Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy few weeks at Ashbury! Firstly, the Zone Cross Country carnival was held at Lees and Croydon Park on the 18th May. Our school did very well with several students making it through to Regional level. We believe Ashbury came third out of 18 schools, although official results aren’t in yet. Congratulations to Sophie, Isaac, Lachie S, Talia, Sam B and Praveen. Thank you to Mrs. McLoughlin and Mrs. Horton who looked after our team on the day.

We had a beautiful sunny day for our Walkathon on 20th May. It was wonderful to see so many parents down at the park helping the students and teachers around the various checkpoints. Thank you to parents who stepped in at the last minute to assist with the organisation. Please return sponsorship cards and money as soon as possible as this event is an important P&C fundraising initiative for the school.

Walkathon, Croydon Park

Although the Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 22nd May was substantially washed out we had some very resilient walkers. Well done to all who walked and I would encourage you to walk on other days to improve health and our environment.

Sally D’Arrigo
Relieving Principal
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Week 10. While most interviews will be held on Wednesday 24th June, 6/5S will be held on Thursday 25th June, and 5/4M and 3G will be at different times on both of these days. Interviews can be booked by going to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and following the simple instructions.

1. The quickest access to the website and to arrange an interview time is to go to

   This will bring you to the following link:

   ![School Interviews](image)

   Enter the event code:

   ![Event Code](image)

   In the Event code box, enter the code **6MC4A** and follow the three steps for setting up an interview time:

   a. Enter your details
   b. Make a teacher selection
   c. Choose your time.

2. Alternatively, you can enter the website address www.schoolinterviews.com.au in your browser to get to the booking site, enter the event code **6MC4A** and choose a suitable time from those made available by your child’s teacher.

   ![Booking Site](image)

Please note that bookings for Parent/Teacher interviews will close at 4 pm on Monday, 22nd June. The school will not be sending out Parent/Teacher Interview requests in paper form. If you are not able to access the Internet; Parents or carers may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 97984509. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

You may change interview bookings at any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website and using the event code. You will need to use the same name and email address that you used when you made your original booking.

We received a lot of positive feedback when we introduced the online Parent/Teacher interview booking system last year and we hope that it will continue to be a positive experience for all concerned. We would be happy to receive your feedback at any time.
**Sorry Day / Reconciliation Week**

Ashbury acknowledged Sorry Day on Tuesday 26th May. This day is held each year on the anniversary of the public apology by Prime Minister Rudd to the Stolen Generation of Aboriginal people. We held a special assembly for students in Year 3 to Year 6 as well as participating in Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week activities.

“As 26th May, KM talked about the meaning of National Sorry Day and how some Aboriginal children were taken away from their families. We made this artwork to say that we feel sad and sorry for the wrongs that have happened but also that we are hopeful that we can all work together with respect for each other and make a future that is fair and happy”. – Mrs Morris

**Excursions**

Stage 2 had an excursion to Campsie on the 25th May to visit the Council and the local library as part of their studies on local Government. Year 1 students were also young film stars on the 27th and 28th May when they took part in a TV show called “Imagination Train”. Thanks to the teacher’s who organised these worthwhile events and commented on the positive behaviour of the students and the learning that occurred at both of these activities.

**Winter Warmers**

The Ashbury Band held a very successful “Winter Warmers” concert on Thursday night 28th May. Congratulations to the students, band committee, Mr Isaac, tutors and parents for what was a truly delightful evening demonstrating the hard work students have applied. I was certainly very proud to be part of the school community. Well done and thank you!

**Multicultural Public Speaking**

As many parents would be aware all students in Stage 2 and 3 were asked to write and present a speech in class this term. This was not an easy task, but an important step in gaining confidence and skills in public speaking. Two students from each class were then selected to participate in a speak-off, held on Thursday and Friday 28th and 29th May. These students were required to present an impromptu speech as well as the prepared speech in front of judges and their peers as an audience. Congratulations to all these students and particularly to Finn and Emma from Stage 2 and Finlae and Alex from Stage 3 who will go on to represent our school at the area final on the 18th June.

**Sport Stars**

We have some incredible young sports men and women at Ashbury and this time we are focussing on Alec and William.

Alec will be representing NSW at the Little League National Championships in Lismore in June. From here he could be amongst some baseball players chosen to represent Australia in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, USA. Good luck, Alec!

William has recently represented the Sydney East PSSA zone at the NSW AFL State Championships held at Blacktown. The convenor of the carnival sent an email outlining how impressive William was, always demonstrating teamwork, sportsmanship, great skill and sustained effort over the 3 day carnival. Well done, William!

**School Plan and Annual School Report**

The 2015-2017 School Plan and the 2014 Annual School Report are up on the school website for you to read. It tells the story of where we have been and where we are going!
Peer Support Update

This week is the last session of the Peer Support module “Speak Up”. The students will reflect on what they have learned over the past eight weeks. There will be a peer support celebration next week.

Debating

On Thursday of Week 5 the Ashbury Debating Teams had their first debates at Ashbury Public School against Arncliffe and Banksmeadow. The topic of the debate was “That debating for all Primary School children should be Compulsory.” Our speakers for the debates consisted of Louis, Samantha, Alex, Ella, Caitlin and Annabel. Our team proved too strong for Banksmeadow, however Arncliffe defeated our other team successfully debating the negative argument. There are more debates in the next few weeks. Many thanks must go to the whole squad and Mrs. Horton for their effort and commitment.

Fete

Our fete is coming up in Term 3 – Saturday 29th August. We are busy collecting donations for the fete – 22nd May - Plant stall needs – pots, seed mix, fertiliser, garden statues, and Jam stall needs – glass jars. 29th May – Tombola Stall needs – sauces, chutney, pickles, small toys, puzzles, stationery. 12th June – Silent auction and raffle needs – goods and services such as free baby-sitting, dog walking, a home delivered meal, weekend at a holiday house etc. 26th June – Book stall needs – new and second hand books.

If you have any of these goods/services please bring them to the down stairs activity area and we will pass them on to the stall holders in need.

There is a fete holders meeting on 15th June at 7pm in the staffroom.

Helpful Information

Parent-teacher interviews

Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.


Notes Sent Home

This Fortnight:

- DanceSport
- Kitchen Garden Stage 1
- Parent Reading Volunteers

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

Pennant winners:

Alyssa P 6/R
Jeremy J 1W
Narwin C 1F
Niki M 1F
Poppy M 1F
Jayden P 4J
Rohan S 3M
Seeddharta K 4/3A

CONGRATULATIONS!
CANTERBURY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

MEAN GIRLS TOO!

FROM AFRICAN JUNGLE TO AUSTRALIAN HIGH SCHOOL.
Follow the adventures of Cady as she rapidly learns about the law of the jungle and survival in the big city. Meet the entertaining array of fellow students as they struggle for social acceptability and mask their anxiety about their own doubts and fears. Watch Cady learn from her new life secrets about love, learning and coping with fashionable cliques!

VENUE: CGHS MPC
PERFORMANCES • Wednesday 20th May Matinee • Thursday 21st May Matinee & 7pm • Friday 22nd May 7pm • Saturday 23rd May 7pm
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE C:
Adults $15 • Student $10 • Family (2A+2Ch) $45
School Holiday Programs
@ Croydon Tennis Centre

- 9am - 3pm
- Beforecare Service (8am - 9am)
- Aftercare Service (3pm to 6pm) afternoon tea provided.
- Sausage Sizzle provided for lunch daily (BYO Morning Tea)
- Daily or weekly enrolment available
- Supervised swimming in our indoor heated saltwater pool
- Sports & Academic Camp - NEW
- Multi Sport Camp
- CTC Tennis Hot Shots Camp
- High Performance Tennis Camp for advanced levels
- PREP Gross Motor Skills Camp (ages 3)
- Intensive Swimming Program

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Something For
#The Whole Family...

- Invitational Development Squads and Advanced Coaching Clinics
- Private Tennis Coaching available 7 days a week
- Weekly Tennis Hot Shots Competition
- Quarterly Tennis Hot Shots Challenge Events
- School Tennis in your school or at Croydon Tennis Centre
- School Holiday Programs including our NEW Sports & Academic Camps, Tennis & Multi Sport Camps, Intensive Swimming
- Beforecare & Aftercare available daily/weekly.
- FunFitness Learn to Swim at the centre (indoor heated saltwater pool)
- Ladies Social & Tennis Coaching
- Yoga
- Adult Group Coaching classes weekday evenings, Friday & Sunday mornings
- Tennis Anyone? Organised Social tennis
- Adult Challenge Ladder
- Private Coaching available 7 days a week

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#sports&academiccamp

Croydon Tennis Centre is excited to announce we are offering your child(ren) the chance to exercise both Mind and Body with our “Sports and Academic Camp”.

Children will now be able to get the most out of their holidays by engaging in intensive exercise and honing their scholastic skills.

In such a varied environment students will be able to focus effectively on all tasks as repetition won’t be wearing them down. Furthermore they will have their friends to socialise with in the beautiful secluded surrounds at Croydon tennis centre during lunch.

We will seek to cater for all years and to improve streamlining of programs. Please register interest early on.

COMBINED SPORTS & ACADEMIC HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Our special introductory rate of $300 per week
Duration: 9am - 3pm
Your choice - Mathematics or English
Multi Sports or Tennis Hot Shots or Both

ACADEMIC CAMP ONLY - MATHEMATICS OR ENGLISH
Our Special introductory rate of $175 / week
Morning session (9.30-11.30am) OR Afternoon session (1.30 - 3.30pm)
Pupil to teacher ration of 8:1
Duration: 2 hours

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School Holidays Drama Scene

CELEBRATING OUR 13th YEAR IN PETERSHAM

29 30 June 1 2 3 July

Age based workshops
PERFORMING EVERY DAY

$5 Before Care from 8.00am  Workshops 9.30am—4.00pm  $5 After Care until 6.00pm

FULL DAILY PROGRAM DETAILS & BOOKINGS ONLINE:

www.dramascene.com.au

STEPHANIE WAITES: 0407 235 914

CHOOSE HOW MANY DAYS TO PLAY!
(no minimum days)

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