Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I would especially like to welcome all our new students and families to Ashbury PS. I hope that you all had a happy and restful holiday.

Since the end of 2015 there have been some staff changes. Our Principal, Mrs. Shelley has secured a permanent role as Director, Public Schools NSW, Botany Bay Network. Congratulations to Mrs Shelley and we wish her well for her future. Miss Stephenson has returned to Ashbury after a year as Relieving Principal at Homebush West PS. We welcome her back and are thrilled to utilise all that she learnt last year. Mrs Sukkar, Miss Aiello and Mrs Morris have all left our school to take up roles in schools or within the Department of Education. We wish all these people the best of luck!

I (Mrs. D’Arrigo) will be Acting Principal for this term. Ms Asimina will be Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 1, Mrs Kaye is the Relieving Assistant Principal for Stage 2 and Miss Stephenson is the Assistant Principal Stage 3.

Classes for 2016 are in the process of being organised. Once we have accurate numbers we will roll into 2016 classes. This should be sometime this week.

Our Stage 3 students this week are being trained to be Peer Support and Peer Mediation leaders and our Peer Support program will commence later this term.

The Kindergarten Picnic at Lees Park although hot, was a wonderful success today. We look forward to seeing these new student’s bright and eager faces as they start school today and tomorrow.

A message from Ashbury PS Principal Mrs. Shelley:

Thank you and Farewell

I write with mixed feelings to inform you that I have gained a substantive Director, Public Schools NSW, position. I will not be returning to Ashbury Public School but will continue to support and manage the principals in the Botany Bay Network.

Being the Principal of Ashbury Public School has been an absolute honour. I have been inspired and thoroughly enjoyed leading the school since 2005. I take this opportunity to thank the staff, especially my Executive Staff Sally D’Arrigo, Dee Stephenson, Lurlene Mitchell and Deidre Azzopardi. I also would like to thank Grace Kaye, Asimina Salvartsis, Sophie Xanthis and Susan Sukkar for stepping up to take on various Executive roles over the last two
years. I thank the P&C, especially Rowan Kemp and the Executive, and the parent body for the amazing support I have always enjoyed.

I also thank you for entrusting your children’s education and wellbeing into my care. As a school we have always worked hard, “shoulder to shoulder” with parents, to provide a quality education filled with many opportunities for students to have a variety of experiences to enrich their lives and reach their full potentials.

I wish you every success, good health and happiness in the future. I certainly intend to keep in touch by popping into community events from time to time.

Regards
Sue Shelley

**Swimming Carnival**
Ashbury’s annual swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 4th February at Ashfield Pool. Students from years 1-6 will be attending. All students are required to come to school in the morning and travel on the bus with their class. Students are able to leave the pool with their parents at the end of the day. Please ensure that you inform the classroom teacher that you will be taking your child home with you and they will not be returning to school by bus.

A swimming carnival permission note has been sent home this week. Please read the note carefully before completing it and enclose the permission note and money in a clearly labelled envelope.

**Sport**
Sport for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be held on a Monday afternoon this year. Students will need to wear their sports uniform every Monday. Year 3-6 sport will be held each Friday afternoon. Students have been trying out for PSSA teams. Some students in Years 3-6 are currently undergoing selection trials to take part in sporting competitions against various schools in our zone. The competition is held every Friday afternoon. In summer, the choice is T-Ball, Softball, Oztag or Cricket. In winter, Netball, Touch Football and Soccer is available. For more details have a look at the Wiley Park PSSA Zone website.
http://wileypark.sessazones.com/

**P&C Welcome BBQ**
**All invited - Friday 12th February 2015  5.30 – 7pm at school**
On Friday 12th February, the P&C will host a Welcome BBQ for all Ashbury families. This is a great chance for everyone to come along and welcome new families to our school. The BBQ will be from 5.30-7pm at the covered area near the playground – weather permitting! On the night we will also have a Gelato stand where you can buy delicious Pure Gelato cones.

**Anaphylaxis Reminder**
We have a number of our students who suffer severe reactions to some foods, in particular peanuts and other tree nuts. We ask that you ensure that your child does not bring nuts to school in their recess or lunch. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, and some types of muesli or nut bars.

**Uniform Shop Information**
The uniform shop will be open some additional times in the first weeks of school - Monday 1st –Wednesday 3rd February 2.30-3pm.

Sally D’Arrigo
Acting Principal
OPEN NIGHT
SCHOOL TOURS

MARRICKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Monday 22nd February 2016
5.30pm – 7.30pm

School Tours
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Presentation
7.00pm - 7.30pm

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DRAMA CLASSES

Imagination Theatre will continue to run after school drama classes in Term 1, 2016, and would like to invite students from K - 6 to join.

After School Drama at the following locations

**Canterbury South PS**
Tuesday 9th February – Tuesday 5th April 2016
Years K – 3  3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Years 3 – 6  4:45 pm – 5:45 pm

**Earlwood PS**
Thursday 11th February – Thursday 7th April 2016
Years K – 3  3:15 pm – 4:15 pm
Years 3 – 6  4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

**Undercliffe PS**
Wednesday 10th February – Wednesday 6th April 2016
Years K – 6  3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Cost: $12 per class, payable by the term

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