Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support in helping to settle the students back at school and getting into routine.

I would also like to thank the P & C for the wonderful BBQ held last Friday night and to all the volunteers who helped make the night a success. The evening gave many new and returning families an opportunity to mix and get to know one another, and the students certainly had fun. The gelato was a big hit and so too the scrumptious tastings on offer from the Community Garden.

It was also great to see so many parents at our “Meet the Teacher” night. When we form a partnership, we can help the students see that we work together for the benefit of their education.

Teachers have been busy selecting our PSSA teams and organising sporting events and clinics this past week. Student Representative Council (Years 2-6) and Environmental Officers (Years 1-6) are being elected. Year 5 Peer Mediation starts this week, with our mediators helping out in the playground. Our bands and recorder groups are already busily learning new pieces that they will perform throughout the year, and auditions for choirs are being held this week. Dance groups will start a little later. I would like to thank all the staff who have already spent many extra hours to ensure that the students at Ashbury PS have a wide range of extra curricula activities available to them.

Thanks also to the many families who have been so generous sending in School Contributions. These donations help provide many extra opportunities for our students.

Sally D’Arrigo
Relieving Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 1

Mon 23 Feb – 9.15am School Council AGM - Hall
Wed 25 Feb – Carnival of Codes
Fri 27 Feb – Clean Up Ashbury
Thurs 26 Feb – Yr 6 Move it! TV auditions
Mon 2 Mar – Zone Swimming Carnival
Wed 4 Mar - School Photo Day/Garden Meeting 7pm
Tues 10 Mar – P & C Meeting. All welcome!
Sat 29 Mar – NSW Election BBQ/Garden Working Bee/Band Camp
Wed 1 Apr – Community Garden AGM
Thurs 2 Apr - Last day of Term 1

TERM 2

Mon 20 Apr – Staff Development Day
Tues 21 Apr – School Resumes
Thurs 23 Apr – School’s Remember ANZAC
Sat 25 Apr – ANZAC Day
Sun 26 Apr - Community Garden Country Fair
Mon 27 Apr – ANZAC Day holiday
Tues 12-15 May – NAPLAN week/ P&C Meeting
Mon 8 Jun – Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Attendance

It is important if your child is away that you write a note to the classroom teacher outlining the reason for absence. It is a requirement that children attend school every day possible. If your family is seeking leave because you are travelling, please see the office to fill out an “Application for extended leave”. Thank you.

Assemblies

School assemblies are held every Monday morning starting at 9am under the COLA. We welcome parents to attend these assemblies where we celebrate the success of our school and the students, present Ashbury pennants and announce upcoming events. In addition to this, there are also separate assemblies held for Primary (Years 3-6) and Infants (K-2) on Tuesdays. Primary assemblies are held in even weeks and Infants in the odd weeks. This week (24/2) it is the Infants Assembly. These assemblies take place in the hall at 11.45am and classes take turns running the assembly. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Community Garden

Our very first Open Garden of the year, last Sunday morning 22nd February, has been a real success with lots of new families and community members coming along. For just a few minutes or a couple of hours, everyone had fun undertaking projects such collecting snails, planting new seeds, moving the shed… And to reward our working bees, some well-deserved morning tea was served by our baking fairies. Come and join us for our next Open Garden on March 28! More information at info@ashburycommunitygarden.org.au.

Community Garden Backyard Beekeeping Workshop

You’ll definitely get a buzz out of the “Backyard Beekeeping Workshop on Saturday March 21, 10am – 1pm, in the Community Garden. It’s a great start for anyone thinking about getting into beekeeping or keen to attract more native bees to their garden. Experienced apiarist and Ashbury parent Stuart Gibb will give an introduction to the fascinating world of bees including the European Honey Bee and Australian Native Bees such as Tetragonula Carbonaria. Topics covered include: bee biology and behaviour; structure and operation of hives; establishing your hives; hive location; swarms and hive management; tools and equipment; harvesting honey; support, resources, rules and responsibilities and an inspection of a live hive of Tetragonula Carbonaria (stingless native bees). The workshop fee ($35 APS community / $55 general public) goes entirely to support the work of the garden. Course notes, morning tea and honey tasting are included. To receive a registration form call Stuart on 0419 199 758 or e-mail info@ashburycommunitygarden.org.au.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Good luck to the 34 students who will be representing Ashbury PS at the zone swimming carnival on the Monday 2nd March. Travel will be by private car, so if you are attending and can take another student with you please let Mrs Simmss know on the note provided. We are also hoping there are some parents who would be prepared to be timekeepers for part or all of the day. Please let Mrs D’Arrigo know if you are able to do this. Thank you to Mrs Simmss and Spook for attending and assisting at the carnival.
High school visits

Last week we had several high schools visit our Stage 3 students, and in the next few weeks a number of our local high schools will be holding open days / nights. It is never too early to be thinking of where to send your child to high school. These open days/ nights present a great opportunity for you and your child to go to the various schools and have a look at what they have to offer.

School Photo day

School Photo day is Wednesday 4th March. Envelopes with name, details and money should be returned to the school as soon as possible.

Ethics co-ordinator

Unfortunately we have been unable to hold ethics classes this semester during SRE time, because there is a shortage of teachers. If you are interested in finding out more or taking on the role of co-ordinating ethics in semester 2, please contact the school.

PSSA

Training for all teams starts this week on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm-4pm. Cricket and T-Ball teams train at school and Oztag and Softball leave school and train at Wagenar Oval. Please pick up children promptly from school at the end of training and ensure that SPLASH know, if they are booked in on Wednesday afternoons.

For more details have a look at the Wiley Park PSSA Zone website. http://wileypark.sessazones.com/

Soccer clinic

School sport also started on Friday afternoons for students in Years 3-6. On Friday they had a special guest coach from the “Ashfield Pirates” who came to run a free clinic. All the kids involved had an amazing time, so much so that Coach Jean is coming back to do some more! He will also be working with children in K-2 at sport on a Monday afternoon.

School Council

The School Council Annual General Meeting was held this morning in the Hall. Thank you to all those parents who attended to ensure we had a quorum. Two new parent representatives were elected to be on the Council. They are Catherine Walsh and Carolyn Jury. A new staff representative, Jenny McLoughlin, has also been elected. We welcome them all. There is still a position available for a P&C representative. This person needs to be elected at the P&C AGM held next month (details below). Thank you very much to all our ex-council representatives who have either moved on to high school or have completed their tenure.

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday night, 10th March at 7pm in the Staffroom. Everybody is welcome. For new parents this is a wonderful opportunity to meet the hard working parents of our P&C and become a member. The Annual General Meeting will also be held on this night.

Uniform Shop Coordinator

A volunteer is still needed to take over the role of the Uniform Shop Coordinator at the P&C AGM held in March. A new Kindy parent has kindly offered to take on the role of Stock Controller which is fantastic! The Uniform Shop Coordinator’s role deals with the sales receipts, weekly banking, providing a monthly report to the P&C Treasurer, preparing the volunteer roster and liaising with the Stock Controller. Basic knowledge of Excel spreadsheets is required and some previous bookkeeping experience would be useful, but not essential. You don’t have to be available to work in the shop on a Thursday afternoon as much of the work can be done after hours.
I am happy to assist the new Coordinator until the end of the year to make it easier and ensure a smooth transition. If anyone can spare some time to help out the school community by taking on this role, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me on 0410 309 699 if you have any queries or wish to volunteer.

Louise Murphy
Uniform Shop Coordinator

**Book Club**

We are unable to accept cash payments for Scholastic Book Club orders at Ashbury Public School. When making payments for your child’s order please either pay online or send a cheque. Thank you.

**Pennant winners:**

Matthew P 4J
Isabel B 6/5R
Joanne K 6/5R

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Notes Sent Home This Fortnight:**

- Primary Sport
- Internet access and Permission
- Park/Child Protection/PG permission
- SMS notifications
- Recorder Ensembles
- Kindergarten Class parents
- Community garden
- School Photo day
- Band Information Night
- PSSA selection
- Senior Choir
- Carnival of the Codes
- Zone Swimming selection

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So...from 12.30 to 1.45 I teach year 5 students; from 2pm to 3.15 it is years 6 and 7; and from 4pm to 5.30, it’s years 7 and 8.

Stage Stuff aims to help children to become purposeful, confident stage performers in drama and all areas of public presentation. My background is in professional acting and voice work and my teaching stems from that. I have taken from the collection of tools, techniques and methods which helped me to become a confident stage performer...and continue to re-examine, change and add to them. We cover voice production, movement, improvisation and scene work. The results of the year’s work are then presented in an afternoon of plays, one for each class, at the end of the year.

I teach drama (and appear as Aesop the storyteller) at Yeo Park Infants’ School and I did teach drama within the curriculum for two years at Ashbury Public School. I am most grateful to this school for their continuing support of Stage Stuff. For several years I tutored year 12 students in voice workshops for the State Drama Company.

I charge $20 per session and the fees are payable in a lump sum. About four weeks into the term I will produce envelopes with child’s name and the amount for the term. My email is davidbaldwin@aapt.net.au and mobile, 0410 522 849.

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David Baldwin
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