Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come towards the end of another very busy term I would like to thank everyone who has supported Ashbury in some way this term. We are certainly part of a great community!

I wish to inform you that I will be taking leave in the last week of term and the first two weeks of Term Four to take a family holiday. Ms Asimina will be the Relieving Principal for this period. Ms Asimina and I feel very fortunate that Ms Aiello is able to teach 4/3A during this period. Ms Aiello knows the class well and has worked in our school all year. Ms McLoughlin will be the Relieving Assistant Principal who will coordinate Stage 2 during this period of time. I know you will all support Ms Asimina, Miss Aiello and Ms McLoughlin and I look forward to being back to school, refreshed and ready to go, in a few weeks.

Once again I thank the whole community for your ongoing support. It has been a wonderful term with lots to celebrate - athletics carnivals, Education Week, Ashfield Mall performances, Showcase, PSSA finals, debating, NAIDOC day, the Festival of Instrumental Music for our band and recorder groups, Spelling Bee, Stage 3 Canberra excursion, Stage 2 Greenway excursions, and of course, our amazing fete, both as a community event and fundraiser.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers and parents who give our students so many wonderful opportunities.

Unfortunately I need to once again write about the safety in and around our school. We have had a few very scary “near misses” of late on the road. Along with many other parents and teachers, I am constantly worried about the safety of our kids at this time. Please ensure that you obey the road rules around school zones.

The link below shows a good summary of school zone offences and penalties.


It is also a safety concern that students are being dropped off at school before 8.30am. Students need to arrive at school after 8.30am and not beforehand, unless they are attending SPLASH.
During the next two weeks the school is offering swimming lessons for some of our students. Mr Lesslie and Miss Bayndrian are taking Yr 2 and some other students in Yr 3-6 to Enfield Pool every day as part of the Special Swimming Scheme. There will be additional trained swimming teachers on hand at the pool to teach lessons. Thanks to the teachers for their organisation and parents and students for being part of this important program.

The annual Ashbury Dance Spectacular will be held this Wednesday night, 2 shows, one at 5pm and again at 6.30pm. We hope to see you there as there are lots of students involved in this fun night, and they are looking forward to performing for their family and friends. Cost is $10 per family or $5 per person.

We are very excited about revamping our new front playground. Last term we received several designs and ideas from students and parents. Our Student Representative Council is meeting with the company, Urban Landscape Projects this week to help formalise the design our front playground. The students will be involved in a “Paper & Crayon Design Workshop” where they will do a regional context exercise using air photos, discuss where the school fits into the community and the geography of the area. Then they work with the survey of the playground and identify opportunities and constraints. Finally the students participate in the analysis and concept design stages of the playground. The design of the playground will reorganise the space to maximise the level area for active play and convert other areas into natural, intuitive and non-prescriptive play spaces. Some trees and garden areas will probably need to be removed to accommodate the new layout. We will keep you posted on the ideas the students and the experts come up with.

Sally D’Arrigo
Rel Principal

Tell them from me—Parent Survey
To participate in the survey go to www.tellthemfromme.com and enter the following login details:
Username: parent17727
Password: Ash1064 (use upper case A)

We are delighted to announce that this year our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me feedback survey. A separate note recently went home regarding this survey.

The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and it measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

The survey consists of three components: a survey of students in Years 4-6, a survey of the teaching staff and a parent survey.

Students have the opportunity of providing feedback on two occasions. The first was early in Term 1 and a second snapshot will occur towards the end of this term or the beginning of next term. The student survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. The information has already been fed back to our School Council, P&C and has been incorporated in the Ashbury Public School School Plan 2015-2017.

The ‘Partners in Learning’ parent feedback survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. If you don’t have access to a computer, come into school at pick up or drop off time and we will organise a computer for you. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. However, it is important to receive feedback from as many families as possible, so please ensure that your voice is heard.
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New Uniform Shop Coordinators!!!!

A huge thanks to Catherine McCaughey and Fiona Muirhead who have volunteered to share the Uniform Shop Coordinator’s role for the coming year and also to Francesca Favaloro for taking on the role of Uniform Shop Stock Coordinator. Thanks also to other parents who expressed interest in helping out. The Uniform Shop will continue to operate from the school premises thanks to these parent volunteers!

**School Council News**

The Ashbury School Council’s Constitution has also been reviewed over the past few months, and it was agreed that it should remain unchanged. A review of the school uniform was also discussed, and a survey will be conducted soon in order to gain feedback on the school community’s thoughts about the uniform. The school’s Attendance Policy was briefly mentioned, with some work to be done on making information relating to school procedures in this area more readily available. Our meeting also discussed ways of communicating with the school community. It was decided that we would trial having a summary of each meeting in the school newsletter.

**Regional Athletics**

Congratulations to all students who participated at the Regional carnival at Homebush on the 1st September. My apologies for missing the following students names in the newsletter last time: Christina G, Oscar F and Michael P  
Well done again to George V, Maggie M, Louis D, Daniel S, Amira Y and Senior Boys Relay – George, Daniel, Praveen, William. It was wonderful to hear that these students gave their all!

**Enrolling for 2016/Leaving Ashbury?**

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.  
We also need to know who is leaving our school at the end of the year, so we can organise our numbers accurately for 2016. Please let the office know in writing if this is the case.

**Father’s Day Stall**

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Father’s Day stall. We would especially like to thank the many wonderful volunteers led by Megan and Monique, for organising and selling a wide variety of gifts, particularly backing up the week after our big fete!! No doubt all the dads had a lovely Father’s Day and appreciated all those special gifts.

**SRC footy colours day**

Thanks to Mrs Horton and the SRC for organising the Footy Colours day last Friday 4th September. Students bought in a gold coin donation and raised over $400 for the Fight Cancer Foundation. It is important our students help the wider community and learn about people undergoing difficulties in their lives.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker Program concludes tomorrow, Tuesday 8th September. If you still have any stickers at home please send them in to school as soon as possible.
Volunteer Ethics Coordinator Needed

Philosophical ethics classes are available in NSW public schools as an option for students who are in Non-Scripture classes. Primary Ethics is the organisation authorised by the NSW state government to deliver ethics classes under an approved curriculum from Kindy to Year 6. Currently we have one ethics class for Stage 3 at Ashbury, and two trained and qualified Ethics Teachers. Each school needs an Ethics Coordinator to liaise between the school, our Ethics Teachers and Primary Ethics. After 2 years our wonderful Coordinator, Fiona, is switching roles to run the Uniform Shop. Thank you so much, Fiona! To make sure classes can continue, we need a volunteer to replace her. Ethics Coordinators are provided with training and support by Primary Ethics. Coordinating can mostly be done by email in your spare time and would take no more than an hour per week. Without a new Coordinator, classes may have to be suspended. To find out more about becoming our next Ethics Coordinator, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact the Primary Ethics Regional Manager, Jill Hennessy on stgeorge-region@primaryethics.com.au or 0411 499 862.

Canberra Visit Rebate

As you are aware, our Stage 3 students have recently undertaken an educational tour of Canberra, the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to our school upon completion of the excursion. We were able to take this amount off the cost of our excursion, making it a little more affordable!

Switching onto safety for Electricity Safety Week

Our students are switching onto safety this week as part of Ausgrid’s Electricity Safety Week 7-11 September, a state-wide program that teaches students how to stay safe around electricity both at home and outdoors. We hope they will share the important safety messages with parents and siblings – such as identifying dangerous electrical situations, knowing what to do in an emergency, using electrical appliances safely and keeping them away from water.

A safety reminder for parents as we approach summer storm season: If you see a fallen powerline, stay at least 8 metres away from it and anything it may be touching. Always assume powerlines are ‘live’ and dangerous.

Report them immediately to Ausgrid on 131388 or call Triple Zero (000).

For more information visit: www.ausgrid.com.au/learnelectricity

Dance Sport

Just recently 20 students from Year 5 participated in the Dance Sport Challenge at Homebush. This was Ashbury’s first time competing. The competition involved 20-30 students from schools across the state competing in a variety of dance styles including the Cha-Cha, Jive, Tango and Salsa.

Every Tuesday for 15 weeks we practised all four dances under the teaching of Ms Natascia and assistance from Mr Robinson. Finally, we were ready to compete against 29 other schools.

On the day of the competition when all the girls were getting their hair done and the boys were putting on their bow ties, the nerves started multiplying. When we arrived at Homebush at the State Sport Centre, all the schools lined up in their beautiful and unique costumes. When the doors opened my heart sunk and my stomach filled with butterflies. Soon all schools began dancing in time with a wide smile across every student’s face. It was a truly spectacular night!

It then came time for the finals, the four best couples dancing their allocated dance. These were Samantha and Louis, Ben and Elise, Anna and Mateus and Andrea and Henry. Our finalists did exceptionally well, and Ben and Elise made it through to the top 18 for Salsa.
This morning at assembly we received gold medals because we were voted, “Best first time school”. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who were involved in costumes, make up, transport and dancing!!

*by Kala*

### 2B Fete Recounts

#### Ashbury Fete

Last Saturday it was Ashbury Fete. Firstly I decorated a biscuit to put on display at my Mum’s stall. Next I went on the ginormous slide. I was a tiny bit scared being up so high, but I still had fun. Emily told me it was almost time to dance. I freaked out a bit. Then I danced with my friends. Then I went to the tea cups, then to the maze. Before I went home, I played with Amelie. I think this fete was one of the best ever.

*By Fern 2B*

#### ASHBOURNE FETE

Last sunny Saturday I went to the awesome Ashbury Fete. The fete starts at ten o’clock in the morning but I came at two o’clock in the afternoon with my Mum, Dad and my sister. Firstly, my family went to line up in the queue for the dodgem cars and while we were lining up we saw Emily in line. After we went on the dodgem car, we went in the haunted house and while me, my family and Emily were in line, we found Monica and Innes and asked if they wanted to join us. They said yes, so all of us went. When we got in the haunted house we jumped straight in the ball pit. After a while we got out of the pit and went down the slide. I also went on other rides like the maze, the huge slide and the golf. After we went on the rides, me and my family went home.

*By James H 2B*
KM absolutely loved our school fete. It was sensational! We used our senses to write a class poem and then our very own poems about what we could smell, hear, taste, feel and see at the fete. We hope you enjoy them.

Yummy hot dogs
People shouting in the maze
Sticky candy floss
Cars bumping
Teacups spinning really fast
by Zach, KM

Sweet lollipops
Cars bumping
Yummy hot dogs
Smooth balls
Children running
by Nina, KM

Sizzling sausages
Children playing
Sticky fairy floss
Vibrating bumper cars
Teacups spinning
by KM

Notes Sent Home
This Fortnight:

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

- Year 6 T-shirts
- Year 3 Excursion to Art Gallery – India Calling
- Special Swimming Scheme
- Dance Spectacular
- Tell Them From Me – Parent Survey
- Tell Them From Me – Student Consent – Yr 4-6
- Stage 3 Kitchen Garden Workshops
- Alexander’s Outing - Kindergarten

Pennant winners:

Amy T 4J
Sione F 5/4M
Rose W 4/3A
Samantha B 6/5R
Andrew FY 1W
Declan B 5/4M
Eeshaa R 5/4M

CONGRATULATIONS!
Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: THE SCHOOL CANTEEN AT ASHBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL IS GOING ONLINE

Start Date 6TH OCTOBER 2015

We at The School Canteen pride ourselves on the preparation of fresh food made daily without the use of artificial colour flavours or additives. As part of our wish to continually improve our business we are taking lunch orders online, providing for efficient accurate handling of the orders and removing the need to have cash at the school.

A large population of the school are already using our online ordering system which is provided via Flexi Schools (www.flexischools.com.au). Registering an account is easy and only takes a few minutes to complete. Payments are made using direct debit or a credit card linked to your account. Online ordering is secure and safe. Orders can be placed for a day, by the week or for the entire term in advance. It offers a fast and simple way to access our service and is very easy to use.

Should you have any queries regarding this change or need assistance with registering please feel free to contact us via email: info@theschoolcanteen.com.au or contact Kirsty from The School Canteen on 0416 786 603.

We sincerely appreciate your support and hope to continue providing your family with healthy convenient lunch options.

Kind regards

The School Canteen
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FAMILY FUN DAY

2nd OCTOBER 2015

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• MYSTERY OBJECT GUESSING COMPETITION
• SAUSAGE SIZZLE (MINIMUM CHARGE)
• ROVING HISTORICAL CHARACTERS
• ART AND OTHER DISPLAYS

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Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September

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Thursday 29th October 2015

Where
headspace Ashfield, Basement of Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool St, Ashfield, 2131

Contact
Hayden - 9193 8097
SUNDAY 1st November 2015
10am - 3pm     Grant Park Enfield

Come celebrate Spring with us at the Health & Fitness Fair!
A day out for families (and the dog), where you learn how to train the family pet and get fit at the same time.

Things to Do:
- pet and owner training sessions
- stalls to browse through (Health, Fitness, Lifestyle, Sports, Holistic, Organic etc)
- workshops and demonstrations
- face painting and crazy hair
- Plus sausage sizzle and music!

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Celebrate your ‘favourite pet’ in our Best Pet Artwork Competition.

Medium: (any of the following) Drawing, Painting, Pastels, Crayons, Watercolours.
Size: no bigger than A4.
Hand in your artwork at the Information Area at the Fair. Prizes to be won in each Age Category.

Winners will be announced at the end of the day. See www.franzeevents.com.au for details.
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VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

MEET THE SERVICES THAT TAKE ON VOLUNTEERS

10.00am  Deafblind Assoc.
Deafblind Assoc. is a voluntary, not for profit organisation, we aim to create safe and comfortable environments that enable individuals who are deafblind to access the community.

10.30am  Noffs Foundation
Noffs is a leader in providing drug and alcohol services for young people in Australia. By working for Noffs you can contribute to the success of the Foundation in interesting and challenging areas such as counselling, case management, music facilitators, operations and more.

11.00am  Mary MacKillop Outreach
Mary MacKillop Outreach (MMO) is a social and recreational program for adults with disability and/or mental illness, operating weekdays. MMO offers a variety of centre based activities such as art, cooking, exercise and sensory programs as well as bus trips exploring Sydney. Volunteers have the opportunity to assist people with disability to engage in programs offering their companionship and support and/or simply providing operational support such as food service, cleaning assistance (centre and vehicles). Hours can be between 9 and 3.30pm or even 2 hourly slots.

11.30am  The Ride to Conquer Cancer / The Weekend to End Women’s Cancers
“The Ride to Conquer Cancer & The Weekend to End Women’s Cancer’s are two epic events that raise critical funds for the Chris O’Brien Lifehouse. In the past 3 years these two events in Sydney have raised $13.4 for cancer research challenging riders and walkers to push themselves in order to conquer cancer. The 200km ride and 60km walk could not be made possible without the support of our incredible volunteers, they play a vital role in the success of our events.”

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WEDNESDAY

9 September

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING SATURDAY RUGBY??

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