Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are all aware our grass area at the back of the school is deteriorating. Over the years we have tried very hard to maintain the grass area for the students to have a lovely area to play on. At the moment we are losing the battle of keeping the grass green and alive. We are open to solutions and suggestions on how to save our grass area or looking at alternatives other than grass ie an all-purpose artificial surface, synthetic grass etc. If you have ideas, solutions or can help in any way please contact me through my email deanne.stephenson@det.nsw.edu.au by Monday 8 September.

The School Council has completed three draft policies for community review. They are Technology, Homework and Excursions. They will be placed on the school website for public viewing later this week for the next month.

Once again I asked parents and carers to take extreme care when dropping off and collecting your child from school. Please ensure that you park in the appropriate areas, not over the school crossings and our neighbours’ driveways.

Congratulations to our successful Year 6 students who have gained a place in a selective high school for 2015. We had more than half our students who sat the selective test offered a placement.

Dee Stephenson
Relieving Principal
NAPLAN Update
The processing of 2014 NAPLAN test books for all NSW schools is now complete and the final student dataset was provided to ACARA at the end of July for national reporting. In NSW, 345,746 students sat at least one NAPLAN test and approximately 1.8 million tests were processed. The 2014 NAPLAN student reports will be delivered to NSW schools from Monday 1 to Friday 5 September. Schools will distribute report envelopes to parents by Friday 5 September. To assist parents in interpreting the student reports, ACARA has published the Student Reports brochure and a video which can be downloaded from the ACARA Student Reports webpage.

Enrolments for 2015
We are currently accepting all in area enrolments for 2015. If you live in the area and your child will be attending Ashbury PS next year could you please enroll asap. Also if your child will be leaving Ashbury PS at the end of the year could you please let the school know in writing asap.

Debating Update
The Ashbury debating team A debated Croydon Park Public in the quarter finals on Friday the 22nd of August. The topic of the debate was “that supermarkets should only sell Australian products”. It was a close debate and both teams argued and rebutted smoothly, however eventually the debate went to the Ashbury team. The Ashbury team will be going to the semi-finals of the Sydney Schools Debating Competition.

By Luca

Spelling Bee
Stage 2 and Stage 3 students participated in our Junior and Senior Spelling Bee Competitions on Thursday 21st August. Both sessions were enthralling with all students demonstrating excellent spelling skills. The Junior Spelling Bee was won by Archie H, and Ruby F was the runner up. In the senior competition, Luca I was the winner and Jonathon K was second. These 4 students will represent Ashbury Public School at the Regional Final at Ashfield PS on Tuesday 16th September, 2014. Congratulations and good luck!
Book Week Competition
On Friday five children from Ashbury Public School were invited to a special prize presentation at Ashfield Library with the Mayor Lucille McKenna. We were asked to write a short story about what it would be like to have dinner with our favourite book character. I decided to choose Anh Do. He is a real life character in his books and having dinner with him would be awesome. I was lucky enough to win a signed copy of Morris Gleitzman’s book "Now" which I have enjoyed reading. I encourage all students to enter next year.

By Nicholas I 6/5L
Dinner with Willy Wonka

While I was walking in the park I smelt chocolate, yes, scrumptious chocolate. Suddenly I realised I was late for dinner with Willy Wonka from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Quickly, I ran towards his factory and rang the door bell hearing a loud buzzing sound. The voice on the speaker blurted out “What’s the password?” and I responded with “Scrumptiously scrumptious”. The massive gates opened and the compolopants greeted me taking me to Willy Wonka.

We sat down next to the chocolate river and ate melted chocolate soap with sweet lolly sauce. He told lots of funny jokes but a few of them were not funny. I told him very funny jokes and of course mine were better.

When we finished eating, the compolopants performed. Then we went on a boat made of jollies and went to every room in his factory. Willy Wonka gave us lots of presents and I gave him some. The best present he gave me was a squirrel.

The next day I had to go to Willy Wonka’s dad’s shop because I had too many sweets.

By Anastasia 6/5S

Dinner with Geronimo Bilton

If I had dinner with my favorite book character that would be awesome. So I invited Geronimo to dinner to eat some cheeses and cheese desserts. Geronimo wanted to have cheese soup but there were none, so I had cheese pasta. I loved it and so did Geronimo.

We went to have some dessert and I had the cheese sauce and he had a chocolate cake slice. He loved it and he said “Thank you Daniel” and I said “You’re welcome.”

By Daniel 6/5S

I invited one of my friends to have dinner with me. His name is Danny. Breaking the world record breaker. When he came to sit on the table, Danny grabbed six spools, three potatoes and five cups to put in his little bag. Danny took the six spools and tried balancing them on his nose. Next he grabbed the three potatoes and ate them whole!!! I asked him what he was doing, and he said, “I was trying to break the world record for balancing the most spools on your nose and eating the most potatoes.”

Afterwards, he pulled out the five cups and filled them up with boiling water. Amazingly, he drank the cups in one minute! He followed this with eating 86 lollies in fifteen minutes!! Who knows what Danny would do in an hour!!! But the main question that everyone is asking is: IS IT A WORLD RECORD?!!

By Astrid 4M

It began like any other ordinary morning. I woke up in a great mood and got dressed in my school uniform. As usual I remembered it was Book week so I brought my favorite book to school. Geronimo Bilton and the Flight of the Red Bus which I really enjoyed reading.

My dad dropped me off and I could see a strange and unusual figure. He looked like a human, except with Mickey Mouse ears and tail but he got closer he looked more and more like someone I saw from somewhere. “But why?” Then I knew exactly who it was. I started gaping in shock because it was Geronimo Bilton.

After school I invited Geronimo home for dinner and he accepted. Before he arrived I changed into my suit to make a good impression. After minutes later the doorbell rang and it was him. I gave him cheesy pasta and for dessert I gave him cheese cake and he thanked me for dinner and left. What a wonderful night!

By Michael 6/5S
Father’s Day Stall
Friday 5th September Ashbury P&C will be holding a Father’s Day stall at the school. This is a great opportunity for the students to purchase that special gift for dad. Gifts range from $5 - $20. It is a good idea to place your child’s money in an envelope with their name and class on it in case their money gets lost. Thanks to the P&C for putting on this special occasion.

Mega Maths Monday
On Monday 4J embarked on an exciting Maths Measurement journey with Mega Maths Monday! The day was filled with discussion, design and build activities which gave students lots of opportunities to explore the properties of the 3D objects they have been learning about this term. The students worked in pairs to design and build a functional, dynamic and stable building or machine using recycled materials. There were lots of opportunities for them to solve problems, express themselves and be creative. It was a fun filled maths day which the class enjoyed immensely.

BOSTES Write On Competition 2014
Congratulations to Zoe M from 6/5S who has entered the BOSTES Write On Competition 2014. Please enjoy her amazing piece.

The Ashfield Amazon

Sis and I were staring down the wall,
We were thinking of a game, you see,
Oh how white, so spotless, oh so tall,
I saw how the mop looked like a tree.

In the jungle, the shrubs were rough, tough, mean,
My machete was no help at all,
We trudged through the jungle, king and queen,
The long, thin grasses were tall, tall, tall.

I spy an animal, first ever found,
A shiny pink face off the leaves,
My Big Fat Baby, it was crowned,
Over and over, it heaves all around.

Sis and I had fun in the jungle,
But I think it is high time to go,
Oh, the trees, the boots that go fungal,
If you’ve never been you won’t know.
Pennant winners:
Adrian 4/3H
Ellis 6/5D
Rosemary 6/5L
Gabriel 6/5L
Tahlee 6/5L
Eleanor 4J
Nathan K/1X
Oliver 3N
Alisa 6/5L
David 2/1F
Keira 2/1F
Arianna 2M

CONGRATULATIONS!

Notes Sent Home
This Fortnight:

- Father’s Day Stall
- Celebration Sing Out
  (Senior Choir)

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

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.
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
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- PREP Gross Motor Skills Camp (ages 3)
- Intensive Swimming Program

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Wednesday, 10 September 2014
9.30am – 11.30am

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Tours of the school 10.30 – 11.30am

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Enquiries: Mrs Jenni Cooper, Telephone 9922 6666 ext 104
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Summer Hill Cricket Club is currently taking registrations for the coming season. There are still places available for children aged 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

We play on Saturday mornings at grounds in the Canterbury Council area.

For further information or to register, visit our website at http://www.summerhillcricketclub.org.au or contact the secretary, Alan Arthur on 0401 637 615.

What is MLC Tennis Hot Shots?
MLC Tennis Hot Shots is an exciting tennis program for kids aged 10 and under. Using smaller courts, racquets and low-compression balls, the program makes learning tennis easy for new players.

At the heart of MLC Tennis Hot Shots is a fundamental approach to learning. It’s called “learning through play” and is based on developing skills in real tennis situations. This program allows children to develop technically and tactically in a stimulating environment.