From the Principal...

On Thursday I accompanied our student leaders to the Victory in the Pacific commemoration at Cabra-Vale Diggers. Our students participated in the formal march and laid a wreath on behalf of the school community. I thank Fuatupu and Elizabeth for their attendance and commend them on the way they successfully represented Ashcroft Public School. Congratulations.

Morning Arrivals

I would like to remind all families that morning supervision does not begin until 8:30am. As we do not have cleaners opening our school each morning the gates on Sheriff Street and Carpenter Lane will not be open until around 8:25am. Please do not leave students at the school gates unattended if they are closed. Your cooperation will ensure all students are safe.

Parent Forum

Since the last newsletter we have had to change the date of the first parent forum meeting from Thursday 21st August to Wednesday 27th August. I would like to encourage all families to take up this opportunity to provide feedback which will assist in the creation of the next 3 year school plan.

Teacher Professional Learning

After school on Wednesday 20th August all teachers will be required to attend a training course on the topic of Differentiation at Miller Public School. This has meant the homework centre will be closed next Wednesday afternoon. It will also mean that teachers will be unavailable to meet with parents after school on the 20th August 2014. We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your support.

Combined Whole School Assembly

On Friday 22nd August we will be holding a combined K-6 assembly at 11:30am. This is to allow all students to meet a special guest from Australian Mobile Dental Care. I hope this change does not cause any inconvenience but I feel it is important for all students to have this opportunity.

Calendar

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Notices

WLFPA Festival Tickets

Tickets for the WLFPA are on sale for $10.00 each from the Office. There are two tickets per performer available until this Friday 22nd August. From next Monday 25th August remaining tickets will be sold on a first in first served basis. So make sure you get in early to ensure you don’t miss out on seeing your child perform.

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 from our website at www.ashcroft-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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Green Valley Zone Athletics Carnival
I would like to congratulate all the students who were chosen to represent our school at the Green Valley Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival. We wish them well and look forward to a successful event.

Western Liverpool Festival of Performing Arts
I would also like to wish our dancers and singers all the best as they finalise preparations for the Liverpool festival in two weeks’ time. Our students and teachers have been working extra hard to make sure everything runs smoothly on the night.

2014 School Swimming Scheme
The Department of Education and Training School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The scheme is conducted over 9 days from Tuesday 7th October to Friday 17th October 2014 at the Michael Wenden Aquatic Centre, Miller. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes and the total cost is $32.40 for the nine days. Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2-3 but provides for weak swimmers in Years 4-6, as well as students with special needs such as new arrivals in Australia and students with disabilities. If your child is eligible for the scheme and you wish for them to participate please complete a permission note and return it to the office with full payment or $10.00 deposit by Friday 19th September 2014.

Milo T20 Blast School Cup
Stage 3 students from Ashcroft participated in the Milo T20 Blast School Cup on Monday 4th August 2014 at Brownes Reserve, Hinchinbrook. We had a boys’ team and a girls’ team compete and our budding cricketers had a wonderful opportunity to learn and test their cricketing skills.

Well done to our boys’ team who gave their all but it just wasn’t enough to qualify for the Regionals. Our girls’ team has once again proved that they are the best cricketers in the Green Valley School Zone. Our girls’ team won all the rounds and the finals and have qualified to compete in the Regional Milo Cricket T20 School Cup.

Congratulations to the girls team and remember - Too much Cricket is barely enough...

$ Make a payment

POP, EFTPOS and Credit Card Payments
Just a reminder that parents can pay for excursions, uniforms and preschool fees through our new POP (Parent Online Payments) system or by EFTPOS or Credit Card. POP is accessed through our website just click on the $ Make a payment icon and enter your child’s details. Credit Card payments can be made at any time by phoning the Office with your details or using the Credit Card Payment Slip available from the Office, or download it from our Website. EFTPOS payments can be made anytime at the office.

NRL Mufti Day
Thank you to all the students that participated in the NRL Mufti Day last week. Everyone looked great and we raised $102.50. These funds will be used for much needed resources. Your support is always appreciated.
Athletics Carnival

This year, our annual Athletics Carnival was held at school on Tuesday 5th August. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 had the opportunity to participate in a variety of track and field events and cheer on their peers. K-2 students participated in novelty events and modified versions of field events, which allowed them to develop their skills while having fun. It was a fantastic day for all students, families and staff who attended and it was great to see so many smiling (but tired) faces at the end of the day.

*Congratulations to every student who participated in our Athletics Carnival and good luck to those students who were selected to represent our school at the Zone Athletics Carnival.*

Mrs Ali - Organiser
This term Stage 2 students are learning about...
Stage 2 are learning about People and their beliefs using their XO's to research the various religious beliefs in the world.