From the Principal…

It has been pleasing to watch our 2015 kindergarten students and families participating in the transition program. This is an important process which allows the teachers and children an opportunity to get to know each other in preparation for the New Year. If you know any families in the community who have children ready to begin school in 2015 could you please remind them about our enrolment and orientation program.

2015 – 2017 School Planning

We are slowly creating our new school plan 2015 – 2017 and ask for your input. I encourage all families to take part in this process by completing the tear off section in the newsletter. Your responses will assist us to plan and create a vision which will shape our school next year and into the future.

Safety of our students

I ask all parents and carers to be considerate of all students and teachers at our school. Please closely supervise toddlers before and after school to ensure the safety of everyone. Our teachers are always prepared to meet and speak with you but they do need some notice. It is not appropriate for parents to be attempting to meet with teachers once the morning bell has sounded. At this time teachers need to be attending to all students and not attempting to conduct parent meetings. We thank you for your understanding and know you will support us as we ensure the safety of our students. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with your child’s classroom teacher or the Principal please contact the Office to arrange a convenient time.

School Information

Notes and Newsletters are available from the office or you can download them from our website at www.ashcroft-p.schools.nsw.edu.au in the Notes Home section. You can also keep up to date by checking out our Ashcroft Public School Facebook page.

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Notices

Enrolling NOW for Kindergarten 2015...
If you have a child who is turning 5 before 31st July 2015 they are ready to enrol in Kindergarten for 2015.

Enrolling NOW for Preschool 2015...
If you have a child who is turning 4 before 31st July 2015 they are ready to enrol in Preschool for 2015.
Stage 1 Play Project...
On Thursday the 30th of October Stage 1 participated in the Play Project. We learned that all the things we do like running and dancing makes us huff and puff. Huffing and puffing every day makes us smarter and happier and makes our body strong. I loved it when we made up our own games which make us huff and puff and played them with our groups. – Amna Soueid 1/2S

Bandanna Day...
Thank you for your continued support we raised $281.00 for CanTeen the Australian organisation for young people living with cancer.

Transition to Kindergarten Program...
Our Kindy Transition Program has started. If you have NOT yet enrolled your child for Kindergarten in 2015 just drop into the Office and collect an enrolment pack. Don’t miss out on this valuable program aimed at getting your child ready for Kindergarten. Please meet under the Beehive COLA on Friday morning at 9.00am.

Important Dates
Kindergarten Transition Days:
- Friday 24th October 9:00am - 11:00am
- Friday 31st October 9:00am - 11:00am
- Friday 7th November 9:00am - 11:00am
Parents are welcome to attend an information session that will be run at the same time as the transition program.

Kindergarten Orientation:
- Friday 14th November 9:00am - 11:00am
Presentations from a range of school staff will provide valuable information on the running of the school.

Please contact the school: Phone: 9607 8202 or visit www.ashcroft-p.schools.nsw.edu.au for further information.

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Our Stage 1 classes have been learning about...

This Term our Stage 1 students are learning about the need for shelter. This week students investigated ways that humans and animals depend on their natural and built environments for shelter. Students are developing their curiosity to learn about people, society and the environment through this HSIE topic.
Halloween Mufti Day & Disco

What a wonderful day we had at last week’s Halloween Mufti Day and disco! The students came to school dressed in their best Halloween costumes and were looking very spooky. The school disco was a great success as most of the students attended and left our playground nearly empty. Students had a great time dancing and laughing with their friends. All students were on their best behaviour and having a wonderful time. Well done Ashcroft! **We raised a total of $297.10 on the day.** Thank you to everyone for participating.
Community of Schools 2168 EXPO...
Our COS 2168 Community and Government Agency Expo was a great success for all members of the 2168 postcode. Thirty agencies presented multilingual information regarding their services and all 6 schools in our Community of Schools (COS 2168) contributed student leaders to run the event and fantastic performances to entertain the families and agencies present.
All parents and carers attending the Expo have benefited from the useful information provided and our public schools can be proud of a great achievement in the community engagement and information provision. Agencies can now provide programs in our schools and the benefit to our families will continue well into the future.
*We all look forward to a bigger and better COS 2168 Expo in 2015.*
Year 6 Science Assessment...
The High Performance Unit of the Department of Education and Communities is developing an online multimedia interactive assessment for Science and Technology Stage 3 as part of work to expand resources for assessing a broader range of student learning. The test, based on the model of the current Essential Secondary Science Assessment program for Year 8, will provide teachers, schools and parents with diagnostic information and resources for the new K-6 Science & Technology syllabus due for implementation in 2015. As part of the development, Ashcroft Public School was invited to participate in the first major trial of this new assessment. Our Year 6 students completed a second one hour online Science and Technology test which incorporated videos, audio and graphics on Friday 24th October.

Please complete the attached Planning 2015 - 2017 slip and return it to the Office.

ASHCROFT PUBLIC SCHOOL PLANNING 2015 - 2017

What do you want educationally for your child?

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What skills, knowledge and abilities do you want your child to have when they leave for Year 7?

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