Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone: teachers, students, parents and carers for your support for Ashbury Public School achieving another successful year! Thanks to the P&C, School Council and sub committees for their amazing ability to fund raise and support the school in many extra programs and resources. Thanks to the highly committed and talented staff at Ashbury Public School. Thanks to parents who help students on their learning journey every day! Thanks to the students – you are why we are here. You are lucky to belong to this great school and we are lucky to have you!

Congratulations to all students who attended the Presentation Day Assembly last Thursday 10th December at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club. On this day we recognise the academic, citizenship, sporting and performing arts achievements of our students K-6. However, I would also like to congratulate you all on the hard work and effort this year, no matter whether you received an award or not. Remember, there are many ways to be smart!

It was a very emotional ceremony where we also formally say goodbye to our Year 6 students. I also wish all of our students who are leaving all the very best for their future studies and adventures. Thanks to Miss Bayndrian and her team of teachers who made the Presentation Day such a success. Thanks to our very capable 2015 School Captains Brendan and Finlae and Vice Captains Riley and Sofia. Thanks also to the 2015 team of School Officers; Samantha, Ethan, Talia and Miles. The officer team ran a wonderful Presentation Day and delivered on expectations and were most reliable throughout the year.

Congratulations to our new 2016 School Captains: Ruby and Louis; Vice Captains: Baxter and Julia and School Officers; Ben, Rory, Jesse and Astrid. Also congratulations to our 2016 Sports Captains and Sports Vice Captains.

Thank you and all the best to Mrs Morris, Mrs Sukkar and Miss Aiello who will be leaving us at the end of this year. We wish you all the very best for the future.

Our Year 6 students had the opportunity to enjoy their “Year 6 Farewell” at the Western Suburbs Australian Football Club. This event is a night of memories for our Year 6 students. It is an occasion for celebrations and a very special night for the students, parents and their teachers. Special thanks to Mrs Sukkar, Mrs
Horton and Mr Robinson who ensured the night was one to remember. Thanks to the Year 6 students, teachers and parents who have worked hard to raise funds to purchase a new school banner which students and teachers in years to come will really benefit from. Thank you and Good Luck Year 6 students! Remember to be respectful and always try to do your best! Be committed and work hard, and remember your little school on the hill.

Year 6 will be farewelled by the whole school at 2.25pm on Wednesday 16 December, 2015 through the traditional Ashbury arch! Come along and join in the fun.

Student Reports went home last Friday 11 December. Please spend time discussing the report with your child. If you have any questions please make an appointment to see the teacher.

**Stage 2 Cultural Day!**

Congratulations to students, parents and teachers involved in the cultural day in our hall last Wednesday. Children dressed up in cultural costumes or clothes representing another country and brought in food from various cultures to share. It was wonderful to see everyone sampling the different types of food!

**Combined Scripture Service**

The combined scripture service was held last week on Tuesday the 8th December. Thank you to all those involved in the organisation of this event.

**Choir and Band performance**

Our senior choir and Concert band recently performed at St Matthews, Ashbury as part of their Christmas carols celebration. It was a great night under the stars and both groups performed beautifully. Thank to Susan Sukkar and Grace Kaye and the band parents who helped out on the night!

*Sally D’Arrigo*
Rel. Principal
Pennant winners:
Andrea 6/5H
Ayden 5/4M
Dylan 6/5H

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

St Francis Xavier's Parish Ashbury will be celebrating the following Sacraments in 2016.

**Term Two:** Confirmation Programme

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Pentecost Sunday 15th of May 2016** (tbc). Children in **Year 6 and above** who have been baptised in the Roman Catholic Tradition and have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are eligible to receive this Sacrament.

**Term Three:** First Holy Communion Programme

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday 21st of August 2016**. Children in **Year 3 and above** who have been baptised in the Roman Catholic Tradition and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation are eligible to receive this Sacrament.

**Term Four:** First Reconciliation Programme

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Wednesday 9th of November 2016**. Children in **Year 2 and above** who have been baptised in the Roman Catholic Tradition are eligible to receive this Sacrament.

I look forward to participating in your child’s faith journey.

Fr Toan Nguyen, PP
On behalf of the Parish Sacramental Team.