Dear Students, parents and members of the Ashcroft Public School community, Welcome to Week 4.

Advancelife Photography – Family Portraits
Ashcroft Public School will be taking part in the Advancelife Photography Family Portrait Fundraising event. This is a wonderful opportunity for family to have family portraits taken for the minimal price of $15. The date booked is the 10th of May. Not only is this great for our families but it also assists our school fundraising venture. A separate note will be distributed this week with more information. Please take advantage of this offer.

Student Safety at Ashcroft Public School is our Number 1 Priority.
In the last week a complaint has been made against parents that park their car in the driveways of our neighbours. Please be considerate of their needs. Parking legally as I know most parents do should be the message we are showing our children. Parking is a problem which can be alleviated, even if it means walking a little further.

Kindergarten Students
Kindergarten students have settled in very well to their school environment with so many of the students lining up beautifully. We ask that all parents allow their child to stand in the lines with their class and allow the teacher to maintain class order. Parents are also asked not to walk their child to class or take the time to talk to the teacher as this causes distraction to all. At this stage the teachers need to focus on all the students in their class to assist in developing the essential routines.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
“Talent wins games but team work and intelligence wins championships.”
Michael Jordan

CALENDAR

Dates for your diary

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Notices

Homework Centre begins this week. Homework Centre is on every Wednesday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm and Thursday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. There are still spaces available for Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in attending please fill in the permission note available from the office and return as soon as possible.

All notes provided to students can be accessed via the school website.

Supervision at school begins at 8:30am. When students arrive at school they are to assemble under the COLA. Students who arrive at school prior to 8:30am may not be supervised.

Our Order for school hats has arrived. School hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop or the Office for $7.00.

Parents please put a change of clothes in your child’s school bag each day in case of a toileting accident. This is especially important for Kindergarten and Stage 1 students.

Please check out our new Facebook page and keep up to date with what is happening at our school. Our new page is called Ashcroft Public School. Our page will be updated daily with information and photos. The aim of our Facebook page is to inform and celebrate. It is not a forum for negative comments. I make no apologies to announce that all negative comments or inappropriate language will be deleted and those responsible will be banned.

Official Ashcroft Public School Facebook Page...
Students and Medication

When a student is prescribed medication that needs to be administered during the school day, parents are responsible for:

- bringing this need to the attention of the school
- ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
- supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
- collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication.

Most medication however can be administered at home before and/or after school. This is the safest and most preferred method.

In general, Ashcroft Public School will not administer medication which has not been specifically requested by a medical practitioner for an individual student for a specific condition. In some cases the medical practitioner may not write 'a prescription' for such medication because it may be available 'over the counter'. NSW Health advises that this does not mean that the medication is not potentially harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures as for prescribed medications.

Parents requiring non-prescription medication to be administered at school MUST have a written note from the doctor detailing the medication and dosage to be given to their child.

Students must not carry medications unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents that this is a planned part of the student's health care support.

Please speak to the office staff if you have any questions regarding administration of medications at school.

New Sports Uniform Arriving Soon

A new sports uniform has been designed and will be available for purchase in the very near future. The cost of the uniform is $20 per set (both shirt and shorts). The uniform is made of lightweight material, offering students comfort and flexibility. Photos of the new uniform will appear in the next newsletter.

We will notify everyone once the uniform is ready to be purchased. The new uniform will be introduced over the rest of this year and the old sports t-shirt will still be able to we worn for the rest of 2014.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our joint swimming carnival with the surrounding schools. Reports of your behaviour and participation have been extremely pleasing – well done all.

The Green Valley Zone swimming carnival will be held this Thursday 19th February. Good Luck to Hikar, Destiny, Ricky, Georgia and Annaleise who will be representing Ashcroft. A detailed report of our competitors and their performance will appear in the next newsletter.

School Jumpers

We still have a lot of school jumpers available in our second hand clothing baskets. The jumpers are in good condition and are available free of charge. Please contact the office ladies for more information.
New technology at Ashcroft Public School

‘ONE LAPTOP PER CHILD’ – XO

All the students have received their XOs and have enthusiastically participated in their first few activities. The results have been amazing. The students are engaged, behaviour issues during XO lessons have dropped and academic progress is evident as students are able to complete the set tasks. There is so much more to do however the initiative of “one laptop per child” has already proven to be a great success.

2014 CAPTAINS & STUDENT LEADERS

Front Row: Maddison Conway, Mazeek Morris, Elizabeth Lam (Captain)
Back Row: Tupu Va’a (Captain), Nazirah El Halbouni, Montilina Fepale

Congratulations girls, we know you will do a great job.

Student Medical Information

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important to let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if new health conditions develop.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please contact the office to request the necessary paperwork. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Over the next week we will be sending home forms for students who currently have asthma, allergies or existing Health Care Plans to be reviewed and updated. It would be appreciated if these forms are sent back to school as soon as possible.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child’s health needs.