce that the following students will be our leaders for 2015 - School Captains- Finlæ & Brendan, Vice Captains – Sofia & Riley, School Officers – Samantha & Ethan, Talia & Miles. I know that we are in for another outstanding year of leadership next year.

The Year 6 Farewell was another wonderful occasion where we reminisce with our year 6 students, parents and staff. It was great to see all the students enjoying their final formal occasion together. I would like to thank Mrs D’Arrigo, Mr Lesslie and Mrs Strong for all their hard work in organising such a great night.

Our final assembly and farewell tunnel will take place on Wednesday 17th December at 2:20pm in the hall. Please join us as we farewell the class of 2014.

As the year draws to a close I would like to personally thank everyone who has supported Ashbury PS. It certainly makes leading the school a wonderful experience. To Mrs Strong congratulations on your permanent appointment to Enfield PS. Thank you for everything that you have done at Ashbury PS. Our loss is their gain.

Finally on behalf of my staff I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season. Stay safe, enjoy spending time with your loved ones and we will see you all again in 2015. Please check “Dates for your Diary” for when school resumes.

Dee Stephenson
Relieving Principal
**Canterbury Boys High School Visit**

On Tuesday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of December year 4 and 5 boys went to Canterbury Boys’ High School. The boys had lots of fun participating in many activities such as Science, Music, Maths, Sports and Technology. The boys got split into 2 groups, one for year 5 and one for year 4. One of the many exciting activities was science. There was a wide range of thrilling activities. Many of the experiments gave the boys better knowledge of the world of science.

Another activity included garage band and a live performance given by the talented boys of Canterbury Boys’. We learnt how to use garage band and got to try out many instruments.

The boys were also privileged to try a new learning technique combining Sports and Maths together. The boys have never had that much fun doing maths.

The year 4 boys group sadly did not get to do Music but instead did the exciting area of technology. In Technology the year 4s went on the computers and went on a website called Sploder, on the website there was a game called ‘make your own game’. You can solve puzzles, go on an adventure and defeat monsters. There were lots of fun games you could make. All of the year 4s had loads of fun in the technology session.

Overall the boys had a fabulous time and learned many new exciting skills.

*By Miles and Brendan*

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**Ashbury Junior Choir**

**A big hit once again at the Bethel Nursing Home!**

The members of the Junior Choir sang for the residents of the Bethel Nursing Home last Wednesday, entertaining the audience with some of their 2014 repertoire and some Christmas carols thrown in for some good cheer.

Some of the songs they sang included; *We wish you a Merry Christmas, Christmas Conga, Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Why Walk when you can Fly, Why we Sing, Touch the Morning, and Happy Wanderer.*

Even though it was a very hot day, the children were in very good spirits and kept happy smiles on their dials for the duration of the concert. Afterwards, they enjoyed a very well deserved cold juice before returning back to school at recess.

Congratulations to the Junior Choir, who have visited the Nursing Home twice this year, and also shone brilliantly at their recent performance at the 2014 Musicale.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers for delivering your children to school early every Tuesday morning in order to attend choir rehearsals.

Also, a very big thank you to the parent helpers who have assisted this year with different things, and to Gianna (David’s mum), Jonathon (Poppy’s Dad), Paul (Ruby’s Dad), Michael (Eshana’s Grandad), Thy (James’s mum), and Melanie (Lola’s mum) for assisting with walking to the Nursing Home and then back to school for our most recent visit.

Most importantly, thank you to the enthusiastic and passionate choristers. It’s a real privilege to have the opportunity to make music with you guys, and I’m looking forward to singing some more great songs with you next year!

Best wishes to all for a peaceful, happy and safe holiday season. 😊

*Debbie Saville - Junior Choir / Infants Teacher*
Ashbury Public School Chess Tournament 2014

Last week, the Sydney Academy of Chess ran our annual Chess Tournament in the school library. It was a closely fought competition, needing a countback to split some players who finished on even points. The champion player for 2014 was Sanjeet and the list of trophy and medal winners is listed below:

1st place trophy - Sanjeet P.
2nd place trophy - Sree K.
3rd place trophy - Alexandra K.

Medals for:
Best girl player - Katherine M.
Best Year 6 player - Michael G.
Best Year 4 player - Sebastian S.
Best Year 3 player - Finn W.
Best Year 2 player - Rufus H.
Best Year 1 player - Nathan C.

Well done everyone for participating and congratulations to this year’s winners.

Uniform Shop Opening Times 2015

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday afternoons at 3pm each week throughout 2015; however for the first week back at school the shop will be open for some additional times as follows:

Wednesday 28th January 12pm to 1pm
Thursday 29th January 9.30am to 10.30am
Friday 30th January 9.30am to 10.30am

Ashbury Drama On Saturday in 2015!

Places are still available for students who would like to do weekend drama classes in the hall at Ashbury Public School next year.

My Stage Stuff classes are held on Saturday afternoons. They are open to students in years 3 to 6. Classes are small and are divided into Stage 2 and Stage 3.

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.

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:
Scarlett 2/1F  Yuki 6/5S
Ruby 4J     Fern 1W
Jordan 1W   William 1W
Edward 1W   Asha KR
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Frances 4/3H Riley 1W
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