Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff would like to show their appreciation to all of those in our community who have helped us this year by holding a “THANK YOU BREAKFAST” in your honour next Wednesday 2nd December at 8.30am. So if you have helped in the classroom, done some reading with students, worked at the fete, cooked a sausage on a BBQ at school, moved instruments, helped manage students on an excursion or held a stopwatch or measuring tape on the sporting field – or anything else to help staff with the huge job of educating and developing the students of Ashbury – we would love to see you there!!

It is once again the time of the year when we go through the very important process of electing the Ashbury school officers for 2016. Students in Year 5 have already started the process by being nominated. You may have also seen that each candidate has placed one poster on the wall outside the canteen. On Monday 23rd November students were involved in election speeches in the hall, where they could listen to candidates deliver a short speech. It was wonderful to see so many Year 5 parents who responded to a text message and came along to watch! All students and staff will now get an equal opportunity to cast their vote on Wednesday 25th November – election day! The process is fair and transparent – each class will come to the voting room, collect a ballot paper with candidate names and photos in alphabetical order, and make their choice by ticking in a box next to the candidate’s name. The current 2015 school officers and teachers coach young students with the process before they enter the voting room so that everyone knows what to do! Votes are then counted by Executive teachers and scrutineers – just like a State or Federal election!

I would like to wish all our candidates the best of luck. We are very proud of you for putting yourself out there and giving it a go!! Election of Sports Captain will occur in the following week.

We have had several incidents with mobile phone use amongst our older students. Cyber bullying does regularly occur in society and is in no way acceptable. It is important for parents/carers to know, be aware of and understand the sites that your child is visiting. Parent should also know that primary students under 13 years of age should not be accessing social media at all.

Please take the time to read the information on the link below: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying
2016 Enrolments
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.

Farewelling Ashbury Teachers
At the end of this year we will be farewelling some of our much loved and appreciated Ashbury teachers! Mrs Morris has gained a permanent classroom teaching position through merit selection at Homebush West Public School, after four years as a temporary at Ashbury. Similarly, Miss Aiello is also going to be a permanent class teacher at Canterbury Public School after her time teaching 2L, the Library and several other classes during the year. Mrs Sukkar will also be leaving us, returning to The Arts Unit after her dream year teaching at her favourite primary school, Ashbury. These three teachers have all made a huge positive impact on the teachers, students and parents in our community with their enthusiasm, hard work and professionalism. I am sure they would agree that our school has provided them all with rich professional learning experiences, and these experiences have enriched their lives and have been important in assisting them to gain their new positions. Congratulations – you will be missed by us all!

Chess Tournament 2015
Our annual chess tournament will be on Monday 7th December 8.30-1pm in the Library. This is a tournament for students who know how to play chess, not for beginners. Cost is $16. A note has been given to interested students. See Mrs Kaye if you missed receiving a note.

Movember
Did you notice anything different about some of our students and teachers on Friday? The SRC together with Mrs Horton sold stick-on Mo’s and held a mufti day to fundraise for Men’s Health! Also this month some of our teachers, lead by Mr Newmarch, are fundraising for Men’s Health.

Here are some facts
According to the Movember website:
• prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men worldwide
• rates of testicular cancer diagnosis have doubled over the past 50 years
• 510,000 men take their own lives each year
• 1 in 4 adults are not active enough, and moving on a regular basis can reduce your risk of heart disease, diabetes and cancer by up to 50%.
Facts like these have convinced us that we should get involved again.

How you can help
If you would like to donate, please do so via the webpage link below;
http://moteam.co/ashmows

All donations over $2 are tax deductible. The current donations stand at $626 – thank you for your support so far!
**Uniform Shop**

The Ashbury Uniform shop has been run successfully for many years. This wonderful service to our school has been able to continue largely because of the hard work, expertise and dedication of parent co-ordinator, Louise Murphy. Louise is Mum to Brendan our 2015 School Captain, and as this is the family’s last child to come through Ashbury PS, Louise will be leaving us at the end of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our school community, to very sincerely thank Louise for her 8 years of service to the Uniform shop. During this time she has set up new and improved systems, fine-tuned how volunteers work, sourced uniforms, organised storage, set up the shop in its new location and looked after the financial running of the shop. We are so grateful to her for her efforts – she has set up systems that I’m sure will be sustainable for many years to come!!

Thank you, Louise!

**Musicale**

What a wonderful night of music we enjoyed at the Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL on Thursday 19th November! The audience were treated to many delightful performances – the Concert, Intermediate, Training, Jazz bands all performed, as did Percussion and Flute ensembles, Junior and Senior Choirs and the Junior and Senior Recorder groups. We were also entertained with a great ensemble performance by the Concert band and Year 2 students.

All groups displayed exceptional musical talents, and it was suggested at the end of the night that it was “the best Musicale ever!”

We thank Mr Jason Isaac for his passion, talents and commitment, and along with incredible event management from Mrs Kaye, they were able to produce a fantastic, high quality show.

Thank you to all the teachers and music tutors for their work on the night and throughout the year, to Mrs Sukkar, our compere for the night, and to the Band Committee members who worked furiously behind the scenes – with ticketing, moving instruments, organising rosters, finances etc - not only for this night, but all year!! Thank you all so very much!

**School Band Program**

Over the past few weeks Mr Isaac and the school bands have been performing at the Tuesday assemblies. The staff and the students have thoroughly enjoyed hearing our award winning bands play, and we hope that their performances have encouraged our Year 2-5 students who are not already a member of the band program to join for 2016. If you would like to hear more about the Ashbury PS band program please join us at school on Tuesday 24 November at 6.30pm in the downstairs activity area.

**Lost Property**

Currently we have a huge amount of unclaimed lost property. Last week we placed it all outside for students and parents to have a look through and take their belongings. We will be sending unclaimed clothing to the Stewart House charity. Also could you please remember to label your child’s possessions as this assists us with returning lost items.
Upcoming Events Reminder

Thank You Morning Tea on Wednesday 2 December at 8.30am in the school hall. This is a small way the staff can say thank you by providing breakfast. Please come along!

Presentation Day on Thursday 10 December at Canterbury Hurstlestone Park RSL Club from 10:30-12:30. On this day we recognise the academic, citizenship, sporting and performing arts achievements of our students K-6. Please come along to celebrate with us.

Year 6 Farewell on Thursday 10 December from 6pm to 9pm at the Western Suburbs Australian Football Club. This event is a night of memories for our Year 6 students.

There will also be several other end-of-year events for different groups of children so please ensure you stay in touch with the class parent email.

Our final Newsletter will be on Monday 14 December.

Bethal Nursing Home Visit

‘Last Wednesday the 16th November the Junior and Senior choirs visited Bethal Nursing Home and sang to some of the people there. They were very moved by some of our singing “Always Remember”, “Putting on the Ritz” and “River Song”. The Junior choir sang “Tap your Feet” and “Doctor, Doctor”. Afterwards we shared some morning tea with them. It was nice to see them happy and smiling and remembering good times’

P & C

The P&C held their Budget Meeting last Tuesday night. It has been an amazing year for fundraising with lots of much needed funds coming from the fete, walkathon, donations, the disco, Mother’s and Father’s day stalls, election day BBQ and Woolworth’s Earn and Learn. There was lots of discussion at the meeting about what these funds could be used for - excursions, teaching resources, sports equipment, mobile shelving for the library, a part time support teacher, document cameras for each class, upgrading the toilets and several others things. These discussion points will be finalised at the next meeting in December. The money raised will all be used to help our children receive a great education – thank you!

School Council

The School Uniform Survey is now complete, with many parents or carers and most students having participated. (Thank you to everyone who took the time to contribute their views.) As a result of feedback received from the school community the School Council is recommending that the blue sports shorts (embroidered with APS) become part of the everyday uniform, to be worn with the Ashbury School polo shirt on regular school days, or with the sports house polo shirt on sport days. The School will present their complete findings and recommendation to the P&C for further discussion.

The Student Welfare and School Discipline Policy was also discussed. A new and separate Anti-Bullying Policy has been drafted, as required by new guidelines from the Department of Education.

Our school’s Attendance Policy was also considered. This policy outlines the importance of school attendance, and the roles of both school staff and parents in facilitating student attendance. It also details exactly what steps a parent or carer should take when a student is late or unable to attend school for any reason.

These policies will soon be available for comment on the school website, at: http://www.ashbury-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies/school-policies

The Sport and Physical Activity Policy discussion will be carried over into 2016. The recent School Council meeting was the final one for 2015. Thank you to all Council members for a very productive year.

This year has seen review or introduction of the Aboriginal Education Policy, The School Council Constitution, The Uniform Policy, The Student Welfare and School Discipline Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy and the Attendance Policy.
Community Garden - Produce Stall Coordinator Needed!!

We have lots of people from our community who enjoy gardening! We need an Ashbury community volunteer who can help coordinate our garden stall and sell some produce. It's a very easy job, only 2 hours per term, assisting us with fund raising and sharing our wonderful produce with the school community. No experience necessary! Please contact info@ashburycommunitygarden.org.au

Playground Update

Our front playground design is almost finished! The design has been drawn up and is ready for the Playground Advisory Committee to look at and sort through physical and financial details. Although this process has taken a long time, almost half a year, it is important to get a playground that is affordable, works with the physical environment and is FUN! Thanks you for the many students, parents and community who have been involved in the consultation process.

What a great SPLASH!!

Our before and after school care centre, SPLASH, has recently undergone and assessment and rating from the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority. I am pleased to say that over the 7 Quality areas Splash received 3 – Exceeding the National Quality Standard and 4 Meeting the National Quality Standard.

That’s a great result – and proves that SPLASH provides great quality care to the children of Ashbury, as we all know it does!! Thank you to the Splash Committee, permanent and casual employees, families and especially Marcelle, who consistently delivers great leadership, organisation and compassion.

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

Sally D’Arrigo
Rel. Principal
Comics

To make a comic you need to be creative. Comics can be based on anything even a videogame! Every time you draw a new picture it needs to be in a box, don’t forget to make it funny. So stop playing videogames (make a comic about it instead) and write a comic! – Francis 3G

Pennant winners:

Ecenez G 1/KV  Yvelyn W 3M
James H 2B       Archie H 5/4M
Scarlett D 3M    Jude L 5/4M
Ali N 4J         Fern K 2B
Julia M 6/5R     Leon L 2L
Elizabeth M 6/5R Tass S 5/4M
Poppy M 4/3A     Christos S 1V
Joel M 4/3A      Annika H 1W
Cameron H 1F

CONGRATULATIONS!

Notes Sent Home
This Fortnight:

If you missed out on any of these notes they are available on our website.

- P&C Budget Meeting
- Ashbury Public School Band Fundraiser
- Movember
- St Francis Xavier mass – Catholic students
- Chess Tournament note
- Thank you morning tea invitation
ASHBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL

BAND

INFORMATION NIGHT FOR 2016

DOWNSTAIRS ACTIVITY AREA
6:30PM START
TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2015

COME ALONG AND FIND OUT ABOUT OUR GOLD AWARD WINNING BANDS

Instrument demonstration and presentation by the Band Program Director, Jason Isaac

THE BAND PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN 2016 YEARS 3 TO 6 INCLUSIVE

Presented by the P&C Band Sub-Committee
Visit www.ashburyband.org.au for all your Band information
# Ashbury Public School Band Fundraiser Order Form

Name: 
Address: 
Contact number: 
Email address: 

Orders to be placed in band box by 27th November 
Delivery: 3rd and 4th December in downstairs activity area at pick up time

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| 350g                   | $18   |              |             |
| 800g                   | $35   |              |             |
| 1kg                    | $40   |              |             |

| Gluten free Puddings   |       |              |             |
| 200g (serve 2)         | $13   |              |             |
| 500g (serves 4 – 5)    | $27   |              |             |
| 750g (serves 7 – 8)    | $32   |              |             |
| 1kg (serves 10 – 12)   | $42   |              |             |

| Gluten Free Cakes      |       |              |             |
| 350g                   | $20   |              |             |
| 800g                   | $37   |              |             |
| 1kg                    | $42   |              |             |

Total Price

Direct transfer via internet banking OR Pay at any Commonwealth Bank Branch
BSB: 062-105
Account: 10222186
Ashbury School Band
Payment description should be: "PUDDING - CHILD'S SURNAME AND INITIAL"

23 Greenhills Street, Croydon, NSW 2132
e: orders@ourfestivepuds.com.au
www.ourfestivepuds.com.au
t: 0418 412 779 or 0433 729076
ABN 25 771 696 404
Drama lovers! Applications are now open for students to apply to join Stage Stuff in 2016.

Any student in Year 3 or beyond is eligible to apply to join the Stage Stuff sessions which run in the Ashbury Public School hall on Saturdays in term time. The 2016 sessions will almost certainly start in the first school week of the new year.

Stage Stuff is run by David Baldwin, a professional actor and commercial voice worker, who has taught drama within the curriculum at Ashbury School and currently teaches drama (and appears as Aesop the story teller) at Yeo Park Infants School.

Stage Stuff aims to help students become confident stage performers in drama and any area of public presentation. The training schedule includes drama games, improvisation, voice production, character work and scene work. Scripts are developed for each of the groups and these are presented as stage productions at the end of the year.

The sessions are at least an hour long and the fee is $20 per session payable in a lump sum several weeks into the term.

If a student is interested in joining Stage Stuff please email David on davidbaldwin@aapt.net.au His mobile number 0410522849. Please include contact details, child’s name and age and which year/level the child will be in in 2016.
Do you feel like you have run out of answers for parenting your child?
Are you feeling stressed and overwhelmed?

The Health Psychology Unit, UTS is offering a free treatment research program for families who have children with behavioural problems.

Clinical psychologists from the Unit located near Royal North Shore Hospital will see families with children aged 7–14 for up to 14 sessions.

For more information please contact Dr Rachael Murrihy on 9514 4077 or at Rachael.murrihy@uts.edu.au

Website: www.uts.edu.au/research-and-teaching/our-research/health-psychology-unit
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.

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