From the Principal...
Dear Parents and Friends, Thank you to all the parents and community members who attended our Education Week activities. It was very pleasing to see so many people supporting the students and staff at Ashcroft Public School. A very big THANK YOU to all teachers who organised and ran events during the week.

Safety
After a number of incidents involving students from our school, I would like to ask that all parents and carers please discuss the following safety issues with their children –

- Taking care around the front gates before and after school and making sure they do not play ball or chasing games while waiting on the footpath
- Walking directly to and from school each day and not making a visit to a friend’s house or going shopping
- Leaving the school grounds in the morning after arriving at school

All staff will continue to remind students about their responsibility to make sure they act in a safe manner. Your support will strengthen this message.

Liverpool Festival
The Liverpool Festival of Performing Arts will be held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of September. This is a fantastic event showcasing the talents of hundreds of students from schools in our local area. If you are interested in attending, tickets will go on sale from Monday 11th August 2014.

School Community Forum
As part of the planning process for the next 3 years, we would like to invite you to a Parent and Community forum at our school. The forum will be held in the Meeting Room on both Thursday 21st August at 9am and Thursday 4th September at 3:30pm. Invitations to this event will be sent out later in the week and we would appreciate your input during these sessions.

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Lunch orders from the Canteen
Please ensure all lunches are ordered from the Canteen before 9.30am each morning. If you are running late please collect your late note and go straight to the canteen to order your lunch before going to class. No orders are to be placed at recess as there is not enough time to prepare food for lunch.

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. 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 for Preschool 2015
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 pick up an enrolment pack or waiting list or contact the office on 9607 8202 and we will mail one home.

School Information
Notes and Newsletters are available to download on our website at www.ashcroft-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
**POP - Parent Online Payments**

It is now 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 can be accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting:

$ Make a payment

**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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**From the Counsellor...**

Dear Parents,

Just to let you know that last Tuesday was my last day at Ashcroft PS, as I have been transferred to another school. There will be a new school counsellor appointed to the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Parents and Staff at Ashcroft Public School it has been a pleasure working with everyone to improve the well-being and educational outcomes of our Students.

Kind regards

Marina Simpson

**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.

1/2P  Zack Vailanu
1/2R  Logan Cooke, Charlene Ranapia
3/4M  Ahmed Doskey, Hikari Betar, Miracle Vui
5/6A  Solomon Chieu

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**Cake Stall**

After a busy morning of fun Science activities last Friday, students across the school were able to purchase a delicious cake from our Cake Stall. Thank you to all the families who were able to contribute to the stall, there were some absolutely amazing looking and tasting treats. **We made $185.50 what a great success!** Well done Ashcroft!

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**Bullying - What is it and how can you help?**

**What is bullying?**

Bullying is **repeated** verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long term effects on those involved including bystanders.

**What is a bystander?**

A bystander is a person who watches bullying happen or hears about it. Bystanders have the power to play a key role in preventing or stopping bullying. They can discourage the bully, defend the victim, or redirect the situation away from bullying. Other bystanders get help, by rallying support from peers to stand up against bullying or by reporting the bullying to adults.

**Our Aussie of the Month was awarded to:** Ali Masri

**Well done Ali we are very proud of you.**
NAIDOC and Multicultural Day

On Wednesday 30th July 2014 Multicultural and NAIDOC day was celebrated at our school. Most of our students participated in the day with pride by wearing their colourful cultural costume to school and by sharing their cultural food. The day started off with students visiting other classes -- learning about different countries and their cultures. Students learnt about the indigenous culture by viewing/listening to a dreamtime story.

Our school was the hub of cultural food during lunch time where students bought and tasted foods from other cultures. Parents participated in this event by joining their children in picnic lunch. The final event of the day was spectacular with performances from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island dance group where students from Ashcroft got an opportunity to learn and show off their singing and dance skills.
Book Week

Book Week was a huge success last Thursday. All the students enjoyed a session with an author, Emma Magenta. She read them her stories, showed them how she drew the images in her books using both her hands and they had a lot of fun trying this themselves. Our book fair was very popular and we managed to raise over $400 to buy new books for our library, so thank you to everyone who bought books that day. The students loved to dress up as their favourite book character and they all looked fabulous. Thank you to all the parents who came and joined in to support their children, these special days are even more special with your support.
Science Fun Day
Once again, our annual Science Fun Day was a great success. All students from K-6 were able to participate in exciting hands-on experiments such as making balloon rockets, paper planes, gooey blue slime, parachutes, catapults, sherbet and gliders. Learning while having fun was definitely the theme for the morning!