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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**TERM 2**
- **Mon 4th May** – School Council, Yr 2 Excursion to Ashfield Library
- **Wed 6th May** – School Cross Country, Band Meeting, Garden Meeting
- **Tues 12-15 May** – NAPLAN week/ P&C Meeting
- **Mon 18th May** – Zone Cross Country, Yr 3 India Calling
- **Tues 19th May** – ICAS Digital Technology
- **Wed 20th May** – Walkathon
- **Mon 25th May** – Stage 2 Excursion
- **Wed 27th and 28th May** – Yr 1 TV Show
- **Sat 30th May** – Garden Open Day
- **Mon 1st June** – School Council / Yr 3 India Calling
- **Tues 2nd June** – Stage 1 Kitchen Garden Workshops
- **Wed 3rd June** – ICAS Science
- **Mon 8th June** – Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- **Tues 9th June** – P&C Meeting
- **Mon 15th June** – ICAS Writing
- **Tues 16th June** – ICAS Spelling, Interrelate 6pm and 7.15pm

**TERM 3**
- **Tues 28th July** – ICAS English
- **Mon 3rd August** – Festival Of Instrumental Music
- **Wed-Fri 19th-21st August** – Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra and the Snow
- **Sat 29th August** – Ashbury Fete!

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**Lest we forget**
On Friday 24th April we held our own Ashbury ANZAC Service. This very special ‘centenary of ANZAC’ service was a moving student tribute to our soldiers. Thank you to our School Officers, Ben H, who played “The Last Post”, Alex K, Sophia C and Finlae G who read poetry and Baxter K who created the Powerpoint display. Also thank you to Mrs Sukkar, Mrs Saville and Ms Filaktos who organised the event and constructed the amazing poppy filled wreath that all of our students K-6 created! Well done.

Finally, on Saturday many teachers, parents and students in our community attended the Dawn Service at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL. Thank you to all who attended, and thanks to Alex and Baxter who laid the wreath.
Ashbury Lil’ Country Fair cancelled!!
Unfortunately the ASHBOURY LIL’ COUNTRY FAIR on Sunday 26th April was cancelled due to bad weather. We still managed to have many students make their own signs for the garden as well as entries into the vegetable competitions. Competition entrants have been awarded with ribbons, merit awards and various prizes for their efforts. Thank you to the Garden committee who worked tirelessly to prepare for the event, to the choir who were prepared by Mrs Sukkar, to Gary Browne and the Bluegrass band and to all those who baked for the event. Such a shame… but you can’t control the weather!

Mother’s Day Stall and Raffle
The SRC are holding a mother’s day raffle to raise money for the earthquake victims in Nepal. It will be held on Thursday 7th May. Prizes include a pot plant, chocolates, an Oroton wallet and other Mother’s Day gifts. Cost is $2 a ticket or 3 tickets for $5.
On Friday 8th May, the P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall for students in Kindergarten to Year 6. Notes have already been sent home asking for helpers to work on the stall. Children will need to bring money in an envelope ready to spend. Gifts will be priced between approximately $4 and $20.

OC placements
Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016
If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.
The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

NAPLAN
NAPLAN is on for students in Year 3 and 5 next week. It is very important that students arrive on time so they don’t miss any tests. Students have been given some types of practice tests so they are familiar with the layout and given every opportunity to do their best. It is also important that students get a good night’s sleep the night before each of the tests. Do your best, that’s all we ask!
NAPLAN Tests are:
Tuesday 12 May - Language Conventions & Writing Test
Wednesday 13 May - Reading Test
Thursday 14 May - Numeracy
Friday 15 May - Last day for individual students to complete catch-up tests.
There will be no scripture classes during NAPLAN week.
Cross Country Carnival
On Wednesday 6 May at 11am- Years 3-6 students and 8 year olds from Year 2 will participate in the Ashbury Cross Country Carnival being held at 11am till 12.45pm at Peace Park. Please ensure your child wears their sports uniform and runners. Parents are most welcome to attend and any help would be most appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Simmiss who is organising the event.

ANZAC Cookie Baking

Be Cyber Smart!
As part of the Library program this term, students in all classes are focusing on aspects of cybersafety. Classes are using age appropriate information and activities from the Cybersmart and Stay Smart Online websites. These resources are great for families to explore as well, offering tips and guidance for managing our digital lives.


Our work at school this week coincides with Privacy Awareness Week. The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has released 10 tips to protect your privacy during #2015PAW, and throughout the year. Check out this fact sheet: http://bit.ly/1yBxaFb

Staff Development
Staff have been very busy attending after school workshops during the last few weeks and in the coming weeks. The workshops have been put on by teacher presenter’s from local schools including Canterbury, Canterbury South, Yeo Park, Croydon Park Public School and Canterbury Boys’ and Girls’ High Schools. We also have several teachers who will or have already presented workshops. These Community of Schools workshops have included topics such as The Literacy Cafe, How to make class movies, Critical and Creative Thinking and Fundamental Movement Skills just to name a few!
Fete - Calling all sewers, knitters, crochet and craft enthusiasts!!
The fete is on 29th August and it is time to get idle hands busy…
If you can machine or hand sew, knit, crochet, make cards etc. etc. or are even keen to learn a skill to help make craft items for the fete, please contact our stall coordinator with the specifics of your skills.
Please also include if you are planning to make certain items, or if you would like us to provide you with patterns, ideas, materials etc.
With thanks,
Rachel McConchie (Craft Stall Coordinator)
rachel.mcconchie@gmail.com
0425 772 944

In the classroom
4J have been exploring why we have rules and responsibilities as students and citizens in class as part of our HSIE unit of work: Working Together Local Government. We have explored why we have rules in the classroom, at school and in the community and the consequences when people do not follow them. For art we chose a school rule and created caricatures of our teacher and friends to put on display in our classroom. We had lots of fun with these and I am sure they will make you giggle too!
2015 Young Scientist Paper Planes Challenge.

Ashbury PS will be running our very own Paper Plane Competition in term 2 2015, at lunch time on Wednesday and Thursday.

Planes must be made from A4 paper only.
Mrs McEvoy will notify each Grade one week prior to their competition week.

So get practising!
Please think of the environment and pick up all Paper Planes.

Helpful Information
Managing depression
One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don’t be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

Financial literacy
Does your child need help with business and economics? Here’s info on credit cards, how to be responsible spenders and savers, and make consumer choices.

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help. Find out more:
Homework planner


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Bays Precinct

The Bays Precinct, which stretches across Rozelle Bay, Blackwattle Bay and White Bay, and includes the Sydney Fish Market and the heritage-listed White Bay Power Station, is 80 hectares of government-owned land just two kilometres west of the Sydney CBD.

UrbanGrowth NSW is leading a 20-30 year project to transform the area into a new harbour front destination, and they want to build public knowledge, understanding and participation in the transformation process.

The Bays Precinct Sydneysiders Summit

Dates: Saturday 16 May & Sunday 17 May 2015
Time: 10.30am to 3.30pm
Venue: Exhibition Hall, Australian Technology Park, 2 Locomotive St, Eveleigh NSW

Notes Sent Home

This Fortnight:

- Mother’s Day Stall
- Ashbury Fete Stall Coordinators needed
- ICAS reminder note
- Lil Country Fair Cancellation
- Reminder P&C Family Donation
- Cross Country Carnival YR 2-6 (8year olds and up)
- Yr 3 and 5 NAPLAN Information note

If you missed any of these notes please look and download from our website or call in to the office for a copy

Pennant winners:

William L 6/5R
Eveilyn C 3M
Rose 3M
Aiden 3G
Mariah 3G
Mitchell D 2B
Blake 3G
Daniel M 3M

CONGRATULATIONS!
Stall coordinators needed

Eagerly anticipated by Ashbury kids and families, the Ashbury Public School Fete is held every two years and is the P&C’s major fundraising initiative. In the lead up to this year’s Fete on **Saturday 29 August** there are lots of opportunities to contribute and get to know other members of the school community. We can’t wait to start collecting your home made jams and second hand toys, but first we need to lock in coordinators for all our stalls and other key roles.

**What does a stall coordinator do?**

- Source and price stock for your stall
- Coordinate and roster volunteers to staff your stall
- Let the committee know any needs for your stall in the lead up to Fete Day
- Decorate your stall on Fete Day
- Manage cash takings and return on Fete Day according to guidelines
- Coordinate disposal of any unsold stock

To join us as a stall coordinator complete the slip below and return it to school by **Wednesday 6 May**.

**What can everyone do now?**

- Mark Fete Day, Saturday 29 August 2015, on your calendar
- Like Ashbury Public School Fete on Facebook to stay up to date about how to get involved

**For more information contact Rowan Kemp by phone: 0421 749 846 or email: rowan.kemp@optusnet.com.au**

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I would like to coordinate the stall ticked below:

- [ ] BBQ
- [ ] Soup
- [ ] Second hand toys
- [ ] Silent auction
- [ ] Raffle
- [ ] Tombola
- [ ] Wine bottle quoits
- [ ] Face painting
- [ ] Biscuit decorating
- [ ] Plaster craft
- [ ] I don’t mind which stall I coordinate

I would like to volunteer for the role ticked below:

- [ ] Sponsorships and Prize Donations Coordinator
- [ ] Marketing Coordinator

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