Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost at the end of the year....but lots of great things are still happening at Ashbury!

Presentation Day on Thursday 10 December at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club from 10:30-12:30. On this special 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.

Picnic day/Play Day on Monday 14th December. Year 3-6 will be at Lees Park and Canterbury Pool, K-2 will be involved in activities at school.

Last day of school for students on Wednesday 16th December. Special farewell assembly and tunnel for Year 6 students and other leavers at 2.20pm. Parents welcome!

Our final Newsletter will be on Monday 14 December.

Attending the Pacific School Games in Adelaide; Henry W who recently competed at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. Henry competed in diving events and achieved three bronze medals within an outstanding international field of athletes.

Ashbury Diving Star

A huge congratulations to Year 5 student, Henry W who recently competed at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. Henry competed in diving events and achieved three bronze medals within an outstanding international field of athletes. Our P&C very generously contributed towards Henry's trip...well done Henry, we are all very proud of you!
Executive Award Winners

Congratulations to the executive team, Mrs Sukkar, Ms Asimina, Mrs Kaye, Mrs Azzopardi and Mrs Xanthis who were the recent recipients of a Canterbury/Strathfield Network School Excellence Award. The clever team won the award for their work this year as extraordinary school leaders, for leading the way in developing better outcomes for students and considered implementation of the School Plan. They have worked extremely hard this year and ensured that our school continues to be the best it can be!! Well done, team! We are very proud of you!

PSSA Finals

Congratulations to all our PSSA teams but especially to the Junior Cricket team and the Junior Boys T-ball team who won their Grand final last week. Well done to the Senior cricket team and Girls softball team who made the semi-finals. A huge thank you to all the coaches – Mr Newmarch, Mr Robinson, Ms McKeever and Mrs Horton and parents who helped train and look after the teams.

Year 5 TV Stars

On Tuesday and Wednesday last week, our Year 5 students attended the TV show “Crunch Time”. Students left school bright and early to attend the Artarmon studios. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with students either being involved in the show on camera or as part of the audience. During the show students had the chance to talk about their skills/talents, create something crafty and do some cooking! Sounds like it was a lot of fun. The show will be televised on GO! in the near future. We will keep you posted as to when it will be shown!

Social Media Dangers!

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:
School Spectacular

Congratulations to Mrs Sukkar and the students who have recently been involved in the School Spectacular. The busy students were involved in rehearsals and performances lasting from Wednesday morning all the way through to the final performance on Saturday night. They must have been exhausted! But also very happy to have been involved in such a wonderful high quality event.

According to Mrs Sukkar, our Ashbury students were fantastic and represented our school with pride - in the face of some very challenging circumstances. Very long days, early starts, a myriad of instructions, crowds, trains, busy roads, flashing ears, misbehaving poppies, early dinners.... Despite this the children always performed in a professional and enthusiastic manner.

Aside from the monumental effort from Mrs Sukkar, parents Kylie, Sarah and Louisa and teachers Eleanor Bayndrian and Angela McInerney gave up their days/evenings for the students too. Thank you to all the parents for delivering and picking up children on time and for getting all the many details right over the course of the event.

What champions of Public School Education! Thank you to all!
The School Spectacular aired on channel 9 last Saturday evening. I hope you were able to view the show, and perhaps spotted one of our choir students!
Canteen Specials!!

Monday
Tropical wrap- toasted ham cheese pineapple wrap $4.50

Tuesday
Greek salad with chicken tenders $6
Fresh Greek salad with lettuce tomato cucumber kalamata olives and feta topped with 2 freshly crumbed and baked chicken breast tenders

Wednesday
Mini lean beef sub with tomato lettuce cucumber and tomato sauce $5.00

Thursday
Curly Pasta salad with tuna or chicken $4.50
Pasta spirals mixed with mayonnaise diced tomato, cucumber, corn kernels and topped with your choice of shredded chicken or cooked tuna

These specials will take us through to the end of the term! Thank you, School Canteen! Yum!

Thank you Breakfast!
Thank you to all the wonderful parents, grandparents and community members who have helped the school in some capacity during this year. We certainly have appreciated all your work, and hope you enjoyed the breakfast put on by the Ashbury staff in your honour!

Chess Tournament 2015
Our annual chess tournament was held on Monday 7th December 8.30-1pm in the Library. Well done to the many students who decided to take part and a special thank you to Mrs Kaye and Mrs Brennan for their organisation. Results are as follows: Year 1 – Thomas CG, Year 3 – Thomas D, Year 6 – Alex K, 3rd Place medal – David T, 3rd place overall – Sebastian S, 2nd place overall – Aatish Y, 1st place overall – Sree K.
Congratulations!

P & C
The P&C will hold the last meeting of the year this Tuesday night 8th December in the staffroom at 7pm. Michael G from Urban Landscapes, will talk through the design plans for our front playground and the P&C budget will be finalised. The money the P&C have raised this year will all be used to help our children receive a great education – thank you!

Movember
Well done, Ashbury! Thank you for donating to The Movember Foundation. By donating to Movember our school has joined a global movement that has raised $685 million and funded over 1,000 programs since 2003. These funds are working to have an everlasting impact on the face of men’s health. Total funds raised by Ashbury - $1078.
Uniform Shop

There will be a change of day for the Uniform Shop in 2016. It will now be open on **Wednesdays** at 3pm instead of Thursdays.

For the convenience of parents, the uniform shop will also be open at the following additional times;

**Thursday 28th January from 3pm**  (first day back for students in years 1 to 6)

**Monday 1st February to Wednesday 3rd February from 2.30pm**

Students on Healthcare Plans

If your child requires medication at school (eg. asthma puffer, epipen, insulin, etc.), they must be put on a Healthcare Plan. These plans specify all of the relevant details that school staff require to ensure the correct administration of your child’s medication and the procedure to be followed in the event of an emergency.

The Department of Education’s **Student Health Policy** states that schools are to obtain an update of these Healthcare Plans **annually** (including anaphylaxis and asthma emergency plans). Parents/Carers are sent a reminder when these are due, as well as when their child’s medication is due to expire. As you can understand, it is vital that parents/carers provide these forms and current medication as soon as possible to ensure that we are able to adequately care for their child in the event of an emergency and to satisfy the Department’s requirements.

**If you have received a reminder that these forms are due or that your child’s medication has expired. Please attend to this as a matter of urgency. Your cooperation in assisting us to care for your child is greatly appreciated.**

Ukelele classes

Learn the ukuleles at Ashbury Public School in 2016. Classes will be held either before school or at lunch time by Mr Newmarch, for students in years 3-6. Students will need to have their own ukulele. Cost for the lessons will be $20 to cover photocopying and music.

A ukulele would make a wonderful Christmas present if your child is interested. The photo shows that ukuleles can be purchased for around $30. You will find that they can cost a lot more too. An entry level ukulele is fine to begin with.

Community Garden – Market Garden

There will be a Market Garden stall this Friday 11th December – please come along and buy some of our lovely fresh produce!

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! We are also after a chook co-ordinator who can organise a roster so the girls can be fed! We also have a small Christmas garden party on Friday afternoon at 5pm. Bring a plate to share. Please contact info@ashburycommunitygarden.org.au

India Calling 2015

The India Calling program began within the department in 2011 and once again Ashbury Public School engaged students in the study of Indian culture, language, food and dance.
Twice a term students in Year 3 have had a program of learning led by Mala Mehta from the IABBV Hindi School in Sydney. The children have enjoyed a varied and interesting program using digital resources on the interactive whiteboards as well as hands-on activities in the classrooms.

Indian festivals were studied and the children participated in making Rangoli Art on the pavement around the school. Some students attended a Diwali celebration at Martin Place Sydney and others attended a Diwali festival at State Parliament House. An excursion to the State Library allowed us to view some Indian art and artefacts on display.

½ Hour of Code

Lots of students visited the Library last week and this week to try out some simple computer programming, using the activities on the “Hour of Code” website. They had fun and learnt some new skills. There are different programs and formats to look at and some interesting short videos to watch. Maybe you could try it out over the holidays.  

https://code.org/learn
2B recently designed and made games to teach other about the seasons. Last week they shared the games with the students from 1/KV.

*Sally D’Arrigo*
Rel. Principal

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**Pennant winners:**

- Kala S 6/5S
- Owen C 3M
- Oscar F 1W
- Zayn H 4J
- Michael P 6/5S
- Sophie G 5/4M
- Elena D 1W
- Bailey M 1W
- Andrew J 2L
- Sofia C 6/5S
- Meera R 5/4M
- Aleksa R 5/4M
- Alisha WN 1W
- William B 6/5S
- Finlae G 6/5S
- Sherry H 2L
- Jacob M 1W
- Bianca I 1W
- Grace M 1W
- Zali G 2B
- Jema P 1F

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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**Notes Sent Home This Fortnight:**

- Whooping Cough alert
- Annual Presentation Day
- K-2 Picnic Day
- 3-6 Picnic Day
- School Spectacular performance fee
- Stage 2 Cultural Day

*If you missed out on any of these notes they are available on our website.*
Ashbury Community Carols

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Sunday 13th December, 2015

Family fun starts at 4:30pm
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This year we are collecting goods for the Anglicare “Toys ‘n’ tucker” to provide
goods for the needy in our area. Please feel free to bring donations of food and
toys on the night as per the shopping list below.

**SHOPPING LIST**

Here’s what you can give:

- Christmas food for festive meals
  - Christmas cake
  - Christmas pudding
  - Tinned salmon/ham
  - Long-life custard

- Gifts for toddlers, children and teens
  - Toys
  - Sports equipment
  - Toiletry packs
  - Board games
  - Gift cards

- All donations are to be new and unused, thank you!

We also welcome cash donations, so those we help can
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