



ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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GUMNUT NEWS

Week 5, Term 4

Thursday, 6th November, 2014

WEBSITE:

www.ashtonfield-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

SMS student absences
0427 016 460

SCHOOL HOURS:

Supervision from: 8.25am
Classes begin: 8.55am
Classes finish: 2.55pm

NOTES SENT HOME:

- Year 5 & 6 2015 Canberra
- Year 6 Farewell

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Year 2 Intensive Swimming
10th Nov—21st November.
- Year 4 Taronga Zoo,
13th Nov to 14th Nov.
- Year 3 "day camp",
Tuesday, 25th November.
- Kinder Reptile Park,
Thursday, 27th November.

**OUR POSITIVE
BEHAVIOUR FOR
LEARNING (PBL)
focus for this week**
"Be Your Best" and
"Make Good Choices"

WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES:

Year 3—6
Thursdays,
12.40pm—1.30pm

NEXT P&C MEETING:

Tuesday, 18th November
at 7pm in the Library

CANTEEN OPEN:

Mondays & Fridays

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:

Monday
8.30am—9am &
2.30pm—3pm
Friday
8.30am—9am

Principal's News

AQUA BEADS The latest craze at school is the trading and swapping of aqua beads. Many students are not allowed by their parents to have them. If we are to continue to have these at school and you let your child bring them please explain to your children that at school there is to be:

- no trading;
- no beads in classrooms or during lessons;
- no stealing of other people's beads;
- no giving away of beads; and
- all beads must be in sealed, solid containers so water isn't spilt.

Unfortunately if this doesn't work they will be confiscated, parents will need to collect them, and a ban may need to be enforced.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING SCHEME starts on Monday, 10th November. Students participating are reminded to bring their swimmers, towel, sunscreen and plastic bag for wet items. Please ensure your child's name is labelled on all uniform and personal belongings.

YEAR 6 T-SHIRT ORDER FORMS are due TOMORROW (Friday, 7th November). Please ask the office or visit our website for another order form. Please note: it is not compulsory for your Year 6 child to purchase a shirt but no late orders will be accepted.

YEAR 5 & 6 2015 CANBERRA EXCURSION notes have been sent home with all Year 4 and 5 students this week. The senior excursion will take place from Tuesday, 3rd March to Friday, 6th March, 2015. This note has been delayed due to the Year 4 Taronga Zoo excursion being later in the term and we have also been waiting on a final costing from the company organising this trip for us. Our apologies if this has caused any inconvenience.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL notes have been sent home with all Year 5 and 6 students this week. The farewell is on Wednesday, 10th December and payment is due by Thursday, 27th November.

THE MUTUAL SCHOOL BANKING books will be returned to students tomorrow (Friday, 7/11/14) as we have been advised by The Mutual that our banking will be processed a day later for this week only.

STUDENTS LEAVING ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL If your child will not be returning to our school next year (other than Year 6 students going to high school) please contact the school office as soon as possible.

OurSCHOOL Partners in Learning PARENT SURVEY allows parents to give their input into school improvement initiatives in an anonymous way. To log onto the survey site go to: www.tellthemfromme.com. User name: **ashton41066**. Password: **parents123**. The survey closes TOMORROW, **Friday, 7th November, 2014**.

Have a successful week, Narelle and Staff.

Class Awards

	Class Awards	Shamrocks		Class Awards	Shamrocks
KA	Matthew / Grace	Lili / Matthew	3F	Lauren / Jock	Abby / Lucius / Hunter
KB	Olivia / Lilly	Sasha / Shylah / Isla / Lincoln	3M	Madeleine / Bryson	Cooper / Daisy . Taylah
KJ	Charlotte / Chelsea	Chloe / Abigail / Tyra / Lochie / Hayden / Harrison / Gabby / Jacob / Monique / Charlotte / Riley	3P		
KN	Jade / Kurt	Matthew / Lachlan	3/4H		
1M			4E	Alannah / Jack	Jenna
1S	Charlie / Lincoln		4J	Sam / Jordan	Roman
1T	Genevieve / Connor	Natasha	4S	Sienna / Zack	
1W			5C	Hayden / Sophie	Zali / Abigail
2B			5G	Brendon / Bryce / Olivia / Trent	
2O	Megan / Harry	Genevieve / Leala / Georga	5K	Alexis / Connor	
2P	Chad / Tashae	Jasmine / Kayleigh / Ethan / Kate / Paige	6H	Andrea / Joel	Andrea
2S			6J	Bowen / Chloe	
Sports Awards			6M	Steven / Jacinta	Ashleigh / Katie
Chloe (3F) / Lachlan (3F)					



Can you imagine going through life with the literacy skills of a six-year old? Sadly, this is a reality for many Indigenous Australians living in remote communities today. Being able to read is fundamental to learning and opens the door to the future.

This year for the first time, our school will help buy books and literacy resources for Indigenous children living in remote communities by getting involved in the 2014 Great Book Swap Challenge. It is also another great way for us to have some fun, get some new books and improve our own reading.

The Great Book Swap Challenge is a fundraising event in which students swap books with one another. Participating students bring along a gold coin and a book they've read and enjoyed. All these pre-loved books are put together, and students then choose a "new" book they would like to keep.

If you would like to participate, bring a book from home that you have really enjoyed but can bear to part with. Ideally books should be not just an unwanted item but a book that you think someone else would enjoy as much as you did.

Our Book swap will be held on Tuesday, 11th November. **Books need to be brought to school no later than Friday, 7th November.** Please give your books to your class teacher. Any left over books will be available for other students to purchase for 20 cents.

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Uniform Shop News

The school P&C has been investigating various changes to the school uniform over the past few months. All parents were given the opportunity to voice their recommendations via a request in the school's newsletter. The main requests that were investigated by the P&C were as follows:

- create a short/skort option for the girls summer uniform;
- change the colour of the boys polo shirt;
- change the sport shirt.

The results of these investigations are:

A teal box pleated short has been approved and implemented for girls (end Oct 2014). The box pleated short is in the same colour fabric as the winter pants but in a lighter weight fabric for summer. This can be purchased from the dressmakers who make the summer dresses. The phone number for Judy is 4933 2138.

Various colours were considered for the polo shirt and it was agreed that a teal colour would be fade tested. The other colour considered was maroon, however it was agreed by the committee that there are too many other schools in the surrounding area sporting the maroon colour. The results from the fade test were not very positive and an unacceptable amount of fading occurred during the test. As a result of this it was agreed by the P&C that the white polo shirt would remain in place.

The third option agreed upon was to change the school sport shirt. It had been recommended by many people that the shirt be changed to a similar design as the Year 6 shirt of 2013. A sample shirt was created and approved by the P&C to be put forward for approval by the parents. The cost of the shirt will be \$33 (the existing shirt costs \$30).

The sample shirt is available for viewing in the school foyer. A ballot form is on the sheet below and is also available from the school office. Please place your votes in the box in the school foyer (next to the shirt). Could all parents please complete our survey for the proposed change to the sport shirt:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z6YJPJ8

Your action and feedback is appreciated. Regards, P&C Association.

P&C ASSOCIATION—SPORT SHIRT VOTING PAPER

Approval of the new sport shirt:
 (PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR OPINION)

YES

NO

Canteen News

A reminder that the canteen is now open on Mondays and Fridays. If you are able to assist in the canteen on a Monday or a Friday, please contact the P&C on 0403 385 283. Volunteers are requested to have hair tied back and wear covered shoes. It would be appreciated if volunteers could arrive as close to 8.30am as possible.

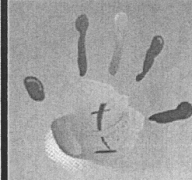
CANTEEN ROSTER—OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2014			
Friday, 7th November	Monday, 10th November	Friday, 14th November	Monday, 17th November
Jen A Mezz.F Wendy.E Jane.A Julie.M	Cheryl L Rena B Karen D Wendy.E (from 10:30)	Jen.A Tracy.E Belinda.T Julie.W	Cheryl Rena Anona

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY TO BE AT GALLIPOLI NEXT ANZAC DAY

You can win a trip for two to Istanbul and Gallipoli in April 2015 by visiting the *Australia in the Great War* Facebook page and just clicking to enter.

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Daily fees after CCB range from \$5.92 (1 child with 100% CCB) to \$45.50 per child

Plus excursion fee if applicable. Fees to be paid on first day of care each week.




Bookings can be made at our centers and Main office from Monday 10th November 2014.

Please remember a 2015 yellow enrolment form and a vacation care booking sheet must be completed before acceptance of any bookings

Sorry no phone bookings

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS (Working Days are Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm excluding Public Holidays) written notice must be given to book out or else full fees will be charged.

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Term 4 2014 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	10 Year 2 School Swimming Scheme starts	11 Great Book Swap	12	13 Year 4 Taronga Zoo Overnight Excursion	14 Year 4 students return
7	17	18 Year 7 2015 MGHS Parent Information Night P&C Meeting	19	20 Kinder 2015 Orientation 9.30am -11am	21 Year 2 School Swimming Scheme ends
8	24	25 Year 3 "day camp"	26	27 Kinder excursion to Australian Reptile Park	28
9 Dec	1	2	3 Year 7 High School Orientation Day	4	5 P&C Carols Reports home
10	8	9 Presentation Day Venue: Hunter Valley Grammar School	10 Year 6 Farewell	11 Year 1 Party Day: Hunter Valley Zoo Year 2 Party Day: Reading Cinema Yr 6 Party Day: Surf Fun Safe	12
11	15 Yr 3 Party Day: Reading Cinema	16 Yr 4 Party Day: Glendale Sports Centre Yr 5: Moonshadow Dolphin Cruise	17 Students last day	18 Staff Development Day	19 Staff Development Day

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