From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you to all the families who have taken the opportunity to book an interview with their child’s teacher. Could I encourage those families who have not yet made an appointment to do so before the 18th June 2014. We would also appreciate any feedback about the new system we are using to book interviews. Your input is valued and will assist us to improve this service.

What we expect from our parents

1. Be respectful of staff, students and other parents at all times whilst on school premises.
2. Students who arrive at school prior to 8.30am are to sit on the silver seats until supervision begins. It is important that students are in the front playground (COLA) and not left waiting at classrooms before the first bell.
3. After students have gone to their classes in the morning, parents are to leave the school grounds promptly.
4. Parents are not permitted to approach other parents regarding incidents involving their child. Please inform school staff who will endeavour to resolve the issue/concern.
5. Parents are not permitted to come to school during lunch time to have lunch with their children.
6. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher please do so either before or after school or make an appointment for a suitable time.
7. Parents must go to the office first when visiting the school to sign in and obtain a visitor’s pass.
8. Please exercise caution when communicating via social media sites (Facebook etc.) regarding students/families at our school. Extreme caution must be taken when showing photos of other people, especially primary school students.
9. It is important that parents/carers actively supervise students when leaving the school. School finishes at 3.00pm and it is vital that all students are collected promptly and leave the school grounds in a safe manner.

Reminder: Parent Teacher Interviews

Don’t forget to book your child’s Parent Teacher Interview. All you have to do is logon onto the site www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book and enter our school code 2X3HD then press ‘GO’. You will be guided through three simple steps and an email will be sent confirming your booking. There is also a link to the site from our school website and our Facebook page. If you don't have access to a computer or the internet don’t worry just drop into the office or give us a ring and we can book your interview times for you. The site will be open for bookings from Monday 2nd June until 3pm on Wednesday 18th June 2014.

Stage 2 Excursion to ‘The Rocks’

Just a reminder that next Monday 16th June our Year 3 and 4 students will be attending an excursion to ‘The Rocks’. The bus will depart school at 8.30am so make sure you are not late as we cannot wait. The bus will return to school at approximately 3.00pm. Please wear full school uniform including a school hat and bring your recess and lunch in a plastic bag marked clearly with your name.

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.
IMPORTANT Parent Employment and Education Information Update
We are currently updating Parent/Carer Employment and Education information on our computer system. Every eldest student will be given an envelope with information and the necessary form enclosed. Please complete the form and return it to the office in the envelope it is provided in. Please seal the envelope before returning it to the office. The information provided by you will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and the form will then be archived in your child’s Pupil Record Card. The information collected will be used to provide information to the NSW Government for our school to receive essential funding. This funding is VERY IMPORTANT to all of the students at our school. It means that we can hire additional staff (teachers, learning support officers, and administrative staff and community liaison officers). It also allows us to implement programs which engage students and help to improve the levels of Literacy and Numeracy achievement. We appreciate your ongoing support and encourage you to return this information to the office as soon as possible.

Lost Property
Lost Property is located outside the Breakfast Club Room in the Lost Property Basket. Please ensure your child’s clothing and personal items are clearly marked with their name and class to enable them to be returned if they are misplaced.

OOPS
The weather is getting cooler and this usually means we have an increase in toileting accidents. Please ensure your child has a plastic bag with underwear and pants in their school bag to change into if necessary. Please ensure that your contact details are correct.

Change of Address & Contact details
Please advise the office if you have changed your address, telephone (home or mobile) number as it is imperative that we have up to date information to allow us to contact parents/carers in the case of illness or emergencies.

3-6 Term 2 Gala Day Reminder
Just a reminder that all students in years 3-6 need to pay the Term 2 Gala Day $2.00 levy before Wednesday 18th June. The money collected for Term 1 gala day which was cancelled due to wet weather will be transferred to Term 3. All schools participating in Gala Days have agreed to have back up dates for Terms 2 and 3 to ensure we do not have to cancel again.

Art Incursions
Recently the students of Ashcroft were fortunate to have the people from Supreme Incursions visit our school for a series of fun and educational activities. Kindergarten had a lot of fun making messy art projects with rollers, paints and found objects. Stage 1 built tall towers, amazing vehicles and some awesome buildings with Lego. Stages 2 and 3 designed, built and rode on wooden billy carts around the school hall.

Kindergarten students doing Messy Art
1-2 Students doing Brickworks

3-6 Students doing Billy Carts

Billy Cart ‘designing’

‘Building towers’

Billy Cart ‘building’

‘Good job girls’

Billy Cart ‘so many pieces’

‘So many pieces’

Billy Cart ‘racing’

Some remarks by students after finishing their activity. “What a great day!” “Awesome!” “Fun!” “That was really cool!”
Our Kindy classes have been learning about...

Students in Kindergarten are learning to count and recognise numbers to 20 through fun games such as Bingo, Buzz Off and Snap.

**Students from KM**

Students from KH

KH have also been learning how to count backwards from 10 and 20.

**Miss Hutchinson & KH counting backwards**

Make sure you read our next Newsletter to see what our 1/2 classes have been learning about this term.