From the Principal…
Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you to all the parents and families who took the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss their child’s report and progress. If you missed this opportunity please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a time to meet early next term.

On behalf of all the staff we wish you a safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to working with our community during a very busy Term 3. A reminder that Education week will begin on Monday 28th July and finish on Friday 1st August. Please keep an eye out for information detailing all events our school will be holding during this week.

Term 3 Homework Centre
Notes will be going home next term for our Term 3 Homework Centre which will be running on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please make sure you return your note to the office as soon as possible to ensure you are guaranteed a place.

NSW Blues Donut Mufti Day
Thank you to everyone who participated in our NSW Blues Donut & Mufti Day fundraising. We raised a total of $311.00 and everyone looked great in their footy gear. Thank you to Mrs Ali for organising this event. The donuts were a huge success and they tasted great. Even better our Blues have finally taken back the State of Origin series WOOHOO!!!

Term 2 Gala Day
On Wednesday 18th June 2014, students in Years 3 to 6 participated in the Sports Gala Day in four different schools. The different sports, students from Ashcroft Public School participated in were Touch Football, Soccer, Newcombeball and Netball. It was an amazing experience for our students to meet and play cooperatively with students from other schools in our area. Our students showed appropriate sportsmanship and responsible behaviour at all times. Well done Ashcroft.

Calendar

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Notices

School Resumes for Term 3
Reminder - All students return to school for Term 3 on Tuesday 15th July 2014.

Parent Online Payments
Next term we will be launching a new online payment portal which will be linked to our school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related expenses. More information will be coming home next term with What? When? How? Questions answered.

School Photos
We have been advised by the School Photographer that our school photos will be delivered next term in Week 3. We thank you for your patience and can’t wait to see our 2014 class photos.

Old Sports Shirts $5.00 each
We are now selling our OLD Sports shirts for $5.00 each. They can still be worn until the end of this year. Please note: we only have a limited number of sizes available so get in early.

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.
Stage 2 Excursion ‘The Rocks’

Stage 2 students went on an exploration to The Rocks on Monday 16th June 2014 to learn about the explorers and the early settlers. It was a beautiful sunny day and with their highly enthusiastic spirit students’ went on to explore, find and learn about the various places of interest in and around The Rocks. Students learnt about the history of Cadman’s Cottage, Campbell’s Stores, Sussanah’s Place, Suez Canal and its shady past, The Observatory Hill and many more.

From the Counsellor...

There are several good websites that give great parenting tips for teaching our children resilience. One of these websites is:

**What is resilience?**

Our children can encounter many challenges, setbacks and difficulties during their school years. ‘Resilience’ is the ability to ‘bounce back’ from those difficult times and setbacks and to deal successfully with pressure, get through tough times with good outcomes.

The website gives several common sense parenting tips for parents to teach resilience to their children.

**Parenting tip number 1: Listen with your heart**

Listening is one of the most important ways that we can build resilience. Rather than operating on “auto-parent”, we will help our children know they are important by giving our undivided attention. Children feel validated and worthy when we listen to them. While children are upset, sensitive listening provides emotional first aid. Listening with your heart allows you to be empathic, take your child's perspective, or see the world through his or her eyes.

- More Parenting tips will be included in future APS Newsletters- or please see this website
- If parents would like to know more about “sensitive listening” and “emotional First aid” tips, please contact the School Counsellor on Tuesdays.

I would also like to draw your attention to the FREE School Holiday Program taking place at Miller during the coming school holidays.

**PLEASE NOTE: THAT THIS PROGRAM BOOKS OUT VERY FAST, SO MAKE SURE YOU BOOK EARLY.**
Our Stage 1 students have been learning about Senses...

This Term our Year 1 and 2 classes are learning about their five senses for Science and Technology. Our students have been doing a range of different fun and exciting learning activities to help them recognise using our five senses.

**SIGHT - SOUND - SMELL - TOUCH - TASTE**

*In this lesson 1/2S discussed our sense of hearing and sound and all the different noises around us.*

*The students wrote about what they had learned and about what sounds they enjoy listening to.*

*Students from 1/2P writing about their senses*

*Mrs Romeo & students reading a book about taste*

*Students from 1/2R on iPads doing word activities*

*1/2M learning about their senses*