



# ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## GUMNUT NEWS

Week 6, Term 4

Thursday, 13th November, 2014

### WEBSITE:

[www.ashtonfield-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://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:

- Local walks and excursions
- MGHS Gala Day

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Bookclub due,  
*Thursday, 20th November.*
- Year 3 “day camp”,  
*Tuesday, 25th November.*
- Kinder Reptile Park,  
*Thursday, 27th November.*
- MGHS Gala Day,  
*Thursday, 27th November.*
- P&C Christmas Carols,  
*Friday, 5th December.*
- Presentation Day,  
*Tuesday, 9th December.*
- Year 6 Farewell,  
*Wed, 10th December.*

### OUR POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) focus for this week

“Be Safe” and  
“Hands and Feet”

### 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

## Principal's News

**THANK YOU** to our kinder teachers and special programs teacher Mrs Larke who are making next year's kindergarten students feel so welcome. Those students in the “Busy Bee” program particularly are becoming more confident and skilled which is lovely to see.

Thank you also to all the families who completed our survey. The staff are busy now using that information, the P&C feedback, student feedback and the staff responses to compile a plan for the school community which will cover major directions over the next three years. We have a parent representative who will be helping us do that. It will be published ready for 2015.

**YEAR 3—6 SWIMMING** will not take place tomorrow (14/11/14). Students will remain at school for sport. Students have not been charged for this week.

**LOCAL WALKS AND EXCURSION NOTES** have been sent home with those students who did not return a note at the beginning of the year. This note gives students permission to leave the school grounds under supervision. Our presentation day assembly will be held on Tuesday, 9th December at Hunter Valley Grammar School. Students will be walking to and from the grammar school on this occasion. Students who have not returned their local walks note will not be able to attend this important function and may miss out on receiving an award on the day should they have achieved one.

**YEAR 5 & 6 2015 CANBERRA EXCURSION** will take place from Tuesday, 3rd March to Friday, 6th March, 2015. Due to bus, accommodation and venue availability numbers will be strictly limited to 120 students on a first in basis. The note and deposit (\$70) is due by next Wednesday, 19th November and we already have more than 60 places filled.

**KINDER REPTILE PARK EXCURSION** notes and payment are due by next Thursday, 20th November.

**MGHS GALA DAY** notes have been sent home with Year 6 students attending Maitland Grossmann High School next year. The gala day is on Thursday, 27th November. Notes and payment are due by Monday, 24th November.

**YEAR 6 FAREWELL** is on Wednesday, 10th December. Year 6 payment is due by Thursday, 27th November.

**HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE** has been reported at our school. Symptoms include mild illness, fever, blisters around the mouth, hands and feet. Time from exposure to illness is 3 to 7 days. Children must be kept home until the blisters have dried. Careful hand washing can help prevent the spread of the disease.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN ADELE CRESCENT—THIS IS A DROP OFF AND PICK UP AREA ONLY.** If you will be collecting your child from the Adele Crescent gate please park on South Seas Drive and walk around to avoid unnecessary and dangerous congestion in the street. Please be respectful of our neighbours and avoid parking across driveways or walking through gardens. Thank you.

*Have a successful week, Narelle and Staff.*

**GREAT BOOK SWAP** will have left over books for sale tomorrow. Books will be 20 cents each.

**LOST AND UNCLAIMED READING GLASSES** We have a large collection of unclaimed reading glasses. Please ask at the school office if your child has lost their glasses.

**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.

**BOOK CLUB BROCHURES** are available from the table in the school foyer. Orders are due by Thursday, 20th November. A reminder that all orders **must be paid online in the following way:**

- [www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au)
- Click on Parent Payments (at top of the screen)
- Complete credit card details
- You will be given a receipt number. Please write your receipt number on your scholastic order form.
- Please return your order form to the box in the school foyer with your child's name and class at the top of each order.

**Please do not send cash** as it will be returned to your child.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ruby, Larissa and Ashleigh. They are heading to the Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation Nationals on the Gold Coast in 2 weeks following a great year placing at State and placing 1st in recent competitions at Luna Park, Sydney and ACE, Newcastle amongst other competitions. 2014 AASCF Nationals will see over 900 Cheer and Dance teams competing and we wish them luck.

**P&C MEETING—TUESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, 2014** All items, issues, concerns etc requiring discussion at the next P&C meeting need to be added to the agenda. Please leave details at the office or by phoning the P&C Secretary (Cheryl Lucas) on 0466 542 041 or by emailing the P&C at [apspandc@hotmail.com](mailto:apspandc@hotmail.com) by Monday, 17th November.

## Class Awards

	Class Awards	Shamrocks		Class Awards	Shamrocks
KA	Mikayla / Mitchell	Monique / Phoenix / Zinnia / Beau / Kaelan	3F	Jack / Nicholas	Jock / Charlize / Chloe / Lauren / Luke / Jack
KB	Phoebe / Sophia	Guneet / Sophia / Edwin / Isabelle / Lincoln	3M	Lilli / Brendan	
KJ	Kyle / Phoenix		3P		
KN	Layla / Archer		3/4H	Layley / Prabin	
1M			4E	TARONGA ZOO OVERNIGHT EXCURSION	
1S	Damon / Miranda	Ava / Summer	4J		
1T	Sarai / Neisah	Sarai / Tayla / Lincoln / Genevieve	4S		
1W	Isabell / Kobi		5C	Harry / Zali	
2B	SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME		5G	Owen / Kaylin	Arwen / Kaylin
2O			5K	Haydyn / Nicholas	
2P			6H	Jade / Reece	Natalie
2S			6J	Lachlan / Megan	
<b>Sports Awards</b>			6M	Ashley / Nic	

Jayden (3F) / Charlize (3F) / Ashleigh (6M) / Max (5G) / Jacob (5C)

## 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.

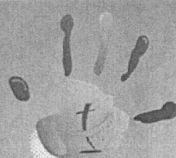
Please note: banana flavoured milk is no longer available at the canteen.

CANTEEN ROSTER—OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2014			
Friday, 14th November	Monday, 17th November	Friday, 21st November	Monday, 24th November
Tracy.E Julie.W Kylie.M Belinda.T Jen.A	Cheryl.L Rena Karen Wendy (from 10.30am)	Jen.A Mezz.F Annette.C Anona	Cheryl.L Rena Wendy

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### HUGE SCRAPBOOKING GARAGE SALE (+ kids toys and clothes) SUNDAY, 16th NOVEMBER, 2014

Items start from 50c. Come and grab a bargain.  
16 Springbok Crescent, East Maitland from 8am.




# Vacation Care

**Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc.**

PROVIDER APPROVAL NUMBER: PR-00007689

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18th & 19th December 2014 - Rutherford & Thornton Centres Only. 22nd & 23rd December 2014 - RUTHERFORD ONLY

5th - 9th January 2015 -Metford, Rutherford & Thornton Centres Open

12th - 23rd January 2015 - Ashtonfield, Metford, Rutherford & Thornton

Pupil Free Day Tuesday 27th January 2015 - Ashtonfield, Rutherford, & Thornton Centres Open

Open 6.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Closed Jan 26th Public Holiday

**Quality care for Children 5-12 years, who attend infants or primary school.**

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**"Child Care Benefit(CCB)" and Child Care Rebate (CCR) is available pending eligibility**

Full fees will apply until CCB and/or CCR is authorized by "Dept of Human Services" (adjustments will then be made)

**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.

Supported by Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services NSW



## Term 4 2014 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	17	18 Year 7 2015 MGHS Parent Information Night  P&C Meeting	19	20  Kinder 2015 Orientation 9.30am -11am  Bookclub orders due	21  Year 2 School Swimming Scheme ends
8	24	25 Year 3 "day camp"	26	27  Kinder excursion to Australian Reptile Park  MGHS Gala Day	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

### P&C Raffle

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!**  
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Tickets are \$2 each and will be drawn at our P&C Carols Night on Friday, 5th December. Ask for a book of tickets now, so you can sell them to neighbours, friends and work colleagues.

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## Key points to remember around schools

### 7 Safety around school crossings

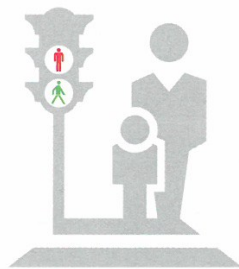
Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a **school crossing supervisor** at a school crossing, pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross.

Drivers must not proceed until the crossing supervisor's hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

At an **unsupervised children's crossing** when 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross at the crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.

Drivers need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.



### 8 40km/h school zones

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits **MUST** be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

Gazetted school term dates for 2014 and 2015 are listed below. These can be found at [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au) website and the websites of the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards and the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

#### Dragon's teeth road markings

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon's teeth road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

For information about fines and demerit points – visit [rms.nsw.gov.au](http://rms.nsw.gov.au)

#### GAZETTED SCHOOL TERM DATES

	2014	2015
TERM 1	28 January to 11 April	27 January to 2 April
TERM 2	28 April to 27 June	20 April to 26 June
TERM 3	14 July to 19 September	13 July to 18 September
TERM 4	7 October to 19 December	6 October to 18 December

For more information visit  
[roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)