Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you, thank you, and thank you to everyone who has already supported Ashbury PS this year. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents at the Athletics Carnival on Monday. A very special thank you to Mrs D’Arrigo and Mr Robinson for organising an outstanding carnival, weather included. Thank you to Year 6 for your efforts running the cake stall, the band committee for the BBQ and for everyone involved in moving equipment to and from the school, setting up and packing up. It was wonderful to see everyone competing and having a go in the true spirit of sport.

Congratulations to all our amazing talented musicians who performed at Showcase on Tuesday night. It was an incredible night of entertainment and once again Ashbury PS outdid themselves. Thank you to Mr Jason Isaac for his continual dedication to our band program and for producing Showcase, to the very talented Mr David Baldwin for once again emceeing the night. To Magdalena and the band committee for their hard work behind the scenes ensuring we were all well fed on the night. To our talented parents who accompanied our students with their performances. To Mrs Grace Kaye and the staff of Ashbury PS who worked tirelessly behind the scenes supervising the students and assisting with lighting. Finally to our parents, grandparents and siblings who supported the night. Thank you, thank you, thank you 😊. A special congratulations to the Concert Band who won GOLD on the weekend at the NSW Band Festival held at the University of New South Wales.

On a sad note one of our long-serving Catholic scripture teachers Mrs Maria Vozzo passed away in the holidays. We send her family our deepest sympathy and may she RIP.

Dee Stephenson
Relieving Principal
**Education Week**

Week 3 is Education Week. Education Week is the opportunity for all to celebrate and support the outstanding work and achievements of Public Education in NSW. It is always a very busy week and we love seeing so many parents, grandparents and friends support our students throughout the week. Below is an outline of the events that Ashbury PS will be participating in. Yes it is a very full week. We will also be celebrating Naidoc Week during this week.

**Monday 28 July** – Naidoc performer *Ryka Ali*

**Tuesday 29 July** – 11:30 -12 Performance at Ashfield Mall by the Senior choir and Senior recorder groups

**Wednesday 30 July** – Years 2-4 participating in the summer edition of the “Carnival of the Codes”

**Thursday 31 July** – Open Day 10:00- 10:30 Open classrooms, 11:00 – 12:00 Performances under the COLA by the choir, dance and recorder groups and the concert band. There will also be a BBQ lunch available

**Friday 1 August** - PSSA

**SRC Mufti Day**

**Going to school in your PJ’s**

The SRC would like to thank all the students and staff of Ashbury Public School who supported our fund raising by wearing pyjamas to school on Thursday 17th July.

We raised over $400 which will be donated to the Pyjama Foundation. This foundation began in 2004 and works towards helping children in foster care by improving their skills, particularly in literacy and numeracy. Once again the Ashbury community has been very generous and the SRC would like to say a big thank you.
3N Dreams (on pyjama day)

When I was dreaming I had a dream that I was swimming with JAWS! (A big shark) I got to kiss him swimming naked. After that we would have fish and chips for breakfast, lunch and tea. Then we swam all around the world together. By Benji

A few months ago I dreamed about going to a castle with people I didn't know. We were exploring when we came across some weird waters and somebody jumped in and couldn’t swim. So we got a saving thing and rescued him. A big mum was showing us the way around the castle and also telling us about the weird water. Then I woke up. By Aleksa

My dream is that I could go to candy land and eat candy every day. I could eat sherbet, chocolate candy marshmallows and lots more candy. In candy land there would be a marshmallow and chocolate lava mountain. The trees would be made out of peppermint and the trunk is made of chocolate. By Isobel

In my dream I want to jump in a pot of hot chocolate and marshmallows with my superman onesie. My dream is all about my favourite foods but my favourite food is COOKIES!!!!!! by Kylani

My dream would be to win one million dollars from the lotto. I would spend it on a castle that my whole family can fit in. Then I would spend the other half to see my favourite singer. Then what is left can go in the bank….. then I woke up. by Leihana

My dream is to be a Youtuber. I would like to be a Youtuber because my big sister is a Youtuber. I was once on my sister’s channel. She started her YouTube channel two months ago. On my channel I’d do lots of challenges. I might do the smoothie challenge, the ingredients challenge, the chubby bunny challenge and much more. This dream might come true. by Rebecca

One day in my dream, I went to a candy shop and I bought lots and lots and lots of candy for 2 dollars after that I bought the whole shop for 1 dollar. After that I sold it to my high-school teacher for 10 000 000 dollars but took all the candy with me and ate it all the next day because I LOVE CANDY! by Katya

My dream is to be a cricketer. I want to be a cricketer because I am interested in it and I like to play it. I would play for Australia. I want to be a really good cricketer like Michael Clarke or David Warner. I want to score a lot of runs. I want to be the best cricketer in the history of cricket. by Sree

6 years ago I had a weird dream where I was in a car. I could drive the car. I had to go back to my unit but the strangest thing was everyone’s head had my face. by Paris

I dreamed I was a pirate with a sword pirate ship. We were going to Brazil for a holiday. We went off at 3.00 in the afternoon. by Matthew
**Athletics Carnival**

The athletics carnival was held this week on Monday the 21st of July. There was a variety of events such as: 800m, 100m, 200m, high jump, shot put, discus, long jump, novelties and ball games. A barbeque and drink stall was run by the band committee and the cake stall was run by year 6, both were very successful. Everyone had a great time and went in lots of events. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day.

*By Grace*

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**State Junior Music Camp**

In the first week back of school a few students from our school went to State Music Camp. It was held in Narrabeen at the Sydney Academy of Recreation & Sport. It was a state wide camp that 300 children went to. At the camp we worked on our musical skills every day and we learned and prepared pieces of music that we played at a concert at the end of camp. It was a really fun week that I am sure all the students who went had a great time and all of them took home very happy memories. *By Elizabeth*

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**Walkathon Update**

Congratulations to the following classes who managed to bring all their walkathon cards and money back first: 1/KX, 2M, 4/3H and 6/5D and 6/5L were joint winners. All these classes will be receiving a special reward from the P&C for their excellent efforts. So far the walkathon has raised over $9000 for the school.

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**Showcase**

On Tuesday the 22nd July Ashbury Public School held its annual Showcase. The Jazz, Concert, Training, Intermediate bands and Percussion Ensemble all played for the audience. But it wasn’t just the bands that kept the audience interest, the individual and group performances by the talented pupils did too. Performances on the night came from all ages and instruments in groups or solos. The crowd’s favourite was David with his rock anthem for Ashbury (hopefully the new school song).

Thank you to Mrs Kaye and the other teachers, the Band Committee, Mr Baldwin and parents. A special thanks to Mr Issac who not only prepared all the bands but worked hard on choosing and helping all the individual performances.

It was an amazing but tiring night.

*By Samantha W*
Check out the latest edition of our band newsletter, ‘Tuning Notes’ on our website now

ICAS Tests

Students are reminded that the two remaining ICAS Tests are coming up. English – tomorrow, Tuesday 29th July and Maths on Tuesday 12th August.

Students can receive a High Distinction Certificate (the top 1% of participants), Distinction Certificate (the next 10% of participants), Credit Certificate (the next 25% of participants), Merit Certificate (the next 10% of participants) or a Participation Certificate. The tests are quite difficult and all students who participate are congratulated on their efforts.

The results for the Computer Skills and Science Tests have been returned to school and will be distributed on Monday 28th July. 18 students sat for the Computer Skills test and 6 received a Distinction - Jonathon, Joel and Ben (Year 6) and Aatish, Calvin and Carl (Year 3). There were also 4 Credits and 2 Merits. 35 students participated in the Science test. Aatish (Year 3) received a High Distinction and 8 students received a Distinction – Jonathon (Year 6), Alexandra (Year 5), Samantha W, Elliot and Elise (Year 4), Finn and Noah (Year 3) and Mariah (Year 2). There were also 15 Credits and 3 Merits. Congratulations everyone!

Spelling Bee

Students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 are invited to participate in our annual Spelling Bee. The school finals will be held on Thursday 21st August (Week 6). Two representatives from each Stage will go on to the Regional Final on Tuesday 16th September.

Word lists and a password for the Arts Unit website are available from Mrs Kaye.
Lost Property

We would like to thank one of our wonderful parents, Alison Williams, for the fantastic job she has done to try to support the students at Ashbury to keep track of their belongings. She has worked tirelessly and creatively trying to ensure lost property is returned. Students and parents may have noticed, however, that we have had an increasing problem with the amount of lost property left around the school. We expect students to care for their belongings by putting things away carefully and retrieving things promptly if they are left anywhere. Parents can help students to act responsibly by ensuring all items are labelled clearly and by asking their child to look for lost items.

Please note the following changes:

- Lost Property is now located on the shelves in the corridor outside Mrs Mitchell’s room downstairs in the main classroom block. There is also a Lost Property basket at SPLASH. There is no Lost Property upstairs, and parents and students are asked not to enter the upstairs area to search for missing items.
- If items are not claimed within a reasonable time, or if the space overflows with items without names, they will be recycled.
- Students and parents checking for items in the Lost Property baskets are asked to leave the area tidy.

Please be responsible – respect property and care for your environment.

Book Week

Term 3 always provides a wonderful excuse to celebrate the fantastic array of books that have been released by Australian authors over the last year. All classes are enjoying looking at some of the shortlisted books for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Book of the Year [http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm](http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm)

The theme for 2014 is Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect and there are several events and activities for students to enjoy:

- Ashfield Council Library “Connect to Reading” Competition – K-2 draw a picture of the cover of your favourite book, 3-6 write a short story about what it would be like to have dinner with your favourite book character. Entry forms from Mrs Kaye. Entries close Monday 11th August
- Thursday 14th August – Steven Herrick – Poetry to the Rescue (Stage 2 & 3)
- Friday 15th August – Launch of Book Week - announcement of winners in each category
- Monday 11th August – Year 3 visit to Ashfield Library to meet Anna Fienberg, author of the popular Tashi series.
- Friday 22nd August – Bamboo Theatre present – Ugly Snow-Rella (K-2)
- Visit the Library at lunch time for some fun “connecting” activities – jigsaws, scrabble, connect 4, etc
- Keep connected by checking out the Library Blog on your student portal

The Children’s Book Council of Australia is also hosting a community event:

Big Book Day Out

Bring the family!

10am-2:30pm on Sunday 31 August 2014 at the NSW Writers Centre, Callan Park, Rozelle

Connect to reading at the Big Book Day Out, a fun event. Meet your favourite authors, relax in the story tent, witness children's illustrators in action, participate in the Costume Parade, try your hand at craft and enjoy the sunshine. Bring a picnic rug and your camera, there will be coffee, cakes, gelato and a sausage sizzle available on the day.

This event is free but RSVP is essential to cbcansw@bigpond.com
Premier’s Reading Challenge
A reminder that students must enter their books for the Premier’s Reading Challenge by Friday 22nd August. So far, 18 students have completed the Challenge. Well done! Keep reading everyone!

Community Message
I recently attended a School safety forum at Canterbury Council. Once again the main focus is on keeping children safe particularly around schools. It is everybody’s responsibility to slow down around schools, teach your children how to cross roads safely and be alert. Our children are precious. Please carefully read the attached “The City Of Canterbury School Safety” flyer. Please note the parking and traffic rules and the fines attached to disobeying these signs. Dee Stephenson

Pedestrian Safety Around Schools
In NSW 60 children are killed around schools each year. What would it mean for our community if a parent killed a child at Ashbury?

When you walk to school with your child you are teaching your child to navigate his/her community. By the time your child starts high school s/he will be comfortable moving about the community independently. Walking to and from school also provides exercise.

Do you think the price of petrol is too high? At what price would you stop driving to school?

What behaviour are you role modelling? Are you teaching your child that it is OK to break the road rules? Do you expect your child to obey the school rules? What kind of driver do you expect your child to become?

What does the school community think of you when you are seen to disregard the road rules? Do other people lose respect for you? Are you seen as untrustworthy?

Should you do the right thing because it is the right thing to do, or because you might be punished if you don’t?

What will it take for parents to comply with the road rules for the safety of children? Would it take a serious injury? Do we ask parents to photograph offenders and send those photographs to the police? Do we need to ask our students to perform a play, write songs and create artworks to present to parents in order to get the message across? Do you have any suggestions?

Catherine Walsh
P&C Road Safety Officer

Pennant winners:

Michael P 6/5S
Oliver D 2/1F
Andreas S 2/1F

CONGRATULATIONS!

Notes Sent Home
This Fortnight:

- Sausage Sizzle

*If you missed any of these notes please call in to the office for a copy*
You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Please ensure that you understand the road rules and that your child understands how to behave safely around school zones. Please be a good role model for your child’s pedestrian and future driving behaviour.

If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting children at risk.

**Safety tips for drivers around school zones.**

- You must stop for pedestrians at a pedestrian crossing.
- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from suitable and legal parking spots, even if this means walking further away from the school.
- Never double park.
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
- Never perform a U-turn in close proximity to the school, or over double lines, or on the pedestrian crossing.
- Make sure all children in the car use the footpath-side door (safety door) when getting in and out of a car.
- Always ensure children are secured in their appropriate for age child restraint. Preferably seat children in the back seat of a car for safety. Penalty: Unrestrained child $311 & 3 demerit points
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Make sure everything is organised before coming to school so that the drop off is as fast as safely possible.
- Ensure items in the car are safely in the boot or on the floor.
Parking and Traffic Rules - Choosing Safety over Convenience

No Stopping
What does it mean?
You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there?
To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes
Penalty - $311.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

No Parking
What does it mean?
You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children
Penalty - $173.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

Bus Zone
What does it mean?
You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.
Penalty - $311.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

Other Traffic Rules

Pedestrian Crossings including Children's Crossings
You must not stop within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a Pedestrian crossing.

Why is it there?
To ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.
Penalty - $415.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

Footpaths & Nature Strips
You may not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there?
You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.
Penalty - $173.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

Intersections
You must not stop within 10 Metres of an (unsignalised) intersection

Why is it there?
To ensure that there is a clear view of vehicles and children crossing the road at the intersection.
Penalty - $242.00

Double Parking
You may not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time; even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Why is it there?
Double parking forces other cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.
Penalty - $311.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

Driveways
You may stop over the entrance of a driveway to pick up or set down passengers, but you may not wait there or leave your vehicle unattended
Penalty - $173.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

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