Welcome To Week 6.

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PARKING & POLICE: I have been notified that police officers will be patrolling the streets around our school over the coming weeks. Please make sure you park according to the sign posts. It is critical to the safety of our students that everybody follows the parking and traffic guidelines around the school. Be aware, penalties for traffic infringements around schools can exceed $500 with the loss of 4 demerit points.

VISITING THE SCHOOL: A reminder that all visitors must report to the main office when they enter the school grounds. This includes parents who are delivering lunches for their children, passing on messages or any other reason. This is a safety concern and we need to know who is on the school grounds at all times. Parents are to bring their children’s lunches to the office prior to recess/lunch time and office staff will call the children up at the appropriate time.

Thank you for your understanding.

Principal@Ashcroft

Quote of the Week
“The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you”
BB King

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 18th March
Wednesday 19th March
Thursday 27th March
Friday 4th April
Tuesday 8th April
Friday 11th April

WS Regional Swimming Carnival
Best Start Workshop
Year 3-6 Sports Gala Day
Stage 1 Excursion Camden Show
Easter Hat Parade
Whole School Assembly

Notices

ASSEMBLY CANCELLED
Please note that next Friday 14th March the 3-6 Assembly WILL NOT be held due to other school programs being conducted on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Official Ashcroft Public School Facebook Page...

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.

SCRIPTURE – Scripture is held every Wednesday. The following religious groups offer instruction to students on this day: Anglican, Catholic, Islamic (Charities). Non scripture supervision is provided to students not attending scripture classes. Children are placed into scripture groups based on the information provided to the school by parents. If you wish to make changes to your child’s scripture class, please advise the school in writing. As scripture only runs for 30 minutes, students who behave inappropriately at scripture and cause disruptions to the class will be excluded.
EXEMPTION FORMS – Any families planning overseas holidays or extended leave must complete an exemption form. These are available through the front office and must be completed a minimum of 2 weeks before travel occurs. If families do not complete exemption forms, the absence of students will then be recorded as an unexplained absence in the roll and on their record cards. A note written after the event will not change the unexplained absence. In order for an extended leave to be recorded as an exemption, parents must seek the approval of the Principal prior to the leave being taken. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this please contact the front office.

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XO UPDATE - What a difference that a little green and white machine can make!
It has been 4 weeks since the arrival of XOs into our classrooms and we are already seeing the difference that they have made to the learning of our students. As I walk from room to room, I have seen, first hand, the effect of the XOs – increased student engagement, reduction in behaviour concerns in the classroom and reduced absenteeism. Our students are able to complete tasks quickly and can talk about the task in regards to content and process. Each student is to be congratulated on their application with the XOs. Well done all.

As part of the XO initiative, our school now has internet access in all teaching spaces. The XO devices, the internet connection and the installation of powerpoints in some rooms has been estimated at $30,000. This, we believe, is money well spent as the effect on our students’ learning will be enormous.
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FAMILY PORTRAITS: Recently all families received information regarding opportunities for family photo portraits to be taken at Ashcroft Public School on Saturday 10th May. If you are interested in taking up this offer, please come to the office to make your booking.

The portrait package costs $15 – you receive 3 items as part of the package. The whole $15 is given back to the school. The photographers make their money from any other orders you may wish to purchase. Please support this fundraising venture.

5 CENT ROUNDUP
It is 5 cent ROUND UP time again. Year 6 are raising funds for the Year 6 Farewell. We are asking parents and students to collect 5 cent coins and donate them to their class collection. A competition will be held to see which class can collect the most 5 cent coins. The students from the winning class will be given a pizza lunch. The 5 cent Round Up began Monday and will continue until Monday 31st March.

HomeworkCentre@Ashcroft
Our homework centre operates on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. If you wish your child to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Mr Augustine for more details.

Thankyou@Ashcroft
Thank you to the Miller Bakery & Pizza for assisting us with the Breakfast Club.

The bakery is providing us with bread products on Monday and Tuesday free of charge. The shop is at 7/103 Cartwright Ave, Busby. They can be contacted on 87830334.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM
It is pleasing to see our students in full school uniform. This clearly indicates a sense of pride and the value of being a student at Ashcroft Public School.

However, we are asking for ALL students to begin wearing the correct school hat. Hats are available from the Uniform Shop or directly from the office at a cost of $7.00 please have the correct money. Our uniform shop is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:30am to 9.30am.

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORM
Our NEW Sports uniforms will be arriving soon. The cost of the uniform will be $20.00 a set (shirt and shorts) We are hoping to get them by the end of March so we can start selling them before the end of Term 1.

A note will go home as soon as we have them explaining how to order. Please note sizing on the new uniforms will be different and they will be from XXXXS to Medium which covers from size 4 to size 16.

Remember: As we are introducing our new Sport uniforms well into the 2014 school year, the current red sport shirt can still be purchased and worn for the rest of this year.
LEGENDS SHIELD
On Thursday 6th of March our school's rugby league team participated in the NRL Legends 7 a side competition at Hillier reserve, Liverpool. Although the results did not all go our way, our team showcased outstanding skills and wonderful sportsmanship. Well done to the whole team and thank you to Mr Grech for coaching the team.

The students representing our school were Perenise, Tupu, Mitchell, Tafuna, Suni, Abdulrahman, Raby, Farah and Mouhamed.

SYDNEY SOUTH WEST PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Five of our students; Annaleise, Destiny, Georgia, Ricky and Hikari represented our school at the recent Green Valley Zone Swimming Carnival. All of our students performed great and made us very proud. Ricky secured 1st place in all the six events he competed in – 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, butterfly, breaststroke, backstroke and the individual medley. He was the 11 Years champion on the day. Hikari secured 1st place in the 9 years 50m freestyle. Congratulations to Ricky and Hikari for being selected in the Green Valley Zone team to participate at the regional championships. The Sydney South West PSSA Swimming Carnival will be held on the 18th March 2014 at Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre.

We wish both students the best of luck – we are very proud of them.

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STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION
Forms have been sent home 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.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
The K-2 school assembly will be held every Friday from 2pm in the Hall. The 3-6 school assembly will be held every Friday from 11.20am in the Hall. Whole school Assemblies for Term 1 will be held on Friday 7th March at 11.20am and Friday 11th April at 11.20am. Please note when there is a whole school assembly the K-2 and 3-6 assemblies will not be on. We encourage our parents to come to our assemblies to celebrate the achievements of our students. We ask that during assembly all mobile phones be switched to silent or turned off and younger siblings be supervised at all times.

SCHOOL JUMPERS
We still have lots 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.

SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL
Supervision at school begins at 8:30am. When students arrive at school they are to assemble under the COLA – this is where supervision will take place. Students who arrive at school prior to 8:30am may not be supervised. School finishes at 3.00pm please make sure your child is collected on time. If your child is late they will need to go the photocopy room for a late note before going to class. If you are collecting your child early you must sign them out at the office before collecting them from class.