Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 4! We hope you had a safe and enjoyable school holiday break. But before we can start looking ahead to yet another great term, I would like to celebrate the success of our Dance Spectacular. What an amazing show! A huge congratulations to all the students who performed and to our amazing staff who gave up their own time to teach and mentor our dancing stars. Thank you as well to all the staff who supported the dance teachers and students on the night. To our fantastic parents, caregivers and friends, thank you for supporting our performers. It was a truly entertaining evening.

We finished the term with the Special Swimming Scheme. Thank you to Ms Bayndrian and Mr Lesslie who organised and supported the students to improve their swimming skills. Thank you to our parents for supporting this important program.

Another fabulous kitchen garden was held, this time with stage 3 students. They prepared and cooked chicken kebabs, couscous and a green salad with yogurt cucumber dressing.

Congratulations to our Ashbury community! The Ashbury Fete raised approximately $38,000. A fantastic outcome! A huge thank you again to everyone who organised and supported this wonderful event.

Staff News
Mrs D’Arrigo is enjoying her family holiday and will be on leave until the end of this week. Thank you to Ms Wong for teaching 4/3A during my time as relieving principal. Mrs Kaye is also taking some leave until the 3 November and Ms Aiello is looking forward to her role as librarian and RFF teacher during her absence. Both Ms Wong and Ms Aiello are fabulous casual teachers who know our students and our school well. Mrs Xanthis will be the relieving Assistant Principal for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1, during Mrs Kaye’s absence.

Cybersafety
To further strengthen students understanding about responsible internet and technology use, Constable Jim Betallico from Ashfield Police visited all Stage 2 and 3 students last Wednesday to talk about Cybersafety.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 4

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tues 13th October</td>
<td>P&amp;C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 15th October</td>
<td>Diwali Festival (select Year 3 students)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 19th November</td>
<td>School Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 21st October</td>
<td>Staff Twilight meeting 3-6.30pm. No PSSA Training due to meeting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 24th October</td>
<td>Recorder Group performing at Primary Principals Conference</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun 25th October</td>
<td>Garden Working Bee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 28th October</td>
<td>8:30-9am Garden Stall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 30th October</td>
<td>P&amp;C Disco</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 2nd November</td>
<td>Orientation 2, 1.45pm-2.45pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues 3rd November</td>
<td>School Spec Rehearsal Choir</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 4th November</td>
<td>Garden Meeting 7pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues 10th November</td>
<td>School Spec Choir Orientation 3, 9:15-10:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 30th October</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting 7pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 16th November</td>
<td>School Council 7pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 19th November</td>
<td>Musicale</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 3rd December</td>
<td>Garden Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 3rd December</td>
<td>Public High Schools Orientation Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues 8th December</td>
<td>P&amp;C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 10th December</td>
<td>Presentation day, Year 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 11th December</td>
<td>Reports Home</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 14th December</td>
<td>Picnic Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 16th December</td>
<td>last day for students</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Following you will find links to age appropriate information and activities from the Cybersmart and Stay Smart Online websites. These resources are great for families to explore as well, offering tips and guidance for managing our digital lives and talking to your children.


Mobile Phones/Electronic Equipment
A reminder that if students need to bring electronic equipment to school such as a mobile phone/ipad, it must be taken to the office in the morning, before school starts, and signed in. Students can collect their devices from the office at the end of the school day.

Puberty Information Session - For Year 6 students and Year 5 girls
Year 6 students and Year 5 girls are participating in puberty information sessions on Wednesday 14th October. They are being run by Ms Simmiss, their specialist PDHPE teacher, and are an opportunity for students to learn about and ask questions about the changes that occur during puberty. Please contact Ms Simmiss by email at Rebecca.Simmiss@det.nsw.edu.au if you have any concerns or questions regarding the sessions on Wednesday.

I look forward to a productive and celebratory term 4.

Ms Asmina
Rel. Principal

Front Playground Update
We are very excited about revamping our new front playground. The design of the playground will reorganise the space to maximise the level area for active play and convert other areas into natural, intuitive and non-prescriptive play spaces. Below is a snapshot of the students of our Student Representative Council working with an Urban Landscape Projects team member. They were involved in a “Paper & Crayon Design Workshop”. We will keep you posted on the ideas the students and the experts come up with. We are at the beginning of our design process.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open for the convenience of new parents attending the orientation and transition sessions during the following times:

Wednesday 28th October 10.45am to 12pm
Monday 2nd November 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Tuesday 10th November 10.15am to 11.30am
Tell them from me - Parent Survey

Closing date this Friday 16 October

To participate in the survey go to www.tellthemfromme.com and enter the following login details:
Username: parent17727
Password: Ash1064 (use upper case A)

The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and it measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. The survey consists of three components: a survey of students in Years 4-6, a survey of the teaching staff and a parent survey. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. The information has already been fed back to our School Council, P&C and has been incorporated in the Ashbury Public School School Plan 2015-2017.

The 'Partners in Learning' parent feedback survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. If you don’t have access to a computer, come into school at pick up or drop off time and we will organise a computer for you. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. However, it is important to receive feedback from as many families as possible, so please ensure that your voice is heard.

To participate in the survey go to www.tellthemfromme.com and enter the following login details:
Username: parent17727
Password: Ash1064 (use upper case A)

Enrolling for 2016/Leaving Ashbury?

If you have a child ready to start school next year at Ashbury please come up to the office and collect an Application to Enrol form. Your indication to enrol students for next year helps with our planning for 2016. We also need to know who is leaving our school at the end of the year, so we can organise our numbers accurately for 2016. Please let the office know in writing if this is the case.

Canteen Reminder

Just a reminder that all canteen lunch orders are now to be processed online. For further information contact info@theschoolcanteen.com.au or Kirsty from the The School Canteen on 0416 786 603 or visit www.theschoolcanteen.com.au
For online ordering visit www.flexischools.com.au

Uniform Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute to the uniform survey. The Ashbury Public School Council is currently reviewing the uniform policy. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.
PUBLIC SPEAKING – Ashbury Winners!
Congratulation to the following students. These students will progress to the next stage of the competition and represent our school at the Canterbury Network Public Speaking Competition to be held this Wednesday at Narwee Public School. Good luck!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Stage 1</th>
<th>Stage 2</th>
<th>Stage 3</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Early Stage 1</td>
<td>Rebecca W</td>
<td>The Force</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stage 1</td>
<td>David T</td>
<td>Two Amazing Women</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stage 2</td>
<td>Alyssa M</td>
<td>The Pros and Cons of Homework</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stage 3</td>
<td>Ruby F</td>
<td>Chocolate</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Stage 3 Speak-Off participants

Woolworths - Earn and Learn
This program is now closed. We cannot accept any more Earn and Learn Stickers. Thank you to all the families who generously supported our school by submitted their Earn and Learn stickers. We collected a total of 381 completed sheets – a fantastic result! The organisers will contact the school shortly regarding redeeming these points.

Garden Market Stall – Wed 28th October
Come and purchase some fresh ingredients for your kitchen! The next garden Market Stall will be on Wednesday 28th October at 8:30am.

Attention all Gardeners
The community garden is about to order another load of beautiful organic mushroom compost and will have some surplus available for the wider school community. If you would like your garden to sing this spring order a trailer load (approx 1 cubic metre) for just $110 delivered. The compost will arrive at the end of October. Contact Stuart Gibb on 0419 199 758 if you are interested, but be quick as supplies are limited.

NSW Government Community Building Partnership Fund
The Ashbury Public School P&C has applied to the NSW Government Community Building Partnership Fund for a grant to resurface the playground’s asphalt under the School’s Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). The asphalt under the COLA is uneven and badly worn in places and the line markings have faded over time. If successful in gaining the grant, the P&C hopes to upgrade the existing playground area by installing a new layer of softfall under the COLA and putting down new line markings.

Thank you to everyone who voted for our submission! The successful applicant is determined by the number of votes it receives.
IW worked together to make garden art display:

This group made the flowers that are growing in our garden.

This group made the beautiful, green grass.

Then, a swarm of bees and ladybugs visited our garden!
Pennant winners:

Esther P 4J
Charlotte R 4J
Isobel K 4J
Eshana S 2B
Hugo F 2L
Samantha K 6/5R

CONGRATULATIONS!
Cybersmart Safety & Digital Citizenship

digital citizenship checklist

Children today seem to be born knowing how to use technology. Children do not however necessarily automatically understand responsible online behaviour.

It's a new challenge society faces – teaching children how to be good digital citizens; how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

The following are based on themes assembled by US educator Mike Ribble who has written widely on digital citizenship. The following is endorsed by the DEC.

Here are eight areas of digital citizenship that parents may consider and discuss with their children.

1. Digital etiquette

The most common example is using lower case letters in text messages and emails - unless you really want to SHOUT AT SOMEONE.

2. Digital communication

There are lots of ways to communicate - but are they equally appropriate every time? For example, texting may be a convenient way for a child to invite a friend over but their parents may prefer to be phoned and asked in person so they can verify that it's ok.

3. Digital literacy

The internet is an amazing research tool if you know how to assess the credibility of a site and its content - whether it's checking consumer reviews about a new fridge or research for an assignment, parents and kids need to learn and use these skills.

4. Digital commerce

If a child is old enough to buy things online, do they know how to check that a seller is legitimate and that the transaction is secure? How do they protect themselves against identity theft?

5. Digital law

Cutting and pasting information from a website into an assignment isn't just lazy - it's also plagiarism. Downloading music or videos illegally is also something children need to be warned against.

6. Digital rights and responsibilities

The new-found freedom of being able to publish our thoughts online needs to be balanced with awareness that our words and photos can be hurtful to others and can exist online for many years. When something that appears online makes a child feel uncomfortable, they need to know how to deal with it.

7. Digital health and wellness

'Blackberry thumb', eye strain, hearing loss, back and neck problems weren't generally problems for earlier generations of kids, but are things we now need to protect children against. We also need to be aware of psychological issues such as internet addiction and cyber bullying.

8. Digital security (self-protection)

How much information to give online, whether to post and tag photos, where to have a webcam, even where to keep the computer are some of the discussions families need to have about security.
McGrath Academy of Irish Dancing

New Irish Dancing classes starting October Term 4 2015

Irish dancing is a great way to help children to develop their musicality, athleticism, and dance technique. Come along have fun, make good friends and learn from a former member of Riverdance-the show.

- Classes for ages 3yrs and up
- Safe and child friendly environment
- Ashbury area
- Qualified Irish Dancing teacher (Registered with An Coimisiun Ireland)

Principal: Katie McGrath
Email: Kmcgrathtcrg@gmail.com
Phone: 0419 246 109
Facebook: McGrath Academy of Irish Dancing
You’re invited to join the greatest swimming club –
Leichhardt Swim Club Est. 1962

Saturday 10 October 2015 marks the start of the 2015|16 season.

The club meets each Saturday morning in the Olympic Pool at
Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC)
Mary Street Lilyfield.

Races commence at 7.30am, finishing by 10am.

LSC caters for all swimming levels from 4 years and over, with race distances from 15 to 800 metres. The 15m kiddie splash is held in the shallow end and children can be assisted. The 50m freestyle event is on each week, with other distances, form strokes & medley events rotated throughout the season.

Swim Club is an excellent preparation for school swimming competitions and an entry point to competitive club swimming. Swimmers race to improve their personal best times and are introduced to correct race procedure.

Leichhardt Swim Club provides a combination of social and competitive swimming for children and adults. Parents are encouraged to swim.

Are you a new swimmer? You are encouraged to attend swim club once before joining, simply report to our marshalling area and enter the late entry heat. If you enjoy your swimming you are then invited to join Leichhardt Swim Club.

Like to join us?
Membership opens from the 1st September 2015
Go to www.lscswimclub.org,
click on membership and follow the instructions.

LSC Membership Fees
Includes Swimming NSW Registration
1 Swimmer $79.00
Family of 4 swimmers $298.00

Leichhardt Swim Club operates independently to LPAC.
For all enquiries please email leichhardtswimmingclub@gmail.com