Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who have welcomed me back after our family holiday! It is always great to relax and get away. I would especially like to thank Ms Asimina who was the Relieving Principal in my absence, and also to Ms Wong who took 4/3A.

Just a reminder to all parents and carers who enter the school grounds during the day to assist within the school or an activity going on in the school that it is a requirement that you go to the office first to sign in. This process allows us to know who is on site and where you will be during your time at school. Also we require this information if there is a lock down, fire or an evacuation. Thank you for your support.

I have written previously about the need to be careful on the roads around schools. It seems to be particularly dangerous in the morning and at pick up time. Please walk or park the car and collect the children from school – do not call them across the road. We had several concerned parents and passers-by ring the school last week to voice their concerns over a particular near miss involving three of our Ashbury kids!

On Wednesday afternoons after school many of the year 3-6 students are involved in PSSA training on the grass. This means that the playground area can be dangerous as they are playing cricket and softball and these hard balls can hurt, especially if you are not expecting them! Please keep children away from the play area on this day. Thank you!

Garden Thank You
Thank you all the members of the school community and beyond who worked tirelessly at the Community Garden Open Day yesterday. The was an enormous amount of mushroom compost to be moved and spread over the garden, and the team worked all morning on this as well as sprucing up the garden and cleaning out the chook pen. Thank you so much!!

Leaving Ashbury?
We 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 4
Wed 28th October – 8:30-9am Garden Stall
Orientation for new students 9:15-11:00am
Fri 30th October – P&C Disco
Mon 2nd November – Orientation 2, 2-3pm
Tues 3rd November – School Spec Rehearsal Choir, Environmental visit
Wed 4th November – Garden Meeting 7pm
Tues 10th November – School Spec Choir Orientation 3, 9:15-10:30
Tues 16th November – School Council 7pm
Thurs 19th November – Musicale
Wed 2nd December – Garden Meeting
Thurs 3rd December – Public High Schools Orientation Day
Tues 8th December – P&C
Thurs 10th December – Presentation day, Year 6 Farewell
Fri 11th December – Reports Home
Mon 14th December – Picnic Day
Wed 16th December – last day for students

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**Transition**

Week 4 is Transition to school for students leaving Pre-School and commencing “Big School.” We welcome all our new students and parents to our school and trust that they will find each day of the next three weeks very engaging and enjoyable.

This program is very exciting for a number of reasons. Not only are we welcoming new families into Kindergarten, but also those entering all of the different grades across the school including several students from Yeo Park Infants. The students in Year 5 are also commencing their leadership within the school as they will be the “Buddies” for our new children. In addition many of our Year 6 students are starting to transition into high school, with several visits planned to high school or some high schools visiting our students!

**School disco**

The P&C school disco will be held this Friday night 30th October from 6-8pm in the school hall. The theme is “Come as you are....” which means you can wear whatever you would like.

You might want to come in dress up or just as you are!!

Tickets are $15 per family or $10 per child+adult. A paying adult must be there to accompany children at all times. We would love to see you at the disco to enjoy dancing, BBQ and gelato! Thanks to the P&C for organising this great community event.

**Woolworths – Earn and Learn**

Thank you to all the families who generously supported our school by submitting their Earn and Learn stickers. We have redeemed our points and bought lots of great maths resources for the teachers and children to use. We bought multiple sets of magnetic Australian currency, fraction sets, mini whiteboards, 3D shapes, volume sets, 20 sided dice and equal arm balances. These are all much needed items.

**Deadly Kids Awards**

Congratulations to Daniel McInerney who was awarded The Deadly Kids Doing Well Award at on Tuesday 13th October. This is an event that celebrates Aboriginal student achievements across primary and secondary schools. They celebrate the many Aboriginal students who are doing well and achieving improved outcomes. Well done, Daniel!!!
**Diwali Festival**

“On 15th October, some kids from each of the Year 3 classes went to the Diwali festival at Martin Place. When we arrived, we ate our recess, then put on some saris. Some people were involved in a play. After that we went on a stage and performed the Australian anthem, the Indian anthem and also the Diwali song. It was a great day. All the people that were not in the play were doing art. It was really messy but we still had so much fun.”

![Diwali Festival Image](image1)

**Senior Recorder Group at Principal’s Conference**

On Friday 23rd October the Senior Recorder Ensemble played with one other primary school and some high school students at the State Primary Principal’s Conference at the Sofitel/Wentworth Hotel in the city. They played in front of 440 Principal’s from around the state. Thanks to Mrs Sukkar for her talented conducting and organisation of this event. We are very proud of our students!

![Senior Recorder Group Image](image2)

**Teachers kept in after school!**

Last week the teachers stayed back after school for several hours for extra professional development. We reviewed the Strategic Directions for 2015, and did some initial planning for 2016. We worked hard learning some great 21st century learning activities to help our students be critical and creative thinkers. We also had an in depth look at some of the Australian Teaching Standards, as well as deciding which of the 15 Positive Behaviour for Learning mascots that the children have created in their classes could be put to the community vote!!! More details on this in the next newsletter! What a busy team of teachers!

![Senior Recorder Group Image](image3)

**PUBLIC SPEAKING – Ashbury Winners!**

Congratulations to Rebecca, David, Alyssa and Ruby who represented our school in the Canterbury Network Public Speaking Competition finals last week. Each student spoke confidently and fluently delivering interesting prepared and impromptu speeches. A big congratulations to David, who was awarded a Highly Commended certificate and medal.
Netball Bib Donation
Thanks to Fiona M for donating the new set of netball bibs for the Ashbury PSSA team to use. They will certainly come in handy at next years’ comp!

School Council News
The Ashbury Public School Council met on the 19th of October 2015. Our school’s Aboriginal Education Policy is now complete and is available on the school website at: http://www.ashbury-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies/school-policies A review of the school uniform is also currently being discussed and a survey has been conducted, as is the yearly update of the Student Welfare and Discipline Policy. The school’s Attendance Policy is also under review, with some work to be done on making information relating to school procedures in this area more readily available.

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

Garden Market Stall – Wednesday 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.

Selective High School Applications
If you would like to apply for the selective high school placement for 2017 for Government Schools, the online site is open from 13th October and closes on 16th November, 2015. Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School placement test to be held on Thursday 10th March 2016. An intention to apply letter was sent home to parents with students in Year 5 last week.

Sally D’Arrigo
Rel. Principal

Pennant winners:
Zac A 2B
Calvin M 5/4M
Rebecca R 4/3A
James T 3G
Charlie W KM
Maeve L KM
Tahlia T 1F

CONGRATULATIONS!

Notes Sent Home This Fortnight:
If you missed out on any of these notes they are available on our website.
- Uniform Survey
- Jazz Band Rehearsal and Performance
- Ashbury Public School Disco!
- Selective High School Applications
Calling on all Ashbury PS artists.

We want you to design this years 2015 front cover.

Your design can include anything you think represents our school or anything that has been significant to you or the school in 2015.

Below is the Ashbury PS front cover for the 2014 School Magazine.

Entries should be handed to Mrs McEvoy on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

Entries close on Friday 6th November 2015

Please see Mrs McEvoy if you have any questions.

All entries will be judged by Ashbury PS Executive and the winner will be announced at Assembly on Thursday 12th November.
STUDENT ARTWORK

BY SOME YEAR 3 STUDENTS

BY ROSE.3M
Kids
Get ready for school swimming carnival
Improve your swimming time and distance
Race in a friendly environment
Beat your own time

Adults
Friday night fun with a friendly crowd of parents
Race with your kids and other parents

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Every Friday 6:30 - 8:30pm
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From 9 Oct 2015 to 18 Mar 2016
First trial FREE - just turn up

Races for all ages and abilities
3 races per week
Sprints from 16m to 100m
Distance events from 4 X 16m to 800m
Championship events and Improvement Points Races

More details on www.enfieldswimclub.org
First Saturday of the Month
10am – 4pm

Lakemba Community Market
Shop Around the World at Lakemba

Delicious Food, Clothing, Jewellery, Accessories, Henna and Beauty Services...

Exotic Hand Made Gifts, Performers, Second Hand Stalls and so much more...

First Saturday of the Month
10am – 4pm

Jubilee Reserve Lakemba
Cnr of Railway Parade and Bellevue St

Information & Stall Holder Enquiries: Canterbury City Community Centre 9750 9344
A Free Family Event to Promote Sustainable Living in Lakemba

LAKEMBA ENVIRONMENT DAY

Tours of Lakemba Community Garden
Sausage Sizzle
Free Children’s Activities
Storytime
Find out about growing your own vegies, composting, saving seeds, easy care gardening and more!

Bonus … visit the Lakemba Community Market at the same time!

SATURDAY 7
NOVEMBER 2015

10AM - 1PM

JUBILEE RESERVE
RAILWAY POE AND BELLEVUE AVE LAKEMBA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CANTERBURY CITY COMMUNITY CENTRE 9750 9344
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.

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SUNDAY 1st November
10am - 3pm  Grant Park Enfield
near Enfield Pool

Come celebrate Spring with us at the Health & Fitness Fair!
A day out for families, where you learn how to train the family pet and get fit at the same time.

**Things to Do:**
- Food stalls with covered seated area
- Hunter Valley gluten free grass fed Sausage Sizzle
- Face Painting & Crazy Hair spray
- Relaxing live music all day
- Kids Craft Activities
- Raffle Prizes to be won
- Dog training sessions all day
  (dogs on leads welcome)
- Pet stalls
- Formal speeches including John Faker, Mayor of Burwood
- Pet Artwork Competition Draw (with fun prizes)


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