Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a happy and restful break.

I would like to welcome our two new staff members to the Ashbury Community, Ms Jenny McLoughlin who will be teaching 4J and Mr Graham Newmarch who will be teaching 3N. Both teachers bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our school. I know everyone will make them feel very welcome.

Term 2 is a 9 week term and traditionally a very busy term. With winter PSSA starting, NAPLAN, cross country, walkathon, reports and interviews. We begin the term with the Cross Country Carnival on Wednesday 7 May at Peace Park at 11am for our year 2-6 students. If you are able to assist with the carnival please contact Mrs D’Arrigo. It is always wonderful to have parents support the students and help out in any way.

Our staff had a very productive Staff Development Day. They were in-serviced on the changes to the student reports. The school reports have been adjusted to meet the criteria of the new English and Mathematics syllabus. Staff worked in their minor committee teams reviewing and adjusting scope and sequences, budgets and equipment to meet the ongoing changes of all the Key Learning Areas. As new syllabuses are being introduced it is important that we keep up with all changes. An excellent and useful website for all parents is www.schoolatoz.com
ANZAC Day Ceremony
Thank you to everyone who attended the school’s ANZAC Day Ceremony in the hall. Our school officers proudly led the ceremony which allowed all of us the opportunity to reflect on what our ancestors did in order to allow us to have the freedom we have today. After the ceremony I took our school captains Jaslyn and Michael to Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL to lay the school wreath.

Highlights of our school service

ANZAC Day artwork by 6/5D

School Captains, Michael and Jaslyn, laying the wreath at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL
NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted for all Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students commencing the 13th May. The skills that are examined are reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. All tests are administered in the years 3 and 5 classrooms and the students are supervised and supported by their class teachers. Please ensure that your child is at school on time for these tests. Any questions please contact your child’s teacher or one of the executive teachers.

Tuesday 13th May - language convention and writing tests
Wednesday 14th May - reading test
Thursday 15th May – mathematics test

Class Requirements money overdue
There are several families who have not yet paid their class requirements money. A reminder note was given last week to those who still owed. This money is important so that students can have access to the many requirements for school. Depending on the stage of your child it pays for Mathletics, gymnastics, exercise books, school magazines, etc. We appreciate your quick response.

Gymnastics Classes
The gymnastic program has begun and by all accounts the students are already having a great time. If you have not paid for this program through the class requirements payment, please do so as soon as possible.

Opportunity Class Placement - Year 4
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16th May 2014. They will need to apply online by going to this website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement or collect a printed application form the school. Applications open on Monday 28th April. Late applications will not be accepted.

Around the School
Our new security fence is nearly completed. We are expecting the fence between the school and the church to be completed in the next two weeks. Once again I ask all students and parents to please not enter the school buildings before or after school if a teacher is not present. Unfortunately there has been an increase in teacher items going missing and equipment being used or moved around without permission. If you are attending music lessons please ensure stands and chairs are returned to the correct place. Please respect the school and the school property.

Peer Support Update
In the next few weeks in Peer Support the students will be learning about the concept of perseverance and the importance of setting and achieving goals. They will also be practising working cooperatively and understanding that it is not always easy to wait your turn and listen to others. Both these concepts are important. Please take the time to talk about perseverance and working together with others.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Online entries are now available for students wishing to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014. Each week between now and 22nd August, students are encouraged to borrow at least one book from our extensive selection on the special lists compiled for the Reading Challenge. Students can also use books from other libraries, or their own collections at home. The easiest way for students to participate is to log on through their Kidspace portal https://portal.det.nsw.edu.au/ and go to the Premier’s Reading Challenge through the “Learning” tab. Click on the link “Student reading records” and enter titles into the form using either the title or the PRC number (it may be written inside the cover of the book). Alternatively, the Challenge can be accessed directly through https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html Students will still need to log on with user name and password. If you have any problems, see Mrs Kaye in the Library.

Scripture
There will be no Scripture classes next week due to the NAPLAN testing.
Congratulations to Peter Kaye

Mr Peter Kaye, husband of our Teacher Librarian, Mrs Kaye, was recognised this year in the Australia Day Honours. Mr Kaye, who is Managing Director of Consultgroup and CEO of The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award in Australia, has worked tirelessly over many years to benefit young people and communities.

Mr Kaye was made a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for exceptional service to youth, and to the community. His award was particularly recognising his substantial volunteer work in Australia and Internationally for the Duke of Edinburgh’s Awards, including serving as a Chair or Board member on a range of governance bodies; his volunteer emergency work for over 38 years, including leadership roles during numerous major disasters and incidents; his work in promoting SIDS and stillbirth education, research and counselling services as Chair of SIDSandKids NSW and Victoria; his extensive work in establishing microfinance institutions and credit unions in 11 South Pacific countries and his service to public education through leadership roles of Parent and Citizen Associations and School Councils. Mr Kaye was President of the P&C at Ashbury PS from 1992 – 2002 and served as Chair of the inaugural School Council for several years.

He was also named “2014 Citizen of the Year” in his local community of Ashfield for his involvement in the establishment and ongoing commitment to the local State Emergency Service Unit, including over 30 years as the Local Controller and other local charitable, educational and environmental pursuits in the local area.

On the 1st May Mr Kaye, accompanied by Mrs Kaye and their family, attended the investiture ceremony at Government House where Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Marie Bashir AC CVO invested Peter as a Member of The Order of Australia.

ICAS TEST ENTRIES

Entries were accepted for these tests last term. If you missed the closing date, Mrs Kaye is finalising entries for Science, Spelling, Writing, Maths and English this week. The school office will accept entries until Thursday 8th May. No Computer Skills entries can be accepted. There is an entry note available at the office, if required.

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ALL TESTS WILL BE HELD BEFORE SCHOOL
(approximately 7:30 – 9:00, actual times will be confirmed later)

STAGE 2 RECORDER LESSONS

A reminder that during this term, all students in Years 3 and 4 will be playing the recorder as part of their CAPA music lesson. Students need to bring in their own recorder for the duration of the term, clearly labelled with their name. If you are unable to provide a recorder please advise the class teacher so that one can be arranged for your child.
Wonderful writing by 4M

FOX

Fox’s tail is an orange ginger colour on his body. He has a smooth, long and chunky tail. It is dense, solid and bushy. Fox’s ears are sharp, dirty, messy and white. His ears are on top of his head. He also has small, pointy and thin ears. He has dark outlined ears.

Fox’s coat is dirty and red. It is soft, smooth, silky and fluffy. His coat is on his skinny body. Fox’s teeth are sharp, pointy, small and shiny in his big mouth. He has white, squared and hard teeth. His eyes are beaming, shiny, haunted and scary. They are golden green and are oval shaped. He has an evil death stare. His eyes are inside his eye sockets. His claws are sharp and pointy. They are white, hard and spear shaped and on his paws.

By Elliot, Lachlan, Sione and Holly

FOX

Fox’s eyes are black and yellow and eerie in his puffy face. Glaring his death stare he stares at Magpie. With his haunted, grim and hollow eyes he stares into blackness.

His flaming, red coat on his wide back is burnt like a bush fire. It’s bushy and thick.

Fox’s ears are large, wide and thick. His ears are red, like burnt ash. His personality is as mean as an angry bull, fearless and full of hatred. He is deceiving, sneaky, demanding.

His tail is like a flickering, spreading flame. Fox’s tail is a flaming, red, orange and silky, it’s long and bushy, his savage tail, it can curl around its self so fox can be warm.

Fox brings Magpie into the strange, lonely, abandoned, hot desert and leaves her there. Fox dashes swiftly pass the dead trees like lightning and watches Magpie on top of Dog.

He kept on asking magpie to come with him to abandon her at the lonely desert.

By Elijah

Pennant winners:
Carlo 6/5D  
Annabel 4/3M  
Rose W 3M  
Jet 4M  
Sofia 1W  
Sophia 4M  
Sebastian 4M  
Elliot 4M

CONGRATULATIONS!

Notes Sent Home
This Fortnight:

- Cross Country
- Mother’s Day Stall
- Yr 5 2015 OC Tests
- Term 2 Recorder Fees
- FOIM - Recorder
- ICAS Test Dates
- P&C Family Donation Appeal Reminder

If you missed out on any of these notes they are available on our website.
Uniform Shop Volunteers - urgently required!

We are currently looking for a few more volunteers to help us out at the School Uniform Shop on a Thursday afternoon from 3pm - 3.30pm. You would be rostered on for two afternoons per term, on dates that are suitable to you, with other friendly parents/carers. This is a great way to meet new people and assist in providing an essential service for our children. If you are able to help, please contact Louise on 0410 309 699.

The Uniform Shop will be closed for Stocktake on Thursday 12 June 2014. No sales or orders will be processed on this date.

For Sale

7 piece Mapex Drum Kit with 20" Ziljian K Ride cymbal and Ziljian Hi Hat.

Almost new. Price $1 250.00 (pick up only)

Contact Veena on 0408 674 479
Tuning Notes
Ashbury Public School Band Newsletter

a quote by
Antonio Vivaldi....

Keep up to Date
Dear all, welcome to the first Tuning Notes for term 2! Was great to see so many willing volunteers at the recent AGM. Thanks to all those generous parents willing to share their time and expertise to ensure the ongoing existence of our great band program. A full list of position holders is included below. For minutes of the last band meeting, or to download any lost forms, please to our website www.ashbury-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/band

Office Bearers for the 2014 Band Committee
Congratulations, and thanks to the following people who have agreed to take on varying positions to enable the continuation of our band program. I believe we are very fortunate to have access to a parent body of such diversely talented, and competent people. Position holders are as follows:
Chairperson: Jodie Goldney
Assistant Chair: Ariane Blanch
Secretary (shared role): Karin Austin, and Lynne Bilston
Treasurer: Maria Vidal
Assistant Treasurer: Mike Cullen
Band camp coordinators: Sally Layson and Kirsten McCombie
Resources Coordinator: Louisa de Ferranti
Instrument moving coordinator: Louisa de Ferranti
Band Parent Liaison and Registrar: Madalen Rozsa
Video/editing expert: Michael Eckert
Band Website coordinator 1: Maria Vidal
Band Website coordinator 2: Ariane Blanch
Training Band coordinator: Emily Q
Intermediate Band coordinator: Michelle Otaegui
Concert Band coordinator: Louisa De Ferranti
Jazz Band Coordinator: Ariane Blanch
Bunnings BBQ coordinator: Caroline Pye

If you have any queries regarding all things band, please direct those to the person responsible, as outlined prior.

Special Thanks to the band camp volunteers

The high point of the term 1 band program was arguably the band camp. Thanks to all of the parents who contributed to the success of this venture. I have to say, I think that thanks needs to be extended to every band family, as people were so generous, and efficient in helping load and unload
instruments, and get them back to school safely, in amongst some very unhelpful weather conditions. At a personal level, I found this pragmatic generosity—well it’s just great! So thanks to everyone for your involvement, and participation, and enthusiasm. Of course a very special thanks is once again due to Kate O’Sullivan for your excellent organisation of this event. And welcome to Sally Layson and Kirsten McCombie who have agreed to take on the challenge of facilitating this event for 2015. Thanks too, to our great teaching staff, including Grace Kaye, Angela McInerney and Roxanne Kapruziak. Thanks to all of the music teaching staff for helping to enthuse our kids, and facilitate the ongoing development of their musical skill-sets. Last, and definitely not least, thanks to Jason Isaacs for producing another set of skin-tingling performances. We are very fortunate to have access to your musical steel.

Special thanks to Jo Cory
I would also like to include a very special thanks to our highly competent, gracious, and unflusterable P +C treasurer, Jo Cory, who stepped in to make some band camp payments, whilst our own treasurer was overseas.

Special thanks to Louisa De Ferranti
Special thanks to Louisa for coordinating the recent Concert band workshop. The kids all had a great time! A particularly impressive feat as it meant returning to school one day early =D.
STATE MUSIC CAMP

State music camp applications are open for 2014. This musical experience targets students from year 5 upwards. The junior music camp (years 5-8) will be held from 13-15 July, 2014, at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen. (Office of Communities, Sport & Recreation). If your child is interested in attending, please refer to the Arts Unit website https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-camps/state-music-camps.

HOUSEKEEPING:

Please note that if your child is unable to attend their music (instrumental) lesson, then you need to contact their instrument teacher directly you do not need to advise the school. If your child is unable to attend a band or ensemble rehearsal, then you need to contact the school to advise them, and they will pass the message on to Mr Isaacs. This is especially important for children in bands immediately after school.

REMINDER RE. PARENTAL SUPERVISION

A special reminder that as part of the band program, and in keeping with duty of care requirements by the DEC for activities occurring on their lands, a parent, or responsible adult is required to be in attendance at all student’s instrumental lessons.

PUNCTUALITY

Please respect our volunteers who give up their time to supervise band rehearsal by being punctual in collecting
SUBSCRIBE TO THE BAND CALENDAR
Wanting help to stay organised around band dates? Why not subscribe to our calendar. Please go to http://www.google.com/calendar/ical/admin%40ashburyband.org/public/basic.ics for full details.

Funding Submissions Update:
The band committee have recently submitted a funding submission to both the Ashbury and Canterbury arms of the Clubs and Pubs 2014 funding round. The submissions were for the amount of $6802.00, and seeking funding for a portable speaker/microphone system to enhance the band program. If you would like to view a copy of these applications, please contact Jodie on jgoldn01@gmail.com.

WHO TO CONTACT:
Parent liaison: Magdalen contact@ashburyband.org
Training Band: Emily emily@masimedia.com
Intermediate band: Michelle miox@@hotmail.com
Concert Band: Louisa louisa1001@yahoo.com
Jazz Band: Ariane ariane@g2enhance.com
Treasurer: Maria treasurer@ashburyband.org
Chairperson: Jodie jgoldn01@gmail.com
Please remember that all of these people are volunteers, so please be respectful of their time, and generosity in taking on these roles. As first point of call, please refer to our website for any information regarding forms, rehearsal times etc.

**The next committee meeting**

If you are free, would be great to see you at our upcoming committee meeting, Monday 12th May, 7:00 in the school staff room. Agenda items for that meeting include: privacy; back-up payment processes; instrument hire; Splash; Winter warmers dates; and Showcase.

**Dates for your Diary....**

- **Committee meeting**: Monday 12th May, 7:00 in the staff room
- **Jazz band workshop**: Monday 14 July, 9:00-3:00, APS, details TBA
- **Band Festival**: (all bands) Saturday 26th July-Sunday 27th July. Details TBA.
- **Showcase**: Tuesday 29th July: Details TBA
- **Jazz in the Garden**: Sunday 26th October, details TBA.

**Band Timetable**

- Monday 7:15-9:00 Intermediate Band
- Monday 3:05-4:15 Jazz Band
- Tuesday 3:00-4:15 Percussion Ensemble
- Tuesday 4:20-6:00 Concert Band
- Thursday 4:50-6:00 Training Band
Term 2 Art Classes
Held by Ashbury mum, Sara Cotsios
Bachelor of Design, UTS

earth made art

Exploring materials from our natural environment

Monday (stage 1) art class
3.05 - 3.50pm
Wednesday (stage 2) art class
3.05 - 3.50pm
Thursday (stage 1 and stage 2)
3.05 - 4.05

$20 per class, art materials included
to book, email sara.cotsios@internode.on.net
Magdalen is pleased to announce that she will be available to provide on-site speech pathology services for students attending Ashbury Public School.

Students will be seen during Thursday morning sessions, and withdrawn from class for an individual 30 minute speech therapy session.

**Available Speech Pathology Services**

- speech therapy services for children between kindergarten and year 6
- screening and assessment of a child’s speech, language and early literacy skills
- individual therapy
- consultation with parents and teaching staff
- advice, assessment and assistance if you have concerns about your child’s receptive and language skills, articulation, stuttering, voice, early literacy, and social skills.

**About Magdalen**

Magdalen has over twenty years of speech pathology experience, working with children with communication impairment, and has worked at Royal North Shore Hospital, Canberra Hospital, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, and in private practice. Magdalen is a practicing member of the Speech Pathology Association of Australia. She is committed to providing all her clients with the highest quality and care.

**For further information, enquire about fees for speech pathology services, or to make a referral please contact Magdalen:**

Mobile: 0414 681461 Email: magdalenrozsa@gmail.com