From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to everyone for another busy term. I hope the holiday period was relaxing and enjoyable for all. I would like to draw your attention to Education Week 2014 from the 28th July to the 1st August. There will be many events during this time and we look forward to your support.

Attendance

It is vital that students attend school regularly. If a student is absent it is very important that the school is notified. Parents and Carers can do this by speaking to the teacher, telephoning the office or sending in a written note. All absences need to be explained within 7 days of the student returning to school. The Education Department actively monitors attendance and regular unjustified absence may lead to further action.

Anti-Bullying Plan

The school has recently reviewed its anti-bullying plan and this term students will take part in a number of lessons focussing on this topic. The anti-bullying plan can be accessed from the school website. During this term we will be providing information in the newsletter to support lessons held in class. I encourage all families to take this opportunity to discuss this topic with their children.

New School Plan

During the next two terms we will be undertaking many processes in order to create our 2015 - 2017 school plan. This plan will set the goals and targets to cater for the needs of our school community. I ask that during this process all members of our school community contribute to this plan. More information will be made available about the processes we will be undertaking and I look forward to your input.

Update telephone and address details

If you have moved or changed your contact numbers over the holidays it is important that you don’t forget to drop into the office and update your details with us.

Calendar

- Wednesday 21st July: Opportunity Class Testing
- Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August: Education Week
- Wednesday 30th July: NAIDOC & Multicultural Day
- Thursday 31st July: Book Fair Celebrations
- Friday 1st August: Science Fun Day
- Monday 4th August: Whole School Assembly
- Monday 5th August: Milo Cricket (Stage 3)
- Wednesday 13th August: Athletics Carnival
- Monday 18th August: Touch Football Carnival
- Tuesday 19th August: Pet Incursion (K-2)
- Tuesday 26th August: Bullying Incursion (K-2)
- Thursday 28th & Friday 29th August: RoboCup Junior
- Monday 1st September to Wednesday 3rd September: Liverpool Festival of Performing Arts
- Thursday 4th September: Sports Gala Day
- Wednesday 10th September: SSWPSSA Athletics Carnival

Notices

Reminder: It is now time to return the VERY IMPORTANT Parent Employment and Education Information Update form to the Office.

School Photos

Yeah... Our school photos are here and they look great. They will be going home with students today. If you have any problems with your order please contact the School Photographer on 9674 9824.

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.
**POP - Parent Online Payments**

Next week it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page will be accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting:  

$ Make a payment

Items that can be paid for include excursions, uniforms, student sales and also Preschool fees. There is also a category called - Other. This is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

**Please Note:** Payments must be made before 6.00pm for the school to receive the funds the next day. If the payment is made after 6.00pm there will be a 24 hour time delay before the funds will show up at the school.

**Example:** Pay BEFORE 6.00pm Monday and the school will have the funds on Tuesday morning. Pay AFTER 6.00pm Monday the school will have the funds on Wednesday morning. There will be a note coming home with more detailed information on how to access and make payments next week.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the office on 9607 8202.

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**REMINDER: Return of IMPORTANT Parent Employment and Education Information Update**

Last term every eldest student was given an envelope with information regarding the Parent Employment and Education Information Update. It is now time to return the form that was enclosed in the envelope to the office. 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. We encourage you to return this information to the office as soon as possible.

**Stage 3 Cadbury Fundraiser**

All year 5 and 6 students have been given a box of Cadbury chocolates to sell. By selling a box of chocolates, students will be able to attend the Year 6 Farewell for FREE and help raise funds to support our school. Chocolates cost $1.00 each and each box contains a mixture of 50 chocolates. The amount to be returned to the office once sold is $50.

If you would like to sell a second box, please return the money raised from the first box to the office and see Mrs Ali. All money and unsold chocolates need to be returned to school by Friday 15th August, 2014.

**Enrolling NOW for Kindergarten 2015**

If you have a child who is turning 5 before 31st July 2015 they are ready to enrol in Kindergarten for 2015. Just drop into the office and pick up an enrolment pack or contact the office and we will mail one home. **Please Note: we will need to sight and take a copy of your child’s original birth certificate, proof of address and immunisation certificate.**

**Waiting List Application for Preschool 2015 available NOW**

If you have a child who is turning 4 before 31st July 2015 they are ready to enrol in our Preschool for 2015. Please note we will need to sight and take a copy of your child’s original birth certificate, proof of address and immunisation certificate before your child can enrol. Just drop into the office and collect a waiting list application form or contact the office and we will mail one home.
Term 2 Principal’s Awards
The following students received Principal Awards at the last Whole School Assembly. We would like to congratulate you all on your outstanding work so far this year.

KM Rownan Canfarini
3/4G Marwa Adib
3/4M Ali Ali
5/6B Serena Pirware
5/6D Elizabeth Lam

From the Counsellor…
I would like to draw your attention to the various free programs available at the Hub this term.

### The Hub Community Health Centre
**Programs & Services**
**21st June – 12th September 2014**

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<td>Monday</td>
<td>Keep Healthy: Mental Health Workshops 9:30pm – 11:30am July 21 – 18 August (4 weeks) The workshops are open to everyone and include information about mental health, how to get help and connect with local services. This program is delivered in partnership with Carers Association NSW.</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>Zumba Classes 1:00pm – 2:00pm @ SWISI Miller College Corr Hoxton Park and Banks Road, Miller NSW, Building B, Auditorium Want to learn a new exciting form of exercise for better health, have fun and make new friends. Then, come along to Zumba classes for beginners. Limited places available. This program is delivered in partnership with SWISI Miller College.</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Miller Walkabout 9:00am – 10:00am Discover walking tracks around 2168 with a friendly walking group. Set goals and get active! This program is delivered in partnership with The Heart Foundation.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Women’s Craft Group 10:00am – 12:00pm Join this group to share creative skills, meet others and work on a craft project.</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Healthy Cooking for Beginners 12:30pm – 2:30pm @ SWISI Miller College, Corr Hoxton Park and Banks Road, Miller NSW, Building B, Auditorium</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Interested in cooking, discovering new recipes, making new friends and learning more about food for a healthy lifestyle? Join the Nutritionist for some fun sessions. Limited places available. This program is delivered in partnership with Mission Australia – Miller Pathways and SWISI Miller College.</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Arabic Women’s Group 10:00am – 12:00pm This program covers topics on women’s health issues. This program is delivered in partnership with SWISIHD Women’s Health, Liverpool Multicultural Health and The Hub CHC.</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Community Market Stalls 9:00am – 3:30pm Have you got things you need to sell, bring it down to sell for extra cash? Tables and chairs are available at the Hub for a coin donation. All welcome.</td>
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<td>Women’s Support Group 10:30am – 11:30am This group provides a supportive and confidential space for women to talk about topics of interest and meet others over a cuppa.</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>Weight Winners 9:00am – 9:30am Come the hub, get weighed and get healthy and meet new friends. All welcome.</td>
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<td>Yoga classes 1:00pm – 2:00pm @ SWISI Miller College Corr Hoxton Park and Banks Road, Miller NSW, Building B, Auditorium Want to learn a gentle exercise for better health, have fun and make new friends? Then, come along to Yoga classes for beginners. All welcome. This program is delivered in partnership with SWISI Miller College.</td>
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For more information about the programs and services please contact the HUB on 9608 8920 or visit us at Woodward Crescent, Miller.

Our Aussie of the Month was awarded to: Failetasi Iosefa from KH

Well done Tasi we are very proud of you.
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**Important Notes**

- Check and ensure your vehicle is within the marked parking zone.
- Pay for parking using the meter.
- Note that fines are applicable.
- Violation of parking regulations will result in a fine.
- The parking availability is limited.
- Check for any additional parking restrictions.

**Note:** Illegal parking for school is strictly enforced.

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**Drop-off and Pick-up Policy**

- Drop-off and pick-up zones are designated.
- Vehicles are expected to arrive and leave within 3 minutes.
- No parking is allowed in these zones during drop-off and pick-up times.
- Any violation will result in a fine.

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**Newsletter Terms and Conditions**

- The newsletter is distributed bi-weekly.
- All information is subject to change.
- The newsletter is intended for informational purposes only.

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**Newsletter Contact Information**

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