From the SPLASH Centre Manager

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it’s hard to believe we are approaching the end of Term 3.
I would like to say thank you to Mearadey and the staff who did a fantastic job looking after the service while I was away on holidays, which now feels like something that happened in the distant past.

Mearadey and I have programmed a huge Term 4 for the children of the Splash program.

Here is a snap shot of activities:

A cooking/food tech program will run for 10 weeks of Term 4 the days will rotate over the term ensuring all children who wish to participate will have the opportunity.

A Pen Pal program called ‘Mates across the world’ was established in Term 3 and will continue into Term 4. Children who join this program commit to correspond at least 4 times a year with students from Scotland, New Zealand and Western Australia. This activity will be held on Wednesdays.

Drama workshops with Jessina will take place each Tuesday afternoon.

Outdoor still/life drawing will take place on Friday’s with Carmel.

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And our final programmed activity will be a show presented by **Mic Conway** titled *TV or not TV*. Mick is a veteran children’s entertainer and will entertain and perform for the children at the Splash Christmas party on Wednesday 11th December.

The above are only highlights of Term 4, the program also revolves around interests and topics the children have communicated to Splash educators over the past terms.

Week 1 the program will provide children with activities based around Our connection to the environment and sustainability. Week 2 is our Space week, week 3 & 4 we are celebrating the United Kingdom, England Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Week 5 is a big Games week, lots of trivia, bingo, mini Olympics and board games. Week 6 is about recycling, so save up you cardboard recycling items at home and donate them to Splash for the children to build, create and use their imaginations.

Week 7/8 is themed Under the sea and the final 3 weeks of the term is all about Christmas.

So, I am sure you can see how busy we all plan on being in Term 4.

The SPLASH team always remains keen to share in your family’s experiences and interests so feel free to let us know about upcoming events that your child may wish to share. Family’s contributions, ideas and interests help us to plan and construct a program that will be full of fun and discovery based around the interests of your children.

Each week our Program and Menu are displayed on the notice board near at our sign in desk. Please take the time to look at the menu as we do provide a huge variety of healthy afternoon snacks which sometimes are not communicated to you by your children.

**Term 3 Extra-Curricular Activities for Ashbury Public School children.**

Please remember to complete the Notification of curricular activities form for Term 4 which will be emailed to all families and also available at the sign in desk. It is really important we know where you children are going, need to go or are coming from while they are enrolled in the Splash program.

**Medical Information:**

Please remember children’s Medical Management plans are required if you answered YES to your child/children having any medical conditions such as Asthma, Allergy/Anaphylaxis or dietary requirement. This is a mandatory Regulation the service must abide to under The Department of Education and Communities.
2014 Re-Enrolments

I will be emailing out to all families re-enrolment forms for 2014. The re-enrolment form will also be available at the sign in desk. The form will be accompanied by a fairly comprehensive note, please take the time to read and answer all questions so we can process your child/children’s re-enrolment.

**Re-enrolment forms must be returned by NOVEMBER 4TH 2013, to secure your position.**

**Annual General Meeting:**

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 18th Sept 2013 at 7pm, in the downstairs activity area of Ashbury Public School.

As per the Splash constitution your responsibility as a member is to send one representative to the Annual General Meeting.

Please support your service by attending this meeting.

We currently have a vacancy for the role of Vice President, so please think about supporting SPLASH service and your children.

A light supper will be provided at the end of the AGM

**SPLASH Investment Funds:**

Don’t forget to voice your opinion and ideas on how the accumulated funds now in surplus could be used to provide enduring benefit to the Centre. Please email your ideas or write them on the form which is located at the sign in desk.

**Important Dates for your calendar**

Annual General Meeting
- Wednesday 18th September

First Day Splash Care Term 4 for both Ashbury Public and St Francis
- Tuesday 8th October, 2013

Re-enrolment forms must be returned by

Splash Christmas Party:
- Wednesday 11th December, 2013

Last day of school term for both Ashbury Public and St Francis
- Wednesday 18th December, 2013

Once again thank you to all the families who support SPLASH service, my aim and the aim of the Committee and Educators is to provide your children with a Quality service, that is all about learning through play, leisure and having fun.

Regards

Marcelle Carbon.
Centre Manager