Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Education Week!! Today we had Open Classrooms, a school concert and BBQ. Although very cold and windy, it was wonderful to see so many parents at school seeing children working in class and performing! The remainder of the week sees Ashbury students involved in:

Wednesday 29 July
NAIDOC celebrations and Aboriginal cultural day.

Thursday 30 July
2-3pm – Ashbury performs at Ashfield Mall.

Thank you very much to everyone who supports our school. I have been overwhelmed lately by the number of parents, staff and students who work tirelessly to keep making our great school even better!

It was fabulous to see so many parents and grandparents at the Athletics Carnival on the first Tuesday back from holidays. A very special thank you to Mrs. Simmiss for organizing a wonderful carnival, weather included. It was great to see our students competing and having a go in the true spirit of sport.

Thank you to parents and teachers involved in the running of the field, track, ball games and novelty events, and to Year 6 for your efforts running the cake stall and the Band committee for the BBQ. Results of the carnival were: First Place Emus, 2nd Place: Magpies, 3rd Place Wallabies and 4th Place Koalas. Congratulations to all those who gave it a go on the day, as well as to those who will be attending the Zone Athletics Carnival in the next few weeks.

Congratulations to all our talented musicians who performed at the Showcase Concert last Thursday night. It was an incredible night of entertainment, a great mix of our bands performing along with some solo and small group performances. Lots of talent and courage displayed on the night! Thank you to Jason Isaac for his continual dedication to our band, to the Band Committee, band parents and Grace Kaye for their organization of this event, including the hot dogs and delicious treats that were available on the night, and to Kirsten Woodland who compered the night. Finally thanks to the many Ashbury staff who worked behind the scenes supervising the students and assisting with lighting. What a great show!

TERM 3

Tues 28th July – ICAS English
Wed 29th July – NAIDOC Day - Aboriginal Science show and school activities
Thurs 30th July – Ashfield Mall Performances
Tues 4th August – Festival Of Instrumental Music – Banksia Concert,
Wed 5th August – India Calling Yr 3, Garden Meeting
Fri 7th August – Yarn Up! Stage 3 Aboriginal students, Australian Girls Choir, Winter PSSA Semi finals
Tues 11th August – ICAS Maths, Day 2 Zone Athletics carnival, 7pm P&C Meeting
Fri 14th August – Winter PSSA finals
Mon 17th August – 7pm Fete Stall Holders meeting
Wed-Fri 19th - 21st August – Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra and the Snow
Mon 24th August – School Council
Sat 29th August – Ashbury Fete!
Thurs 3rd September – Dance Sport competition
Fri 4th September – Father’s day stall
Wed 9th September – Dance Spectacular
Mon 7th-Friday 18th September – Swim school

TERM 4

Thurs 10th December – Presentation day, Year 6 Farewell
Breaking News: Congratulations to the Training, Intermediate and Concert Band who won GOLD at the NSW Band Festival held at the University of New South Wales on the weekend. A very special congratulations to Jason Isaac, who received the “outstanding conductor” award.

Sally D’Arrigo
Relieving Principal

Fete News!!!
Our fete is now less than 5 weeks away!!!!! So please bring in your donations! They need to go straight down to the downstairs activity area!

We now have a place to store our goods prior to the fete! Thanks to some entrepreneurial parents we have been able to locate a place to store our donations! Ashbury Public School and the P&C would like to thank The Metro Storage Canterbury for donating a storage unit and to P&C members, Andrew M for locating the space and to Carolyn J, who is going to help arrange the storage. If you are looking to store goods, then please consider www.metrostorage.com.au

Earn and Learn – Woolworths
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Wednesday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school and drop it into the Collection Box located in our office area. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science, Art & Crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

Carnival of the Codes
On Wednesday 22nd July Years 2, 3 and 4 went by bus to Canterbury Boys’ High School to take part in Carnival of the Codes. This is where students get an opportunity to have a go at variety of different sports. This time round students tried lawn bowls, touch football, cricket, Little Athletics and basketball. Thank you to Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL for their sponsorship of the great event for all local primary school students and to the Cook’s River Sporting Alliance.

State Music Camp
During the first week of term 3, some students from Ashbury attended the State Music Camp at Narrabeen, a music camp held every year. The camp went for six days and on the last night all students performed in a spectacular concert involving two wind bands, a vocal ensemble, a stage band, an orchestra and a mass choir which everyone was involved in. We enjoyed it immensely and hope to go again next year.

by Finlae G

Canterbury Girls High School
On the 20th and 21st July, ten Year 5 girls travelled to Canterbury Girls’ High School to attend some enrichment sessions. It was a great way to see what high school will be like. In groups we rotated between subjects. In Science we made some really awesome fossils; and with the help of methylated spirits, discovered a whodunit...who wrote the ransom notes! In Maths, we cracked codes and made dome shapes made from toothpicks and gummy bears! English was great when we wrote poetry and letters to government. During PD/H/PE we played games and choreographed dances. The program will continue again next week.

by Samantha W
**World Kids Colouring Day**

KM and Kindergarten are very excited to have won the most creative entry in this competition. The judges loved our narrated Powerpoint presentation of our colourful dreams and made special mention of the artistic talents of our Kindergarten students. Save the Children are also very grateful for our donation of $122 which will be used to help other children less fortunate than ourselves.

We were presented with $1,000 cash and $500 worth of stationery for our school at assembly last week. Congratulations, Kindergarten!

![Image of students waving]

**Paper Plane Competition**

On Thursday 25th June APS held a Paper Plane Competition. Each class had an opportunity throughout the term to make paper planes. There were two categories for the planes; longest distance and longest flight time. Each week winners were selected from each class, these finalists then progressed through to our semi-finals and finals. The paper planes that were produced each week were outstanding and every class was so enthusiastic. We had a huge audience on finals day, all cheering and waiting with much anticipation for the final throw off.

Congratulations to our two finalists;

**Benji – 4J for the longest distance and Jonathon - 2B for the longest flight time.**

Congratulations and well done to all of our semi-finalists;

- KM – Zach & Nikki
- KS – Eddie & Giuseppe
- 1/KV – Isabella & Daniel
- 1F – Narwin & Grace
- 1W – Drew & Rojus
- 2B – Andreas
- 2A – Mason, Hugo & Jude
- 3M – Scarlett, Rebecca & Owen
- 3G – Peter & George
- 4/3A – Alan & Jayden
- 4J – Noah
- 5/4M – Emily, Jessie, Sebastian & Sione
- 6/5H – Joel, Sarah & Essence
- 6/5S – Isaac & Elias
- 6/5R – Callan & Elijah
Enrolling for 2016
If you have a child ready to start school next year at Ashbury please come up to
the office and collect an Application to Enrol form. Your indication to enrol
students for next year helps with our planning for 2016.

Debating
On Friday 24th July the 3rd round of the Interschool debating competition was held. This
round found Ashbury A team playing the Ashbury B team. The topic was ‘That Saturday
sport should be compulsory for all primary school students’. The A team consisting of Kala,
Sophia, Alex and Louis competed against the B team of Ella, Annabel, Elise and Caitlin.
Both teams put up strong arguments, but eventually the B’s won out. The B’s may be advancing to the next
round, but await the results of some other schools in the competition. We all had fun and give our thanks to
Mrs Horton and Ms Bayndrian for being fantastic coaches.

by Alex K

P & C News
Thank you from the P&C
The P&C Family Donation Appeal for 2015 has raised more than $7000 from over 60 families at Ashbury
Public. The family appeal has marked two firsts for the P&C in recent years:
1. From 2014 donations to the Ashbury Public School Building Fund have been tax-deductable.
2. This year families were asked to nominate where they would most like the donation to be used.
Some families’ nominated ideas were; air conditioning, building maintenance, playground equipment,
library books, classroom supplies, wet weather games, languages, in-classroom support and broader
education opportunities, computers, tablets and technology.
Later in 2015 the P&C will discuss the budget and priorities for spending in 2016. Please come along to
have your say. The next meeting is on Tuesday 11 August at 7pm.

Spelling Bee Reminder
Students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 are invited to participate in our annual Spelling Bee. The
school finals will be held on Wednesday 12th August (Stage 2) and Thursday 13th August
(Stage 3). Both sessions will begin at 9:20am in the school library and parents are very
welcome to attend as part of the audience. Two representatives from each Stage will go on
to the Regional Final on Tuesday, 15th September.
Please remember to get the list and password from Mrs Kaye this week so you can practise for a couple of
weeks.

Premier’s Reading Challenge Reminder
It is nearly August ..... this means the PRC is closing soon. The 2015 Challenge opened on 2 March and
closes for students on 21 August (11:59 pm). Students must complete their online Student Reading Records
by 21 August. If you need help with this, please see Mrs Kaye, in the Library. So far 41 students have
completed the Challenge and have been validated online by Mrs Kaye. Congratulations!

A message from Constable Bottalico
I will again be patrolling your school zones this term. As it is term three, the warnings will stop and fines
issued against driver’s behaving incorrectly. – Ashfield Police.
Please take care at drop off and pick up times. We have had a few close calls and we all want to keep our
children safe. Be sure not to double park or call your child across the road. It is much better to park a little
way from school and walk to pick up your children!

Our Chooks Need Help!
The chooks need some new volunteers to help feed and water them, clean their cage and collect
eggs! For more information contact Nerida Chedra geoched@gmail.com
**ICAS Tests**

Quite a few students have participated in these external tests this year and we have received results for the first two papers. 20 students sat the Digital Technologies Test and one of our students received a High Distinction - Noah I. in Year 3, and 4 Distinctions - Zayn H., Noah L., Carl M. and Calvin M. - all in Year 4. 46 students sat for the Science Test, including 20 in Year 2! Several students received Distinctions - Hugh P. (Y2), Archie H., Calvin M. Noah L., Carl M., Finn W. and Aatish Y. - all in Y4 and Elliot L. and Elise E. - in Y5.

These are excellent results, as students need to score in the top 1% to receive a High Distinction and the top 10% to receive a Distinction. We also had quite a few students receiving Credits and Merits.

We recently completed the Spelling and Writing Tests and the English Test was this week. The final paper will be Mathematics on Tuesday 11th August.

**Poster Competition**

The City of Canterbury will be running the annual Chris Bartlett Schools Poster Competition during term 3 of this year. The competition focuses on current environmental initiatives that can be promoted within your school.

The theme of this year’s poster competition is – “Say NO to illegally Dumped Rubbish”. The council is committed to providing a tidy and clean environment to the community and dumped rubbish makes the area look dirty and filthy. We hope to raise awareness that dumped rubbish is an ongoing issue of dirty looks and health and safety of the community.

We are asking students to design a poster that could be used in their home to “Say NO to illegally Dumped Rubbish”.

**Conditions of Entry and Prizes**

Entrants must live or go to school within the City of Canterbury. The posters will be judged in three categories: 5-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-12 years.

We are giving away $3,300 worth of prizes! The major prize winners will receive Dymocks gift vouchers to the value of $250 for 1st prize, $150 for 2nd prize and $100 for 3rd prize. 20 consolation prizes will also be awarded in each age category.

The winning posters will be displayed around at Council’s four Libraries and the Administration Building. The competition is set to open on Monday 10th August and posters must be received by 5pm on Friday 11th September 2015. Entries can be sent by post or delivered to Anil Gupta, 137 Beamish Street, Campsie 2194 on or before this date.

Award to the local primary school with the highest rate of entry

As an added incentive, we are also offering a prize to the local Primary School with the highest rate of entry. This will be calculated as a percentage of enrolled students. All eligible posters will need to address the topic. The prize will be in the form of a $300 payment for use to purchase school equipment.

**Kindy Celebrate 100 days of School**

Kindergarten had so much fun celebrating their 100th day at Ashbury Public school with a range of activities on the number 100.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection
The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact the office on 9798 4509.
**Notes Sent Home This Fortnight:**

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

- Ashbury Fete Donation Schedule
- Class parent
- Spelling Bee
- Dance Sport – still some outstanding payments
- Community Garden – Open Garden
- NAIDOC celebrations
- Education Week performances

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**Community Group Advertisements**

Ashbury Public School does not endorse any of the following advertisements

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**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PCYC MEMBERS**

Please check our website for more details. [www.pcycnswnsw.org/belmore](http://www.pcycnswnsw.org/belmore)
You may be aware that this is an annual event, featuring a movie in the park after sundown. This year we will be screening *Babe*. The event will be held on Saturday 29 August, from 4pm. This is the same day as the Ashbury Fete. What better way to relax, than to lie down and watch a movie, after a hectic day at the fete!
BACK TO SCHOOL FUN with ENTERTAINMENT™!

Colour in the logos and return to your school office to be in the draw to win!

1st Prize: Premium Merlin Annual Family Pass (includes unlimited entry to 11 attractions including Sydney Aquarium, Sydney Wildlife World & Madame Tussauds)

2nd Prize: Family pass to Australia Walkabout Wildlife Park

3rd Prize: AMF Family Bowling Pass

Competition closes Friday, 7th August 2015

Thank you to all our parents & teachers who purchased their 2015|2016 Entertainment Book this year!

Let’s keep going and raise much needed $$$ for Ashbury Public School!

If you haven’t ordered your Entertainment Book don’t leave it too late as we are now down to our last few books in stock! But better still get your digital version and you’ll always have it with you!

Order online at www.entbook.com.au/207j832 or fill in your credit card details here and return to the office.

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Child’s Name: ____________________________ Class: ____________ Mobile: ________________

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Saturday 22nd August
11am - 4pm
Hornsby Girls’ High School, Edgeworth David Ave
Opposite Westfield Shopping Centre
- Huge international food fair
- Cake stall - New rides
- Cultural performances in music and dance
  - Henna, origami and face painting
  - Hornsby Rotary Book Fair for Lifeline
  - Robotics display - Trash and Treasure