Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again to everyone who supported Ashbury PS during Education Week. It certainly was a very busy week with our staff and students displaying their amazing talents throughout the week. It was so wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents attend our Open Day and take the time to go to Ashfield Mall to watch our students perform. A special thank you to the parents and Spook who helped out on the BBQ.

A reminder that the school’s official supervision hours are 8:30 – 3:30. We are very fortunate to have SPLASH onsite. If you need to drop your child at school before 8:30 we do request that you use the services of SPLASH. It is not safe for any student to be in the playground without a teacher on duty. All students must go to the office area before 8:30am and wait for the duty teacher.

Unfortunately last week we had an unsavory incident in the school where one of the teacher’s wallets was taken from a classroom. Parents please ensure that students are not bringing precious items to school and that all students who have a mobile phone MUST take their mobile phones to office during school times. Parents please ensure if you are on site that you have signed in at the office.

A big thank you to Paul Kouigias from Canterbury Hurstake Park RSL who once again organised an incredible “Carnival of the Codes” for our Years 2-4 students to participate in. Our students and staff had a great morning trying out a variety of summer sports that are offered locally. Parents could you please take 5 minutes to complete a survey from the club regarding sport. Just click on the link below and it should take you straight to the survey.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uSfGMv4c0fNS_XpySS8TM1KlErqNNWpRMOOjKUdpnBq/viewform?usp=send_form

Good luck to our zone athletics competitors who will be competing in the finals on Tuesday at Campbell Oval and congratulations to all of our students who participated in Winter PSSA displaying outstanding sportsmanship.

Dee Stephenson
Relieving Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 3
Thurs 14 Aug – Book Week celebrations
Tues 5 and 12 Aug – Zone Carnival
Sun 31 Aug – Community Garden working Bee
Fri 19 Sep – Last day of Term 3
Sat 27 Sep – Community Garden working Bee

TERM 4
Tues 7 Oct – School Resumes
Sun 19 Oct – Community Garden Working Bee / Bunnings BBQ for the Band
Sun 26 Oct – Spring Jazz in the Garden
Mon 3 – Wed 5 Nov – Stage 3 Camp
Sat 29 Nov – Community Garden Working Bee
Sat 13 Dec – St Matt’s Christmas Carols
Wed 17 Dec – Last Day ☺

Enrolling for 2015 – If you have a child who will be starting school in 2015 please get your enrolment application in to the school as soon as possible.
**Education Week**

The Ashbury Public School education week performance was on the 31st of July in week 3. Many dance groups and instrumental groups performed for the teachers, students and parents. The year 4 girls, year 3 girls and the year 1 girls are amazing dancers and everyone enjoyed watching them perform. The songs they danced to were very cool “Happy” by Pharrell Williams, “Whip My Hair” by Willow Smith and “Happy Girl” by Bubbles. The junior choir and senior choir sang beautifully. It was especially cute to hear the junior choir sing “The Fishy Song”. The award winning concert band played “Barrier Reef”. The 3 recorder groups; the junior, intermediate and seniors also played wonderfully! The senior recorder group were accompanied by seeddharta and Jonathon that played the violin. It was great to hear them play “The Can Can” and “Prince Ivan and the Grey Wolf”. All the performers did an amazing job! **By Nell 6/5D**

On Monday last week, I had the privilege of performing at Ashfield Mall as part of Education Week with the Ashbury String and Senior Recorder Group and the Ashbury All-stars Senior Choir. The choir sang two songs; “My Island Home” and “Here Comes the Sun”, while the recorders played “Cancan” and were joined by the strings for “Prince Ivan and the Grey Wolf”. **By Jonathon 6/5S**

**NAIDOC Performance**

**Open Day BBQ and Year 1 Girls Dance Group**
**Carnival of the Codes**
Carnival of codes was held on Wednesday 30th July. It was located at Canterbury Boys’ High School. The sports that were set up were cricket, basketball, touch footy, lawn bowls and athletics. Carnival of Codes ran for about half the day and we went by bus to get there and back. I think the sport that people got a lot of knowledge from was lawn bowls, but I thought that basketball was the most fun. Ashbury Public School would like to thank Paul and Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL club. Thank you, we really enjoyed the day.

_By Louis 4J_

**Building overseas relationships**
Skyping Nepal
Every couple of weeks 6/5D have been skyping a boarding school in Nepal with the help of Mr Shapiro. We have been learning a lot about their culture and having a lot of fun. We have been swapping all aspects of life from what happens at school to important days and festivals and national foods. Everyone in the class has had a turn of introducing themselves and a few people have spoken. We have also had to juggle time difference and power shortage in Nepal but it has been worth it. It has been very fun to interact with children from different cultures and in this short time we have learned a lot about Nepal and cultural acceptance.

_By Grace 6/5D_

**Debating Update**
On the 6th of August the Ashbury Public School debating A-squad went up against the Dulwich Hill Primary School in the semi-finals of the Sydney schools debating competition. The topic was that “Sharks should be culled” and Ashbury was the negative. Michael was First Speaker, Ethan was Second Speaker and Elizabeth was Third, our Fourth speaker was unable to show. During the debate both teams were arguing over the definition of the topic making it more difficult to use rebuttals because both teams were arguing as if their definition was real. Both sides spoke amazingly and it was a very close match. Ashbury managed to win meaning our squad is still undefeated. Later in the term our team will make it to more matches with less time to prepare making it more difficult for all the teams to prepare phenomenal speeches, however due to the calibre all teams should be able to prepare exciting debates and make every debate very close.

_By Ethan 6/5D_
Create East

On the 27th, 28th, and 29th of July five students from Ashbury Public School attended Create East. Create East is a production set at a different place each year consisting of 6 categories, drama, dance, singing, film, art, and music. Four of the students from Ashbury (Alex K, Ben C, Holly L and Gabe D) all went to create east for music. The final person (Finlae G) went to Create East for drama. The first 2 days of Create East were used to plan and practise the production. The production was performed on the final day at 6.00 o’clock. This year it was the 10th anniversary of Create East so the theme for the production was 10. Every category did their own bit to make the production spectacular. Create East was performed on a professional stage at NIDA so it was an amazing experience for all the performers.

By Alex 6/SL

Band Festival

Congratulations to all the Band students and their inspirational conductor, Mr Jason Isaac, for their success at the NSW Band Festival, 2014, held at UNSW over recent weeks. Concert Band achieved a Gold Award, Intermediate Band achieved a Silver Award, Training Band was awarded Gold and the Jazz Band also won Gold. All the bands were incredibly well-prepared and sounded fantastic!

Jazz Band @ the Opera House

Students in the Ashbury Public School Jazz Band were guest artists at the NSW Public Schools Choral Festival – Endeavour Concert, on Thursday 7th August in the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. They performed beautifully and were great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations!

LIBRARY FUND 2014

Thank you to all the families and community businesses who generously donated to our Library Fund this year. We raised over $4,000 which will help us to keep providing a wonderful range of up-to-date print and digital resources for our students.

A special thank you to Catriona Halliday for coordinating the process on behalf of our P&C.

Australian Girls Choir

Auditions for the Australian Girls Choir will be held at the school on Monday 18th August. If you are interested, please return the note that went home last week.
Foxtel A League All Stars Visit

On Thursday, the 7th of August 2014, the PSSA students were thrilled to meet 23 year old, Tomi Juric who currently plays as a striker for Western Sydney Wanderers. Tomi has been selected to play in the "Socceroos A-League All Stars" squad to face the Italian giants Juventus. Tomi was happy to answer questions and certainly inspired all the soccer PSSA teams heading into the Semi-Finals last Friday.

We were also shown one on one skills, dribbling and played a game with members of our PSSA team. We also received a signed flag as a memento. We feel very fortunate to have met them as Ashbury Public School was one of only 5 Schools who participated. It was a fantastic experience and a highlight for the year.

By Nicholas I 6/5L

Canteen Special this Week

Tomorrow’s canteen special meal deal:
Mr Potato Head $4.50 - Oven baked potato served with lean beef sauce and melted tasty cheese.

Order online or see the canteen.

This Week’s Road Safety Tips

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look for buses pulling out. Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in the school’s designated area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic. Keep our children safe on the roads.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Notes Sent Home
This Fortnight:

- Poetry to the Rescue (Yrs 3 to 6)
- Celebration Sing-Out (Senior Choir)
- Australian Girls Choir (Yrs 1 to 6 girls)

If you missed any of these notes please call in to the office for a copy
Can your Children Climb Sydney’s Tallest Building?

We would love to invite your students to be part of the ‘School’s Challenge’ at this year’s Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 24. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. Participants have to be 12 years or older.

Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to www.active8change.com.au. Alternatively you can contact Steve Corrie at Active8Change on 0439 975 759 for specific event day information or Michelle Jocum at Giant Steps on (02) 9879 4971.

Splash Centre
Vacation Care
22nd September - 3rd October 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

Splash Centre is now taking bookings for our September-October 2014 Vacation Care program which is open for all Ashbury Public School children up to 12 years.

Dates for the Vacation Care program are from Monday 22nd September to Friday 3rd October 2014 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, lunch and afternoon tea. And a range of age appropriate activities and excursions to challenge your child’s emotional, social and intellectual wellbeing.

The program offers a number of exciting incursions and excursions 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 returned to SPLASH no later than Friday 5th September 2014.

For any further information please contact Marcelle Carbon, Splash Centre Manager on 97978854, email care@splashcentre.org.au
Primarily Fun Workshop

Wednesday 10 September 2014
SSC Leichhardt Campus
9am - 2.30pm

Come and learn to play a new repertoire with
SYDNEY SECONDARY COLLEGE
as part of our Primarily Fun Band and perform these new pieces at:

Music in the Park Festival

Saturday 13 September
Pioneers Park, Leichhardt
12-3 pm

For more information contact Barry Adamson 9810 9743 or email sscimp@det.nsw.edu.au

What is MLC Tennis Hot Shots?
MLC Tennis Hot Shots is an exciting tennis program for kids aged 4 and under. Using smaller courts, racquets and low-compression balls, the program makes learning tennis easy for new players.

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Free Parenting Program for parents of children aged 12 months - 2.5 years

Thursdays, 10am - 12.30pm
23 October - 13 November, 2014 (4 weeks)

Course cost: FREE + Free child-minding

Facilitator: Chris Dvorik (Child and Family Health Nurse) - Sydney Local Health District

See the world through your toddler’s eyes!

Topics covered include:

- Normal toddler social and emotional development;
- Discipline and tantrums/ sleep patterns;
- Eating habits; toileting; coping with change, and more!

For more information and to register contact Jenny Gilchrist on:
9799 4844 or jgilchrist@theinfantshome.org.au

This course is run by The Infants’ Home in partnership with Sydney Local Health District