Dear Parents and Carers,
We are already half way through our final term. It certainly is flying past.

Thank you to all who attended the P & C’s school disco last Friday night. A special thanks to Jo Cory, and the many parents who donated their time on the BBQ, selling gelato or drinks or ensuring our students stayed safe. It was another successful disco and a great gathering of friends. It was wonderful to see so many students who dressed up for the event!

If your child is in K-5 and will not be returning to Ashbury PS next year could you please contact the office as soon as possible and let us know. We also need to know if you will be returning back to school later than the 30th January 2016. We are in the process of finalising our numbers for classes and teacher placement for 2016, and our school is very full! This information is vital to the planning.

Congratulations to some of our year 4 students who were offered places or are on the reserve list in an Opportunity Class in Year 5 and 6 for 2016. This year we had a record number gain places! Well done, clever kids.

Our canteen is offering a yummy and healthy week of specials:

**Monday** - Ham and veggie rice $5.50 - Steamed rice with capsicum, carrot, peas, egg, shallots and ham.

**Tuesday** - Homemade Beef Bolognaise mini pie with garden salad $5.50

**Wednesday** - Veggie nachos with sour cream and avocado $5.50 - White corn tortilla chips topped with a freshly cooked nachos mix of Red kidney bean and mixed veggies

**Thursday** - Butter chicken with steamed rice - $5.50 - Marinated diced breast chicken slow cooked and served on fresh steamed rice
Transition to School

Once again our transition program has been immensely successful – we are two thirds of the way through. We have welcomed many new Kindergarten students and students from other years, as well as their parents into our school community and very much look forward to building our relationships and embarking on rich and creative learning opportunities over the coming years.

Congratulations to the staff who planned and delivered the transition program, and to parents from groups such as the P&C, Uniform shop. The School Canteen and scripture who presented or made themselves available to talk to new parents. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the 2015 Kindergarten parents who provided the morning tea for our new parents and to all the staff K-6 who participated and supported transition.

Our school has also been involved in giving some of the local Pre schools a chance to find out what “Big School” is all about – they visited the library, the playground, a classroom, the garden, the toilet block and used the bubblers, amongst other activities. They concluded that big school is fun! This is just another way we are able to help our community!

Whooping cough

There has recently been a case of whooping cough at Ashbury. A note went home about this last week, providing information about the disease. If your child develops symptoms as outlined in the note, please visit your local doctor as soon as possible and take the letter with you. If you have misplaced the note, there are more available at the office.


P&C NAPLAN Summary

Our monthly P&C meeting will be held this Tuesday 10th November in the Library at 7pm. This month we will give a summary of this year’s NAPLAN results in addition to the usual meeting.

2016 School Resource Allocation Model (RAM)

All NSW public schools are currently being advised of their 2016 Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding. RAM distributes funding based on individual needs of students and schools, and gives schools greater flexibility to make financial decisions.

The way schools use their RAM funding will vary based on local needs. Some support will be for the entire school, and some will be for particular groups of students or individual students.

There is an overview document about the RAM available on the Department of Education website if you would like to know more about how our school is planning to use the funding to support students.

The RAM allocation for Ashbury Public School will be presented to the School Council and at a P&C meeting.

Become an Ethics Coordinator or Teacher

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW public primary school students who don't attend scripture classes to participate in philosophical ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgment, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives.

There is currently one Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Ethics class at Ashbury. If we are to offer more classes, additional volunteers are required to both coordinate and teach the program. Volunteer Ethics teachers are trained to deliver an age-appropriate curriculum which has been approved by the Department of Education. To be an Ethics teacher you need to be comfortable engaging with children, have an interest in helping young people to think about ethical topics, have an open mind, an inquiring outlook and be a good listener.

We also require a volunteer coordinator for Ashbury Public School. The Ethics coordinator is responsible for recruiting new volunteer Ethics teachers, communicating with the school about classroom arrangements and liaising with Primary Ethics. This role provides a great opportunity for a parent who wants to be involved but might not be able to volunteer during school hours. The work time is flexible, requiring approximately 1-2 hours per week, predominantly online.

For more information about the roles and to volunteer, please go to http://www.primaryethics.com.au
Positive Behaviour For learning Mascots
The students in all 15 classes have been working on developing a character/mascot for our PBL program. This program is designed to create safe effective learning and teaching environments, where behaviour is taught explicitly. It is an evidenced based whole school project to improve social and academic learning outcomes. Each class developed a range of characters/mascots that embody what PBL is all about. They voted and came up with their class elected choice. The teachers have looked at each of the 15 mascots and discussed at length suitable choices. We elected 5 finalists – Ashbury Ant (2L), Platybury (5/4M), Abee the Bumblebee (1F), a giraffe (6/5H – not yet named) and a kookaburra (3M – not yet named). These 5 characters will soon be put to the Ashbury community for a vote – the students just need to finalise names and important characteristics. The winning mascot will be professionally drawn and used in all promotional material and on rule reminder posters around the school. It’s getting exciting!!

Aspire to design workshop at Canterbury Boys
Five of our Year 5 students were invited to take part in ‘Aspire to Design’, a Gifted & Talented Workshop at Canterbury Boys’ High School, promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) outcomes. Over the past two weeks our students learnt about the development of technology, occupations that use technology, the design process and used a 3D printer to solve a design brief. All of this while experiencing a taste of high school life. The boys witnessed the magic of 3D printing, each taking home a white rabbit printed from one of the CBHS 3D printers. The students then used their imagination and creativity to design a pencil holder that may be printed using the 3D printer. Their final designs will be presented to them at assembly in the coming weeks. The teachers and technology students from Canterbury Boys’ loved working with our students, the ‘Technologists’ of tomorrow, and hope to continue building on this valuable learning relationship between our schools.

Poster Competition Winners
Congratulations to Rory C and Annabel P who recently won awards in the “Say NO to illegally dumped rubbish” poster competition. Rory received 1st prize and won a $250 gift voucher from Dymocks and Annabel won 3rd prize and received a $100 voucher from Dymocks. Great work girls!

School Spectacular Rehearsals
On Tuesday the 3rd of November the School Spectacular Choir travelled on two trains to netball central in Olympic park for their very first School Spectacular state choir rehearsal. Over the course of the day they sang with the conductors Ian Jefferson and Mathew Manchester as well as on their own. They also practised the movements on and off the stage for their feature song “Spirit Of The ANZAC.” Overall it was very tiring but fun day for those 17 students as well as Mrs Sukkar. They will be attending another rehearsal on Tuesday the 10th of November.
By Annisa C and Alex K

Environmental Visit
On Tuesday 3rd November the Environmentalist program visited our Ashbury students in KM, KS and 1/KV as well as the SRC and Environment groups. There were several age-appropriate sessions where the children investigated the impact of littering on the environment, particularly in the catchment area and the effect littering has had on the Cooks River. They talked about ways that they could minimise littering. What a super learning experience!
India Calling Parliament House

Some of our Year 3 students went into Parliament House last week and met the Premier of NSW, Mike Baird. They sang and performed a drama. Here is what some of them had to say.

“On Monday 2nd November we went to Parliament House in Sydney. We had to catch the train and walk. When we got there we got dressed into a sari. I got dressed into a green sari and got make up and jewellery. We sang the Diwali song to everybody in the crowd. I enjoyed my day and it was the best day of my life.” – Mariah

“My favourite part was putting on the clothes and jewellery. I got to wear Hindi clothes” – William

“When I went to State Parliament House my favourite part was the performance. We met the Premier, Mike Baird” – Jacob

The Ashbury Ashmows grow hair in November

At Ashbury we like to participate in worthwhile community events. This shows our students empathy and offers examples of how they can help others. This month some of our teachers, lead by Mr Newmarch, are fundraising for Men’s Health. If you would like to donate, please do so via the webpage link below: http://moteam.co/ashmows

Mo sisters are invited to join in too! Those that donate are able to have their photo taken with one of our Mo’s and we will put your photo in the next newsletter!

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

Pick up an intention to apply letter if you misplaced the one sent home a few weeks ago.
School Student Transport Scheme Changes
The School Student Transport Scheme gives eligible students free or subsidised travel between home and school, on the approved train, bus or ferry services. From term 1 2016, Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for this travel via a new online application process.

Most people won’t need to apply for the School Opal card if they are already holders of a school student travel pass. They will automatically be issued with a School Opal card in 2016. New applications will need to be made if the student;
- is starting school and hasn’t had a pass before
- is in a transition year (i.e. year 2 to 3, or 6 to 7)
- is changing schools
- the student’s details have changed (e.g. address)

For more information and to apply for a School Opal card, complete the application at www.transportnsw.info/school-students. Then print, sign and submit the form to the school for processing.

Sally D’Arrigo
Rel. Principal

Pennant winners:
Oliver D 2B
Nathan C 2L
Ethan W 6/5S
Ella J 6/5H
Kailash K – 1F
Praveen N 6/5R
Achilles U 2L
Taisei M 4/3A
Katherine M 4/3A

CONGRATULATIONS!

Notes Sent Home
This Fortnight:
If you missed out on any of these notes they are available on our website.
- Selective High School Applications
- Whooping Cough – Pertussis
- Junior and Senior Choir Performances
- Ashfield Library Excursion – India Calling - selected year 3 students

Student Artwork
Following are some examples of student artwork, including some Picasso pictures. Enjoy!

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5.45pm - 7.30pm

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