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GUMNUT NEWS

Week 7 Term 4

Thursday, 19th November, 2015

WEBSITE:

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



FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/ashtonfieldpublicschool

SCHOOL HOURS:

Supervision from: 8.25am

Classes begin: 8.55am

Classes finish: 2.55pm

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Yr 2-6 sport each *Friday*.
- Yr 2 Swimming Scheme, *concludes Friday, 20th November.*
- *Christmas topper competition concludes Friday, 20th November.*
- P&C Carols night, *Friday, 4th December.*
- Presentation Day, *Tuesday, 8th December.*
- *Sports Award assembly 12:40 p.m. 11th December.*
- Year 6 Farewell, *Wednesday, 9th December.*

BOOK CLUB

Brochures now Available in office

**PAY ON LINE
Due Nov 26th**

Kindergarten: *Thursdays*

WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES:

Mondays, 2.05pm

P & C Dinner:

Tuesday, 15th December

Please contact Cheryl

0466 542 041

CANTEEN OPEN:

Mondays & Fridays

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:

Wednesdays,

8.30am—9am

2.30pm—3pm

TERM 4 SPORT

Year 1 & 2: *Fridays*

Years 3 to 6: *Fridays*

Principal's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have many activities in the next few weeks for the students, Teachers are still trying to complete a range of subjects with the children so please don't fall into the trap of thinking it doesn't matter if children are late or leave early. The more consistent you can be the better it is for your children.

Christmas Family Disco, December 4th from 6 p. m.

This year our Infants Choir and Kindergarten students will be singing during the Family Disco. They will need to be at the disco by 7:00 p.m. until 7:20 p.m. If your child is not attending can you please send a note in so the teachers know.

Wanted for the school garden project:

newspapers, cardboard, PVC pipe off cuts any size, old forks and spoons and shell pools also used as sandpits. Please contact Mr Burgoyne on 0419 416 953.

Uniform shop extended hours

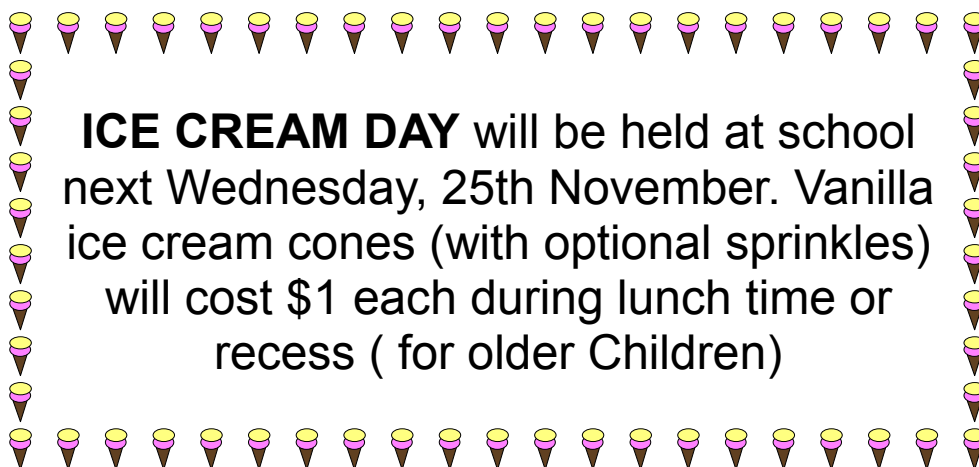
Please find attached to the newsletter the extended hour for the uniform shop for 2015 and 2016.

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.

Presentation Day

will be held on Tuesday, 8th December seated by 9.45am in the Cameron Centre at Hunter Valley Grammar School. Parents will receive a letter if their child is receiving an award on this day.



Have an enjoyable week, *Narelle and Staff.*



	Class Awards	Shamrocks		Class Awards	Shamrocks
KH	Rhys / Pippah		3B	Aqua / Jake	Anna
KK	Sophie / Connor		3F	Jasmine / Owen	Matthew / Aiden / Noah
KO	Hayden / Ronan		3M	Neil / Jessica	
KW			4F	Stephanie / Larz / Abby / Jessica / Daniel	Larz / Cameron / Caitlin / Kate / Chloe / Lauren
1B	Annabelle / Rose	Matthew / Kyle / Kaylee / Phoebe / Addison / Mia / Mikayla / Rose / Nash / Noelani / Monique / Charlotte / Chelsea / Darla-Rose / Lachlan /	4H	Jake	Lilli / Jonah
1M	Angus / Layla		4R	Lucius / Hayley	
1N	Sophia / Hemi	Jacob / Lilly / Hemi / Harrison / Tamsyn	5G	Roman / Gemelia	
1T	Beau / Bella	Liam / Kaelan / Jade	5M	Tom / Chanel	
2A	Logan / Kobi		5O		
2F	Leah / Oscar	Emily	5/6J	Adaleice / Nathan	
2K	Summer		6C	Cohen / Trinity	
2P	Natasha / Xander / Louis	Mustafa / Gabriel / Lucy / Xander / Louis /	6H		Liam / Tom / Tamara / Sophie

Uniform Focus—Week 8

Black Shoe Laces

will be the uniform focus next week. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.
Thank you for your co-operation.

Canteen News

If you are able to volunteer in the canteen on a Monday or Friday please contact Cheryl Lucas on 0466 542 041.

CANTEEN ROSTER—NOVEMBER 2015

Friday, 20th November	Monday, 23th November
Cheryl.L Jaimie R Stephen-John Latha	Cheryl.L Trudi H Kristy C
More helpers needed	

Term 4 2015 Calendar

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 Voting for school leaders this week	16	17 MGHS Parent Information Evening P&C	18	19 Kinder Orientation 9.30am—11am Arrowsmith Program Information Evening, 6pm	20 Year 2 Swimming Scheme finishes
8 Voting for House Captains this week	23	24 Stage 2 choir to perform Christmas Carols at Stockland Greenhills, 2pm	25 Ice cream Day (Yr 6 fundraiser)	26	27
9 Dec	30	1	2	3 Yr 6 to MGHS Sport Day Kinder excursion to Reptile Park	4 Reports Home Swimming (Y3-6) finishes P&C Family Xmas Picnic & Disco Canteen last day for the year
10	7	8 Presentation Day Venue: HVGS	9 Yr 6 Farewell	10 Y6 Surf Fun Safe Day	11 Sports Awards assembly 12:40 p.m. school hall
11	14 Y3 end of year party Y5 end of year party	15 P & C Dinner Y1 & 2 end of year party Y4 end of year party	16 Y6 clap out Last day of term for students	17 Staff Development Day	18 Staff Development Day

CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

The P&C would like to thank Mrs Cheryl Lucas for her time as supervisor of our canteen. Next year Cheryl will not be able to continue this role so we are calling for expressions of interest from people wishing to fill the position.

This is a non-paid, voluntary position.

Training in food safety, experience in cash handling and stock control, good communication skills, and a volunteer working with children check would all be considered favourably for this position.

Please send your expression of interest (maximum 2 pages) to the school office marked "**Attention P&C President**" no later than 10:00a.m. **4th December, 2015.**

Should there be more than one applicant interviews will be held.

PARENT FORUM EVALUATIONS

A massive thankyou to all of the parents who attended our parent forum. It was wonderful to be able to have such a constructive and honest discussion about our school.

As with all surveys and opinions there were some that were contradictory. This is normal and expected as we all have different perspectives and experiences.

The feedback from the evening will be extremely valuable in helping us plan for next year and beyond.

I have attempted to summarise the main points from the evening, however all of the comments made will be taken into account in our planning.

I would like to also remind all of our families and community members that ideas and suggestions are always welcome and that the best way for us to improve our school is to work together and develop common goals and pathways.

What are we doing well?

- Well Being programs (Cool Kids, Seasons for Growth, Rock and Water etc.)
- Good variety of programs for all children
- Special events well organised
- Uniforms neat and tidy
- SMS for absences
- Teachers positive and great at identifying individual needs
- Special programs
- School Readiness
- Band/Choir
- Opportunities to get parents involved
- Lunchtime activities
- Homework club
- Extra curricula options (Starstruck, Hunter Dance, Debating, sport etc.)
- Morning fitness
- Yr 3 camp Out

What do we need to improve?

- Communication
- Crossing supervision
- Communication about staff and their roles
- Greater consistency with teachers on class
- Earlier communication about costs
- Not letting the "average/quiet" children slip through the gaps
- Virtual access for parents – parent portal
- Parental understanding of the curriculum
- Extra curricula for all grades
- Uniform standard unisex/sport not white (P&C tried but no endorsed)
- More informative homework/information sheet every week from class teacher
- Class sizes too big

How do we do it?

- Improve and explore communication avenues
- Asking for more help from community
- Make sure every student takes part in at least 1 extra curricula activity
- Develop consistent homework format
- Student communication diaries
- Letters/petitions to council/RMS re: crossing

Comments/Ideas:

- Make K-2 Sports carnival competitive the same as 3-6 (not allowed under PSSA DOE guidelines if children under 8)
- Children go straight to class instead of sitting on concrete
- Love the improvement in gardens
- Focus on individual children impressive
- Canteen open 5 days
- Covered bike shelter
- Being notified if you child is receiving an award
- Vary sound of bell, add music?

AVOID THE BACK TO SCHOOL QUEUES ...

BUY NOW!

To beat the lengthy queues next year, take advantage of the extra shopping days before the Uniform Shop closes for 2015.

2015 Last Week Opening Hours			
	AM	PM	
<u>Mon 7th Dec</u>	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
<u>Tues 8th Dec</u>	Closed For School Presentation Day		
<u>Wed 9th Dec</u>	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
<u>Thurs 10th Dec</u>	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
<u>Fri 11th Dec</u>	8.30am-9.00am	Closed	Last Day for 2015
2016 Back To School Opening Hours			
	AM	PM	
<u>Thurs 21st Jan</u>	Closed	1.00pm-3.00pm	
<u>Wed 27th Jan</u>	9.30am - 12.00pm	Closed	Teachers Back To School
<u>Thurs 28th Jan</u>	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	Yr1-Yr6 Back To School
<u>Fri 29th Jan</u>	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
<u>Mon 1st Feb</u>	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	First Day Kindergarten
<u>Tues 2nd Feb</u>	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
<u>Wed 3rd Feb</u>	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
<u>Thurs 4th Feb</u>	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
<u>Fri 5th Feb</u>	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	

Merry Christmas and have a safe New Year from
Kirsten, Annie and Gina

Thank you Annie and Gina for their help each week;
and Cheryl, Tracy, Lindy and Charne.

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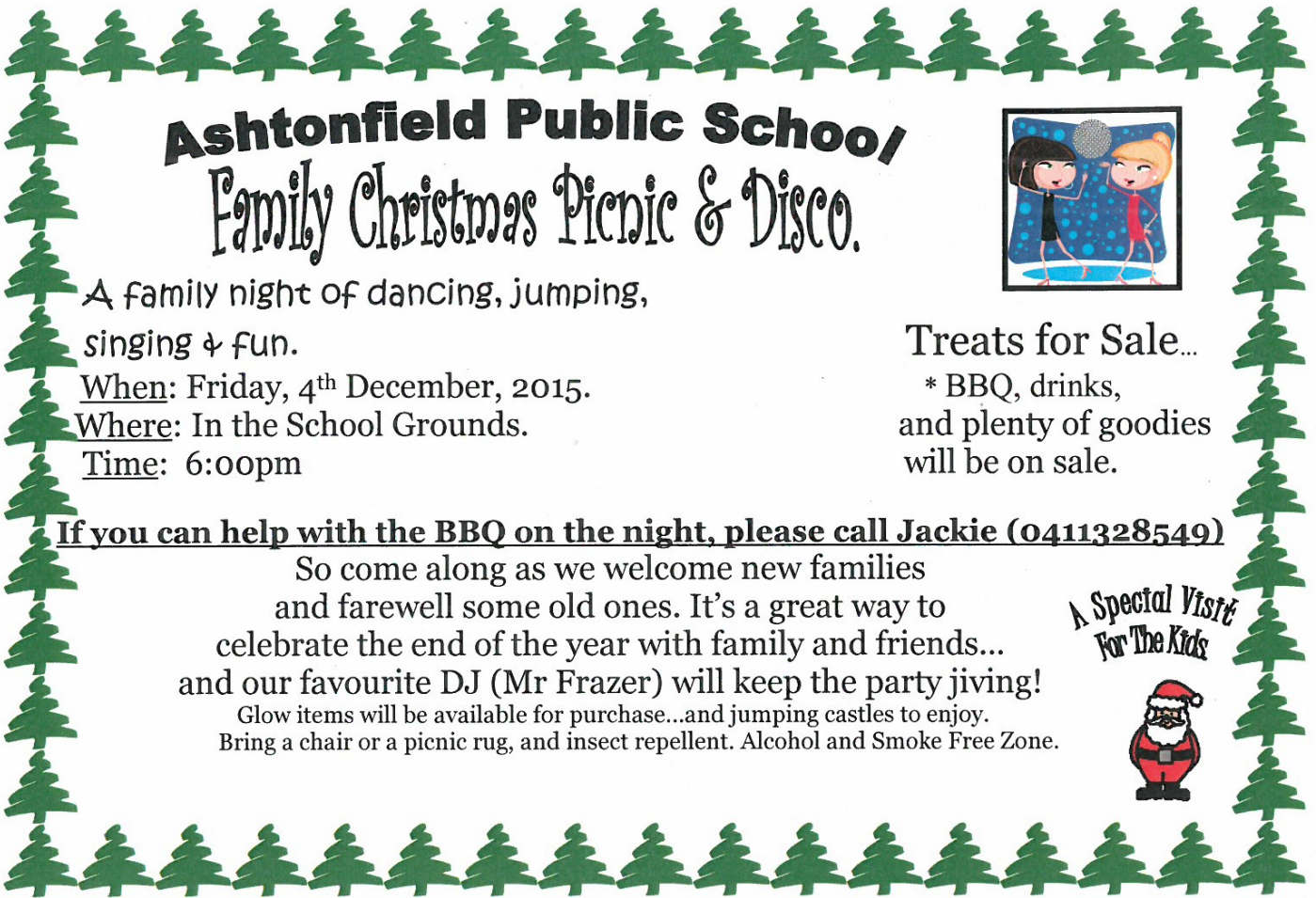


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99 Lawes Street East Maitland

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*Are you interested
in advertising
in our newsletter?
Contact the school
office for details.*



**Ashtonfield Public School/
Family Christmas Picnic & Disco.**



A family night of dancing, jumping,
singing & fun.

When: Friday, 4th December, 2015.

Where: In the School Grounds.

Time: 6:00pm

Treats for Sale...
* BBQ, drinks,
and plenty of goodies
will be on sale.

If you can help with the BBQ on the night, please call Jackie (0411328549)

So come along as we welcome new families
and farewell some old ones. It's a great way to
celebrate the end of the year with family and friends...
and our favourite DJ (Mr Frazer) will keep the party jiving!

Glow items will be available for purchase...and jumping castles to enjoy.
Bring a chair or a picnic rug, and insect repellent. Alcohol and Smoke Free Zone.

*A Special Visit
For The Kids*





CHRISTMAS HAM RAFFLE



Please return tickets to school office in a sealed envelope with correct payment and child's name and class clearly on the front. Please keep raffle tickets separate from other school payments.

Please return by Wednesday, 3rd December, 2015. Drawn at P&C Family Night on 4th December, 2015.

\$1 – 3 tickets

\$2 – 8 tickets

\$5 – 20 tickets

It would greatly assist us if you could cut the tickets along the lines before sending in.

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