Dear Parents and Carers,

Safety around our school especially on the roads is a major concern for us all. During the past 2 weeks a number of students attending schools across Sydney have been involved in a number of accidents. Thankfully, none of them fatal. Once again I ask everyone to pay careful attention when they are dropping off or collecting their child, always use the crossings provided, hold your child’s hand when crossing the road and talk about road safety. Life is precious and we need to remember this. Slow down and take the time to check to ensure the area around the school is safe before leaving the school. I also ask you to remember our community and not park across our neighbour’s driveways or use the school driveway.

We have an incredible amount of lost property outside Mrs Mitchell’s classroom. If your child has lost an item of clothing, a lunch box or a drink bottle there is a good chance that it could be there. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child’s name and class.

The visitor pass or VPass system is now operating in the school. This means all visitors and contractors to our school must go to the office area first before entering any of the classrooms or grounds. You are required to sign in and wear a VPass badge whilst on school grounds. Please make sure that you sign out before leaving the school and return the badge. Thank you to all our parents who have already started using the system. It is a WH&S requirement that we know who is in our school at all times.

Finally we are having a blitz on our students being responsible and respectful of their school environment. It is important that we all make the effort to look after our belongings and keep the playground looking beautiful. Please support the school with this by discussing with your child the importance of caring for their property and the environment.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world; indeed. It is the only thing that ever has”.

Margaret Mead

Dee Stephenson
Relieving Principal
Stay safe around school

Keep our kids safe near roads

School holiday time is a great opportunity for families to have conversations with their children about road safety. Here are some important tips for families to talk about.

- Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children should hold an adult’s hand up until they are eight years old.
- Stop, Look, Listen, Think!
- Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
- Help your child exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.
- Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

Powerful art work by 3M and 3N

Zone Cross Country

On Wednesday the 21st of May the Zone Cross Country carnival was held at Lees and Croydon Park. 32 children walked down to participate in 2km and 3km races. The races were long and hard to run but only the very talented made it through to Region. The following students from Ashbury were successful: Elena D (2nd), Nell M (6th), Lachlan S (2nd), Isaac Q (4th) and Amy T (5th). Lots of other Ashbury runners were in the top 20 out of very large fields of runners. The other great news is that Ashbury came 2nd out of 19 schools! What an incredible result by Ashbury.

By Louis D

Debating

On the 22nd of May we hosted the first round of the Sydney School Debating Competition. Our two squads narrowly defeated two teams from Wilkins Public School. The topic was, ‘That canteens should be allowed to sell any food and drink.’ Our teams were affirmative and everyone debated really well. We look forward to hosting the next round in Week 6. Congratulations to all the debaters and thank you to Mr Lesslie and Mrs Strong.

By Elizabeth K
Class Requirements overdue
There are several families who have not yet paid their class requirements money. A reminder note has been sent home to those who still owe. 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.

Dogs On School Grounds
Once again, a reminder that under Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998), dogs are prohibited on school grounds except where the Principal gives permission. As a Government school, we are bound by the legislation to enforce and report any violations. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

Strings Jacaranda Concert
On Wednesday the 21st of May, Ruby F, Seeddharta K, Chloe K and Jonathon K made their way to the annual String (violin, cello, viola and double bass) Jacaranda Concert rehearsal held at the Opera house. The concert is on the 25th of June 2014. It starts at 7:00 but the string players will be there at about 9:00. They will be playing three pieces. The first one is called ‘Secret Agent 440’. It is about a Secret Agent and his side kick, Barry. The second one is ‘Sailors Romp’. This is about a group of sailors and a few things happen to them. For example, at one point a sailor gets drunk and the other sailors are quite confused. The third one is called ‘Prince Ivan and the Grey Wolf – a Russian Story’. This will also be played with the recorders. This is about a Russian prince, Prince Ivan. He is to defeat a grey wolf with the help of a Firebird. We have been practising hard with 200 different students from different public primary schools and would like you to come and see this beautiful performance.

By Chloe K, Holly L and Ruby F 4J

Peer Support Update
This is the last session of the Peer Support module “Being Positive”. The students will reflect on what they have learned over the past seven weeks. To celebrate, the groups will make a poster to put on display reflecting what they have learned. There will be a peer support celebration at the end of this session.

SRC Report
The girl students have been surveyed about which design they preferred in long school pants. They were presented with three choices and were asked to vote for one. Style 1 was the outright favourite. This information will be passed on to the uniform committee.
Also on the agenda were possible charities to support in Term 2. The SRC are considering having a mufti day to support the Jeans for Genes or the Pyjama Foundation which supports children in foster care who have difficulties with literacy. SRC representatives are to discuss these choices with their classes and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Band Information
The latest Tuning Notes newsletter is now available on our website. Go to http://www.ashbury-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/band to catch up on all the latest information and happenings.
Poetry

My Best Friend
That tree was my only friend
And surely it was the only left.
My heart stopped and stumbled falling into crumbles.
None left just give them a rest.
As I screamed and cried
And died right inside.
There is nothing to give for in my life.
I’m sick, poor and I got no more.
That tree was my only friend.

By Ben H 4J

Community Garden

Farm fresh eggs, anyone?
It’s one of the perks of being the community garden chook coordinator so let us know if you can do the job from term 4! This job involves organising the chook feeding roster twice per year, ordering straw for the chook pen and generally ensure our ‘ladies of Cluckingham Palace’ are well taken care of. You’ll be provided with full training and support, so you don’t need to be an expert on chickens to do the job.

Please contact Kate if you’re interested on 0401 776 245.

Join the community garden team
We always encourage visitors and new members to join in and become involved in our wonderful garden project. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month. Our next meeting is Wednesday 4th June at 7pm in the school staff room. Please feel free to come along, you don’t need to have any gardening experience, just a good dose of enthusiasm! Hope to see you there.

2014/2015 Entertainment Books
We still have limited supplies of the 2014/2015 Sydney Entertainment Book. It is packed with thousands of 50% off and 2 for 1 offers. The book is only $70 and you will receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers. Go to http://www.ashbury-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/2014-entertainment-book-orders-and-membership or pop into the school to pick one up. Be quick!
Canteen News

The School Canteen weekly lunch specials for the next two weeks will be:

Thursday 5th June -
Simon Says.... "Shepards Pie"
Lean beef mince with veggies topped with potato mash and melted tasty cheese (gluten free). $4.50

Thursday 12th June –
"Cheeky Chicken"
Freshly crumbed and baked chicken tenders with a Greek salad (tomato, lettuce, cucumber, pitted olives and light feta cheese). $6.00

See the canteen to place your order

Please keep an eye out for our specials, after 12th June canteen special day will change to Tuesdays, if there is anything you would like to see on our specials board please send your requests to us - orders@theschoolcanteen.com.au

Pennant winners:
Nicholas B 6/5S
Monica 1/KX
Avery 4J
Kala 4J
Patrick 3N
Elizabeth 4J
Lachlan 4M
Samantha 4M

CONGRATULATIONS!

Notes Sent Home
This Fortnight:

- 3M and 3N Art Gallery excursion (updated)
- Walkathon Notes and Cards
- Showcase Auditions
- Library Fund Donations

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

Splash Centre is now taking bookings for our June-July 2014 Vacation Care program for school aged children up to 12 years.

Dates for the Vacation Care program are from Monday 30th June to Friday 11th July inclusive.

Splash Vacation care program is a great opportunity to keep children active over the school holiday period and to give you a break! Splash centre offers supervised care by qualified and caring educators, flexible holiday care times from 7am to 6pm, nutritious meals for breakfast, afternoon tea and a range of age appropriate activities and excursions to challenge your child’s emotional, social and intellectual well being.

We have organised a number of exciting excursions during the program to offer your children something a little different than what they are used to.

All new families wishing to use the service must complete a Splash enrolment form.

Vacation care Booking forms and Splash enrolment forms available at www.splashcentre.org.au or Splash sign in desk located in Ashbury Public School Hall.

All forms must be return it to SPLASH no later than Friday 13th June 2014

For any further information please contact Marcelle Carbon Splash Centre Manager on 97978854, email care@splashcentre.org.au
Parents, Carers and Staff!

You are cordially invited to the **Community and Government Agency Expo** at Canterbury Boys High School - a public school initiative for the benefit of parents and carers in our local area.

This expo is a forum for community and Government agencies to provide parents and carers with multilingual information regarding their services. Agencies include youth, child and family community organisations, select Government Departments and more.

All information is free and there will be a special prize draw during the event. Refreshments will be provided for free throughout the Expo and some distinguished guests will honour us with their attendance.

Government agencies include Legal Aid, Centrelink, Fair Trading NSW, Health NSW, Ashfield Council and Canterbury City Council and community agencies from both the Ashfield and Canterbury Local Government areas will be represented.

The Expo will feature two information sessions, divided by student performances and a guest speaker from the Department of Education and Communities.

**Event details:**

**Date:** Thursday 31/7/14 | Week 3 Term 3  
**Place:** Canterbury Boys High School (Gym) – Holden St Ashbury  
**Time:** 9.15am – 12.15pm  
**Arrive:** 9.00am | **Enter:** Via gate opposite First St Ashbury

**Parking is available in Holden St, First St, Hanks St Ashbury and other streets adjacent to the school.**

Parents and carers are encouraged to bring family and friends and we look forward to your participation in this landmark community event.

Do not miss this opportunity to access critical information for your families - in numerous community languages - from service providers in your local area!

**Would you like further information?**

- Or contact Cameron Outterside | Community Liaison Officer | Canterbury Boys High School  
  p: 9798 8444 (x115) (Mon/Tues/Thurs)
School Holiday Programs

@ #Croydon Tennis Centre

- 9am-3pm (drop off 8.30am)
- After Care Service (3pm to 6pm) afternoon tea provided.
- Sausage Sizzle provided for lunch daily (BYO Morning Tea)
- Daily or weekly available enrolment
- Supervised swimming in our indoor heated saltwater pool
- Sports & Academic Camp - NEW
- Multi Sport Camp
- CTC Tennis Hot Shots Camp
- High Performance Tennis Camp for advanced levels
- PREP Gross Motor Skills Camp (ages 3)
- Intensive Swimming Program

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School Holidays Drama Scene

Ages 5 - 8
Ages 9 - 13
Separate groups
Performing every day.

30 June & 1 2 3 4 July

No minimum days

Claim Child Care Benefit - CCB Receipt

Monday 30 June Kitchen Rules MasterChef
Tuesday 1 July This Is The Voice
Wednesday 2 July When House Rules The Block
Thursday 3 July The Current Are Fair
Friday 4 July Flaming Million Dollar Hot Seat

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Stephanie Waites: 0407 235 914
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If you have small children come along to .........

ASHBURY PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is for small children (aged from birth to 6 years) and their parents and carers. Together we play, learn, make friends and enjoy ourselves in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

WHERE DO WE MEET?

Ashbury Playgroup meets once a week in the grounds of St Matthew's Anglican Church, on the corner of Leith and Crieff Streets, Ashbury.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

We play together on
Wednesday mornings between 9.30am and 11.30am
(except in school holidays)

So if you would like to meet other parents and children living in your area we would love to see you there!
Please call Irene on 0421 729 606

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**MAD** (Matt’s At Dusk) is a youth group for kids in year 5&6. Each **Friday night** during term time we meet to hang out, eat, play games, and learn from the Bible. We also have regular outings and an annual weekend away called “Winter Chill”

We meet at **6:30pm-8:30pm**

$2 to cover supper etc

Call Mark Layson for more information on 0419 976 882 or mark@ashbury.anglican.asn.au

Both activities are run by St Matts church in Ashbury www.ashbury.anglican.asn.au
Family Mental Health Support Service

KIDS CREATE!

[Art Therapy Group]

Who: Children aged 5-12 years

When: Every Thursday, 3.30 - 4:30pm.

Where: Building 3, 38-40 Redman Parade Belmore NSW 2192

Aims of the art therapy group are:

> Encourage self-expression of thoughts and feelings in a safe environment

> Relax and de-stress

> Encourage you to be creative and self confident

> Solve problems by looking with a different perspective

> Improve emotional wellbeing while socialising with others

Please call a Family Support worker on 0422 417 053 to register as spaces are limited