COMMUNITY LIBRARY
“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends and most patient of teachers”
A reminder that our library is a community library, able to be accessed by parents and members of the wider community. The library currently has an array of ‘parent help’ and adult books available to be borrowed. Below I have answered some of the frequently asked questions:

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER? To become a member of the Ashcroft PS Community Library, you simply need to complete an application form at the office, and a library card will be issued to you.

WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER? Membership is open to all parents and members of the local community.

WHEN CAN I BORROW? The library is open for borrowing on Wednesday between 2.00pm – 3.00pm. At all other times, please contact the office and other arrangements may be able to be made. Parents can also send requests for books with their children on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Whenever possible these books will be given to the children to take home on the same day.

EASTER HAT PARADE
Our Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday 27th March. The parade will be held under the COLA, beginning at 11.30am and finishing at 1.10pm. Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students will be making their hats in class time. Stages 2 and 3 will be asked to make their hats at home.

WEDDEBURN SCHOOL CAMP
An expression of interest note has been given to students in Years 5 and 6 regarding a school camp to Weddeburn campsite. Parents are asked to read the notice and express an interest in their children attending the camp. The expression of interest needs to be returned to Mrs Braun by 19th March.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN tests will be conducted over 3 days from 14–16 May 2013. This is a national test for all Year 3 and Year 5 students. For students in Years 3 and 5, there are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Over the last 6 years, Ashcroft Public School has been demonstrating growth in student achievement which is significantly higher than local school group and state expected levels of growth. It is expected that the positive trend will continue.

KP - MISS PALMERONE – LEAVE
Miss Palmerone will be on leave from Thursday 14th March to Monday 1st April due to her wedding. During this time Miss Skorin, who is known to the students, will continue with Miss Palmerone’s program with lessons as planned. Students will continue with the weekly routine as normal.

CONGRATULATIONS
To Miss Bladwell who recently became Mrs Braun following her recent wedding and to Miss Palmerone for her upcoming nuptials.

Congratulations to Natalie Armstrong and Lilly Lyons for making it into the Green Valley PSSA Girls Soccer team. Well done and best of luck for the season!

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
For children aged 6-12 years. From Monday 22nd April to Friday 26th April at Miller Family Resource Centre. For information and bookings please call Debbie on 9732 6502.
P&C DISSOLVED
At the P&C Annual General Meeting held last Wednesday, a motion was passed that the P&C be dissolved. This is due mainly to dwindling membership.

The P&C have worked tirelessly to assist the school. This has included creating the garden near the back oval, providing sporting goods, sponsoring our school concert by providing funds for the purchase of costumes and props, as well as the purchasing of outdoor seating and other valuable resources for the school.

Their enthusiasm, hard work and willingness to assist the school with funds and resources is greatly appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our latest P&C Committee for the time and effort that they have put in over the last few years. A special thank you to Vickie Wales, Debbie Ferguson, Deidre Spurrier, Kim Lyons and Nori Betar. Well done ladies. We thank you and look forward to your ongoing support of the school.

Thank you also to the large number of former committee members and helpers for all the support over the years. You are all stars.

FUTURE PARENT INVOLVEMENT
A large number of parents and members of the community have indicated that they are willing to get involved with the school but could not commit to involvement in the P&C.

In order to continue providing opportunities for parental involvement in the school, we will be holding parent volunteer meetings to discuss the different possibilities that parents have in becoming involved in the school. These possibilities involve opportunities such as assisting in the classrooms, helping to cover books for the library, helping with fundraising, attending workshops, as well as helping to beautify the school. There are so many ways that parents can be involved in the school. It doesn’t matter if you don’t have the experience, we will provide you with the assistance and training. You do not need to commit long term and can help just on certain occasions as you wish.

The FIRST meeting will be held at 9.15am on Tuesday 19th March in the meeting room.

We look forward to seeing a large number of parents on the day.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM OUR PARENTS

1. Be respectful of staff, students and other parents at all times whilst on school premises.
2. Parents are not permitted to come to school during school time to see their children. Please report to the office and we will page your child if necessary.
3. Students who arrive at school prior to 8.30am are to sit on the silver seats until supervision begins. It is important that students are in the front playground (COLA) and not left waiting at classrooms before the first bell.
4. As students now go straight to classes when the morning bell goes, parents are to leave the school grounds promptly.
5. Parents are not permitted to approach other parents regarding incidents involving their child. Please inform school staff who will endeavour to resolve the issue/concern.
6. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher please do so either before or after school or make an appointment at the office for a suitable time. Do not enter the classroom to speak with the teacher during class time.
7. Parents and visitors must go to the office first when visiting the school to sign in and obtain a visitor’s pass.
8. Please exercise caution when communicating via social media sites (Facebook etc) regarding students/families at our school. Extreme caution must be taken when showing photos of other people, especially primary school students.
A MESSAGE FROM THE PAST P&C PRESIDENT

As has already been mentioned above our AGM was held and unfortunately we did not get a strong enough attendance of parents and new members at the meeting to vote in a new Committee. The AGM has resulted in the P&C dissolving, which is sad but unfortunately common.

A big thank you from me to our Committee Members Debbie Ferguson and Deidre Spurrier, our Members Nori Betar and Kim Lyons, for all the hard work they have put in over the years. Many thanks to all our parents, students, principal and teachers for assisting at our school events; with your support we have accomplished many good things for the school.

On the bright side the parents who were in attendance at the meeting did show strong interest in volunteering within the school. Mr Koletti has put forward an idea of a “Parent Fundraising/Help Group”. This group would work together with our (CLO) Community Liaison Officer, Mr Cameron Outterside, to stay updated with what is happening in the school. Mr Koletti would like to encourage all our parents to continue to touch base with the CLO and continue to help and support our school. Your help is always welcome.

Thank you everyone for supporting myself in the P&C. It’s been fun and very rewarding to look back at our accomplishments and to see the smiles on our students faces is what’s makes it all worthwhile.

Vickie Wales

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SCIENCE FUN DAY

On Friday the 22nd of February 2013, 5/6B and 5/6G went on a science fun day to Ashcroft High School. We got to make a lot of fun things and experiments such as make slime and sherbet. We mixed some acids together and transformed it into colour. We used tubes and rubbed them hard and made water from a tap bend and last of all put some acid and sugar in a balloon then taped the balloon onto a coke bottle and watched it get bigger and bigger until it exploded. We also had leaders that were in year 10 who showed us around and taught us what to do. There were very nice teachers and we would like to thank them all.

By Lilly and Natalie