Dear Parents and Friends, welcome to Term 2.

Information@Ashcroft

Welcome back to all our students and families and I hope you had a lovely Easter and a relaxing holiday. A special welcome also to the new students and families starting at Ashcroft this term.

Term 2 is a very busy time with reports, interviews, excursions and school photographs all planned. This means that it is very important that students are at school and on time to make sure they do not miss out.

In week 3, students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy – NAPLAN. Assessments will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of week 3. This is an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning so far and I encourage all students to make an extra effort to be at school for these assessments.

During the holidays we were informed that Mr Koletti was in hospital. I am pleased to report to you that he is now doing well and is getting plenty of rest.

On behalf of our school community a card, flowers and best wishes were sent to his family. The family would like me to pass on their sincere thanks for this gesture and will keep us informed of his recovery.

Mr Augustine
Relieving Principal

Principal’s Quote...

“The best way to predict the future, is to create it”.

Calender

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EftPOS/Credit Card Facilities

Ashcroft Public School is now able to accept EftPOS and Credit Card payments for all student payments over $10.00. Credit Card payments can be made at any time by phoning the Office on 9607 8202 with your details or using the Credit Card Payment Slip available from the Office, you can also download it from our Website. EftPOS payments are only available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.00am to 10.00am.

School Information

Notes and Newsletters are available to download on our website at www.ashcroft-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

You can also keep up to date by checking out our Ashcroft Public School Facebook page.

Student Medical Information Forms

We still have a number of medical information forms that have NOT yet been returned. It is very important these forms are returned to the office promptly.

Like us on Facebook...
Newsletter Term 2, Week 1

Student Safety
Can I remind all families that the school gates will be opened from 8.20am and supervision of students will begin at 8.30am. All students arriving before 9:00am need to assemble in the front playground and wait for their teacher. School finishes at 3.00pm and it is vital that all students are collected promptly and leave the school grounds in a safe manner.
It is important that parents/carers actively supervise students when leaving the school. If there are any issues regarding student behaviour could you please report it to a staff member or to the Office. **I remind all parents and carers not to approach students who they are not responsible for.**

School Photo Day
On **Wednesday 7th May** the School Photographer will be visiting our school to take our **2014 Class Photos.**
**Family Photo envelopes are available from the office.**
Student payment envelopes will be given directly to the School Photographer so it is important the correct information is provided and the correct money is enclosed before returning your child’s envelope to school.
Please return your child’s payment envelope on or before School Photo Day to avoid late payment fees.
If you have any further questions, please contact the School Photographer on 9674 9824.

Anzac Day Ceremony
On Wednesday 30th of April Ashcroft students and teachers took time to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice for Australia. An assembly was held to remember the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who have fought in past wars as well as those still currently serving. Ashcroft school captains Tupu and Elizabeth presented a wreath on behalf of all students to pay our respects. **Lest we forget.**

A Note from the School Counsellor...
There are some really worthwhile FREE workshops occurring in our area.

- **An Infant Massage (Newborn- 6months olds) program** starting in May at Liverpool. Infant massage assists your baby to sleep better, gives relief from painful discomforts (e.g. wind, reflux, constipation), helps parents to feel more confident and less stressed with easy-to-learn techniques. For details please contact Danielle on 9616 4226
- **Keeping Children Safe (in Miller, starting in May) –** learn how to keep your children safe with information on protective behaviours, preventing abuse and neglect, identifying and recognizing abuse, taking care of yourself as a parent. For details please contact Zulekha on 9732 6701 or Debbie on 9732 6502
- **Triple P program (in Miller, starting in June) –** covers the power of positive parenting, raising confident and competent children, raising resilient children. For details please **call Debbie on 9732 6502.**

Cross country ‘adidas School Fun Run’
Our school will be holding the annual Cross Country Carnival on Friday 9th May 2014 in conjunction with our ‘adidas School Fun Run’ again this year. Sponsorship forms have been sent home with students and they will be seeking support and sponsorship from family and friends for the event. All students who raise $10.00 or more will receive a prize based on the sponsorships they receive. So get behind your child and give them some incentive for participating in this worthwhile event. The day will commence at 11.20am and family and friends are invited to come along and support our students.

Mother’s Day Stall
Next week we will be holding our Mother’s Day Stall. Students will be allocated a time on Thursday morning to go to the stall with their class and purchase a gift. Gifts will also be sold on Friday under the COLA from 8:30am and again at recess. **Gifts will range in price from $1.00 to $5.00.**
We would also like to say Happy Mother’s Day to all our wonderful mothers, enjoy your day.
Easter Hat Parade

Last term we held our annual Easter Hat Parade. Our students looked fabulous as they paraded their wonderful hats on stage. Lots of prizes were given for best design and imagination as well as the winners of the Easter Egg Guessing competition and Easter Raffle being announced. The smiles on faces were proof that a great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone that participated in the Easter Fundraising activities and we raised a total of $392.00. Thank you to Mrs Birkett and Mrs Ali for organising these activities.
New Sports Uniforms

Our New Sports Uniforms are available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am to 9.30am from the Uniform Shop. You can also pre-order from the Office and your order will be filled on the next Uniform Shop day.

Our NEW Sports Uniforms in action...

GVPSSA upcoming trials...

Please note the following dates for upcoming GVPSSA trials:

**Green Valley PSSA Girls Softball trials**
Venue: Hinchinbrook Public School
Date: Tuesday 6th May 2014
Time: 3.30pm to 4.30pm

**Green Valley PSSA Boys Softball Trials**
Venue: Sadlier Public School
Date: Tuesday 6th May 2014
Time: 3.45pm to 4.30pm

**Green Valley PSSA Rugby Union Trials**
Venue: Mount Pritchard Public School, Meadows Rd, Mt Pritchard
Date: Wednesday 7th May 2014 and 14th May 2014
Time: 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Please see Mrs Muralidhara for more information.