Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I would especially like to welcome all our new students and families to Ashbury PS. I hope that you all had a happy and restful holiday.

Since the end of 2014 there have been some staff changes. Mrs. Shelley will continue in her relieving role as Director, Public Schools NSW, Botany Bay Network, for Term 1 and with the possibility of a further extension. Mrs. Mitchell has been offered a role as relieving Principal at Belmore South PS. Miss Stephenson has taking up a relieving Principal role at Homebush West PS. Mrs Strong has won a place as a classroom teacher at Enfield PS, and Mr Lesley has taken leave during Semester One. We wish all these people the best of luck!

I (Mrs. D’Arrigo) will be relieving in the position of Principal for this term. Mrs. Kaye will be Assistant Principal Stage 1, Miss Asimina is the Assistant Principal for Stage 2 and Mrs. Sukkar is the Assistant Principal Stage 3. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. Rebecca Simmiss, Miss Carmel Aiello and Mrs. Susan Sukkar to our staff.

Classes for 2015 are in the process of being organised. Once we have accurate numbers we will roll into 2015 classes. This should be soon.

Our Stage 3 students this week are being trained to be Peer Support and Peer Mediation leaders and our Peer Support program will commence later this term.

Unfortunately the Kindergarten Picnic at Lees Park needed to be cancelled today due to bad weather. We look forward to seeing these new students’ bright and eager faces as they start school on Thursday and Friday.

Sally D’Arrigo
Relieving Principal

This will be the only hard copy newsletter this year. Please see above to sign up for email copies.
A message from Ashbury PS Principal Mrs Shelley:
Welcome back to 2015 and another very exciting year at Ashbury! I will be continuing in my role of Director, Public Schools NSW, Botany Bay Network, for Term 1 and with the possibility of a further extension of time in this role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dee Stephenson for leading the school in 2014 and to thank Sally D’Arrigo, who has stepped into the Principal role for the commencement of 2015. I want to assure everyone that I am in constant contact with the school, offering advice and guidance in the background. I have every confidence in Sally and the new Executive team to lead the school and further develop the great learning environment of Ashbury Public School. I look forward to catching up with everyone at a school event in the near future.

Swimming Carnival
Ashbury’s annual swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 5th February at Ashfield Pool. Students from years 1-6 will be attending. All students are required to come to school in the morning and travel on the bus with their class. Students are able to leave the pool with their parents at the end of the day. Please ensure that you inform the classroom teacher that you will be taking your child home with you and they will not be returning to school by bus.
A swimming carnival permission note will be sent home this week. Please read the note carefully before completing it and enclose the permission note and money in a clearly labelled envelope.

K-2 Sport
Sport for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be held on a Monday afternoon this year. Students will need to wear their sports uniform every Monday. Sport starts in Week 3.

School Rules
Just a reminder about our five school rules and the importance of keeping the rules to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time at Ashbury PS.

- Be Safe
- Do your best
- Respect others
- Talk and listen politely
- Care for our environment

Safety Around the School
Please take care when dropping your child off at school. As we all know between 8:30-9:15 am and 2:45-3:15pm the amount of road traffic increases dramatically. It is important that we all do what we can to keep our students safe. Please use the kiss and drop off zones and remember to respect our neighbours by not parking across their driveways.

Chess
Chess classes will recommence for 2015 next Tuesday 3rd February. If you were wanting your child to join chess classes, forms are available in the office. Please note that there is a change with payments this year and we will not be collecting fees on behalf of the Sydney Academy of Chess. All payments are to be made directly to them. Classes will be held each Tuesday afternoon from 3.05 to 4.05 in the first classroom upstairs.