From the Principal...
Dear Parents and Friends,
I hope all of our mothers enjoyed their day last Sunday. Thank you to Miss Dankha, Miss Burns and Mrs Ali for organising the Mother’s day stall last week and to all students who participated.

Last Friday our school Cross Country and adidas fun run was held. It was pleasing to see so many parents and friends supporting students in this event. Well done to all who took part and I look forward to the presentations at our whole school assembly.

NAPLAN
Well done to all students who participated in the assessments this week. Individual student reports will be available towards the end of term 3. As soon as these are available I will arrange for them to be sent out to all families.

Excursions
Can I remind all parents and carers that teachers are not able to take students out of the school without written permission. It is vital that permission notes are returned to the school before the due date. If money is an issue please come to the office so we can make arrangements to ensure students do not miss out on valuable learning experiences.

Student Safety
There have been some issues with students being dropped off at the back gate on Carpenter Lane, near the preschool. Could all parents and carers park in the designated area and allow students to safely walk into the school grounds.

Please do not park in the driveway of the school while dropping off or collecting students.

Green Valley Girls District Softball Team
Congratulations to Annaleise Armstrong and Skye Mulhall for making it into the GVPSSA Girls District Softball team. The Carnival will be held on Monday, 26th May 2014. We wish you both Good Luck and know you will represent our school with pride.

Calendar

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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.

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.

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.
Expression of Interest: NORTA NORTA Program Tutor

Ashcroft Public School is seeking expressions of interest from qualified or unqualified tutors to support the NORTA NORTA Program. Tutors will be required to fulfil the following criteria:

- follow the teacher’s set program and provide support to targeted Aboriginal students to improve their literacy and/or numeracy achievements;
- assist students to develop skills and understandings that enable them to independently participate in class activities;
- keep a record to communicate observations and information about each student to the class teacher;
- assist teachers as requested to communicate and provide feedback to parents, caregivers and community members;

Any person interested in this position can contact the school on 9607 8202 for further details. Interested applicants need to complete an expression of interest of no more than one A4 page detailing skills or experience to meet the above criteria.

Expressions of interest will close on Friday 30th May at 3:00pm.

A Note from the School Counsellor...

Dear Parents, much research has been carried out in recent years on the connection between sleep and children’s well-being and healthy development. It has been found that sleep is essential to a child’s health and growth. Sleep promotes alertness, memory and the performances (such as academic achievement). Children who get enough sleep are more likely to function better and are less prone to behavioural problems and moodiness.

How much sleep should my child get?

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For helpful tips on how to assist your child to develop healthy, effective sleep routines please check out: Sleepforkids.org ⇒ Children’s sleep sheet
Cross Country ‘adidas School Fun Run’
What a great day our kids had at the adidas School Fun Run last Friday. Sponsorship forms have been finalised and will be sent off early next week. Hopefully prizes will be back before the end of term 2. Congratulations to all of our students for participating and we will keep you updated as to how much money was raised in the next newsletter.

Students at the finish line...

Go Waratah ...

Go Boronia ...

Go Banksia...

Go Wattle...

It’s a close one...
Year 6 Science Assessment Program

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 was invited to participate in the first preliminary trial of this new assessment. Our Year 6 students completed a one hour online Science and Technology test which incorporated videos, audio and graphics during week 3.

Our students and staff have received congratulations from the officers from High Performance who observed our students completing the trial. They also indicated that the wonderful atmosphere in our school is a reflection of the great teaching and learning that is occurring in our classrooms.