Dear Parents and Friends,
Welcome To Week 8.

Information@Ashcroft
An arborist has visited the school investigating a number of trees causing us concern. These trees have had an orange barricade placed around them. For student and community safety I urge that you do not walk through the barricade. We are currently waiting for a decision as to what the next course of action will be.

Canteen@Ashcroft
I have been asked by the canteen operator to let the community know that NO CREDIT will be provided at the canteen. All items purchased from the canteen will need to be paid for straight away.

Principal@Ashcroft
“One of the most beautiful qualities of friendship is to understand and be understood”

Calendar
Thursday 27th March
- Year 3-6 Sports Gala Day
Monday 31st March
- 5c round up finishes
Thursday 3rd April
- ‘Kids & Cops’ Oztag day
Friday 4th April
- S1 Excursion Camden Show
Tuesday 8th April
- Easter Hat Parade
- Cake Stall
Friday 11th April
- Whole School Assembly
- 11.20am
- Last day of Term 1

Notices
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.
Technology@Ashcroft

At Ashcroft Public School we are making a concerted effort to provide opportunities for all students to have access to a range of technology, integrating their learning across all key learning areas.

iPads - At Ashcroft Public School we have 65 iPads which are used across the school from Kindergarten to Year 6. The iPads are integrated into the teaching and learning process at our school. They are used to access information, create movies and multi-media presentations, research projects, assist in reading and mathematics.

The school has an ongoing commitment to updating the applications available to the students and staff. The applications are interactive and provide opportunities for students to demonstrate their creativity and problem solving ability, making links between the learning and the wider world.

Computer Lab – catering for a whole class.

XO - One Laptop Per Child - Ashcroft Public School is delighted to be one of the first schools in South West Sydney to embrace the One Laptop Per Child initiative where every student in the school is provided with their own laptop to work on whilst at school. The XO devices have had an immediate impact on increasing student engagement, reducing student behaviour management issues and increasing student attendance.

Interactive Whiteboards - Each teaching space in the school has access to an Interactive Whiteboard. This includes all classrooms, the library, computer lab, meeting room and preschool. Students are able to interact during lessons, engage in presentations, listen to songs, and watch recordings. Activities conducted on the Interactive Whiteboards are directly linked across all Key Learning Areas and embrace learning at all levels.
Artwork@Ashcroft

Samples of all student artwork is on display in the office foyer.

Artwork by KM

Artwork by Preschool

Artwork by KH

Artwork by 1/2M

Artwork by 5/6B

Artwork by 1/2S

Noah

Mia

Artwork by 5/6A

Artwork by 3/4M

Artwork by 1/2R

Artwork by 1/2P

Artwork by 3/4K

Artwork by 3/4G

Artwork by 5/6A

Artwork by 1/2S
Thank you to all the students for their wonderful artwork. All the art work can be viewed on the walls in the corridor adjacent to the office foyer.

Artwork by 3/4S

Best Start@Ashcroft
Thank you to the Kindergarten families who attended this week’s Best Start meeting. It is so important to take an active role in your child’s education. I am sure you gathered valuable information about your child and some tips on how to support learning at home. Thank you to our dedicated Kindergarten teachers: Miss Hutchinson and Mrs Machuca.

Attendance@Ashcroft
One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she attends school on a daily basis and gets there on time. The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement is well established. Obviously, the more time children spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success. When children miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work, they often miss important interactions with their peers. If a child misses 12-15 days per school year, this adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child.

Sport@Ashcroft
Congratulations to Hika and Ricky who represented the Green Valley Zone at the regional swimming carnival at Bradbury Pool. Both students performed admirably with Ricky’s performance resulting in him being recognised as regional champion for his age group and being selected to participate at the state championships. We are so proud of our zone swimming representatives.

Well done Hika and Ricky.

Parent Workshops@Ashcroft
Two parent workshops have been planned for the last day of this term. These workshops will be followed by the end of term assembly.
The first workshop will be on the new XO laptops where parents will have the opportunity to see first hand the type of work that the students have been doing this term.
The second workshop will be on ROBOTICS. Come and build your own robot and use a computer to give it instructions to move and turn.
Both of these workshops will be interactive, hands on and lots of fun.
A note providing more information will be distributed to all families within the next week.

Student Medical Information@Ashcroft
Forms have been sent home for students who currently have asthma, allergies or existing Health Care Plans to be reviewed and updated.

These forms need to be returned to school as a matter of urgency to enable the school to have completed updated records.