Dear Parents and members of the Ashcroft Public School community.

Term 1 has come to an end. It has been a busy term with many interesting and engaging activities taking place in each classroom.

I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all the students for their hard work during the term. It has been a pleasure visiting classrooms and observing students hard at work and engaged in their learning.

The teachers are to be congratulated for their diligent preparation and the implementation of teaching programs which interest the students and provide an environment conducive to learning.

Thank you also to the parents for taking an interest in their children’s learning. The support that you provide is invaluable. More opportunities will be offered in Term 2 for parents to become more actively involved within the school. These opportunities will be advertised in the newsletter early next term.

Finally, thank you to all the office and support staff for the tremendous job that they do to keep the school running so smoothly.

I would like to wish every member of our school community a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.

The last day of school for this term is Friday 12th April.

Students will return for term 2 on Wednesday 1st May.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPORTING STARS!
Ricky recently represented our school at the NSW PSSA Sydney South West Swimming Championships. As part of this team Ricky swam at the Olympic Aquatic Centre at Homebush in the 50, backstroke event. Ricky achieved a ‘PB’ (personal best) time of 44.60 seconds. Well done Ricky! We are proud of your performance.

Lilly & Natalie represented the Green Valley Zone PSSA at the regional soccer championships. Both girls performed enthusiastically and with great skills. Well done girls!
**HEAD LICE**
Head lice (‘Nits’) are currently rampant. It is imperative that children with head lice be treated appropriately to ensure that a re-inestation does not occur. If your child receives a note from school regarding head lice PLEASE follow the instructions carefully.

It is recommended that students with long hair have it tied back each day and sometimes spraying with hairspray may help to deter the return of nits.

We need all parents to be vigilant in this regard.

**UNIFORM PRIZE DRAW**
As an incentive to wear full school uniform we will be having a daily prize draw starting in Term 2. Each day a name will be drawn from our box containing ALL students’ names and if that student is in FULL school uniform on that day, they will win an iceblock! It’s that easy!

All names will be placed back in the box for another chance, so remember come to school each day wearing your uniform and you might just win.

Full school uniform includes a school hat, Ashcroft shirt and closed in shoes & socks.

GOOD LUCK!!

**DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**
Under NO circumstances are dogs permitted on school grounds due to health & safety reasons even if on a leash. Please wait OUTSIDE school grounds if you have a dog with you.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**
Our annual Mother’s Day stall will be held on Friday 3rd May under the COLA. Gifts will be sold before school from 8.30am and will be limited to one gift per student. However remaining items will be on sale again at recess and lunch time if you wish to purchase another gift.

Whilst stock is limited some items may be able to be re-ordered and delivered the following week (prior to Mother’s Day).

Gifts include photo frames, candles, pens, bags, necklaces, mugs, reed diffusers plus more.

Gifts will range in price from $2.00 to $8.00 each.

**MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE**
We will also be having a raffle with prizes including a number of baskets containing beauty products and a gym membership. Tickets for the raffle will be 50c each or 3 for $1. Tickets will be on sale every morning from 8.30am under the COLA and at lunchtime outside the hall beginning Friday 3rd May. Parents can also purchase tickets from the office during the day. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 10th May.

**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.

**OOPS KINDY!**
We have had a few toileting accidents recently and remind parents to make sure they send a spare change of clothes to school just in case, especially for kindergarten students.

**DATES TO REMEMBER …**

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The Easter Hat Parade was a great success this year. A HUGE thank you to all the students who participated and the parents and community members who supported us on the day. Congratulations to the following students for winning a great prize and showing off their delightful hats!

Preschool – Nawal, Liliyen and Brendon
Early Stage 1 – Ethan, Janah, Todah and Logan
Stage 1 – Josephine, Jada, Amirah and Heleine
Stage 2 – Jarryd, Miracle and Serena
Stage 3 – Lucas, Ali and Courtney

“The Easter bunny came to visit and paraded with us, throwing chocolates into the crowd.

Our host was Miss Hutchinson and she did a wonderful job. Our judges for the Easter hats were Mrs Birkett and Mr McAleer and they did a fabulous job choosing our winners. The hats were amazing and colourful and we want to thank the K – 2 teachers and parents for helping us design and create our hats.

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who came to watch our parade. Also on behalf of the Year 6 students, we’d like to offer a big thank you to everyone who participated in the raffle and guessing competitions.”

Written by Marwa (3/4M SRC) and Barihan (Student Leader)