



# ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## GUMNUT NEWS

Week 5, Term 4



Thursday, 10th November, 2016

### WEBSITE:

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

### FACEBOOK:

[www.facebook.com/ashtonfieldpublicschool](https://www.facebook.com/ashtonfieldpublicschool)

### SCHOOL HOURS:

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

### NOTES SENT HOME:

- End of year parties
- Kinder excursion
- Year book order form

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Yr 3 & 4 swimming *each Friday.*
- Yr 2 Swimming Scheme starts *Monday, 7th November.*
- Yr 5 & 6 swimming *21st November—25th November.*
- *P&C Family Christmas Party, Friday, 2nd December.*



### WEEK 5 PBL FOCUS

Walk on hard surfaces

### K-4 SPORT:

Fridays

### YR 5 & 6 SPORT:

Thursdays

### WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES:

Mondays, 2pm

### THE MUTUAL BANKING:

Thursday mornings

### NEXT P&C MEETING:

Tuesday, 15th November  
at 7pm in the Library

### CANTEEN OPEN:

Every **Monday, Tuesday**  
**and Friday** depending on  
volunteers

### UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:

**Tuesdays,**  
8.30am—9am  
2.30pm—3pm

**Thursdays,**  
8.30am—9am

EFTPos facilities available  
at the Uniform Shop.

## Principal's News

### Welcome to week 5!

What a success our first ever Colour Run was! Thank you to everyone who participated, cheered, ran, jogged or sprayed water. It was a wonderful day, shared by many.

Just a reminder that sponsorship forms were sent home before the holidays. Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort. Our money is due back by Friday, 18th November, so please make sure you've collected all your money by then and deposited online or dropped into the office.

**YEAR 2 SWIMMING** - Our year 2 students have nearly finished their first week of intensive swimming school. Well done to all of our students for their outstanding behaviour both in and around the pool. Keep up the great work and don't forget your towel and clean underwear for next week!

**SUPERSTAR LEADERS** - How wonderful do our school leaders look in their new blazers, kindly purchased by our P&C!



**END OF YEAR PARTIES** - Permission notes for end of year parties have been sent home. Please check your child's bag for any notes and keep an eye on the school Facebook page for those important reminders.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** - Please be very mindful of our neighbours and respect their property when you are in the vicinity of the school. So we can make the area as safe as possible for all students can you please remember:

- if your children walk home they are encouraged to go straight out the gate;
- if you are picking them up they must remain inside the gate with Mr Labecki who will be on duty there;
- once you collect your child you are asked to go quickly from the area so there is not a crowd around the gate and it is clear for the teachers to see;
- any child who is not collected soon after the bell is taken back to the office and will need to be collected from there as the gate will be locked;
- PLEASE DO NOT PARK OR STOP ACROSS DRIVEWAYS; and
- Adele Cres is a narrow street and does not have a drop off zone so you are asked to park in South Seas Drive and walk down to collect your children.

Our weather is getting warmer - please remember that school sun safe hats are to be worn at recess and lunch and a drink bottle is an essential!!

Have a wonderful week everyone.

*Deb and Staff.*

## P&C News

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Our next meeting is this Tuesday, 15th December, 7pm in the library. Hope to see you there.

### Colour Run

Thank you to all those who have returned their money, prize selection and sponsorship forms already. They can be returned to the office up until Friday, 18th November. This event is a major fundraiser for the P&C and we appreciate your support. With the money raised, the P&C hope to provide a bank of Laptops for the school as well as other needed equipment.

### Chocolate/Lollies Fundraising Drive

Thank you to all those who sold chocolates and lollies on our behalf. If you have not yet returned your money, please do so ASAP. Any unsold products can be returned to the uniform shop.

### Christmas Party – Friday, 2nd December

Our annual Christmas Party will be held at the school on Friday, 2nd December from 6pm. There will be a BBQ, Jumping Castles, Ham Raffles, Disco, Yr 6 Business in a box, Coffee man, Glow sticks, etc. Come along and help us celebrate another successful school year. If you can help for an hour, please let Jen know on 0403385283 or any other P&C member. Raffle tickets are enclosed with this newsletter and will be drawn on the night. There are 5 x \$40 Rebel gift cards and 5 x Hams to be won.

### 2016 Dates for the diary

15 November - P&C Meeting, 7pm in the Library  
 2 December – APS Christmas Party and Raffle drawn  
 6 December – P&C Meeting, 7pm at the George Tavern

### 2017 Dates for the diary

Movie Night – Thursday 9 February  
 P&C AGM and Meeting – Tuesday 21 February

## Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is now open **Tuesdays**, 8.30am—9am and 2.30pm—3pm and **Thursdays**, 8.30am—9am. EFTPos facilities are available at the Uniform shop ONLY.

## Canteen News

The canteen is open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday. However, this will depend on the number of volunteers available. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** If you are able to assist please contact Tracy on 0411 184 571.

**Apple and orange juices are now \$1 each.**

**Canteen opening days in Term 4:  
 Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.**

<b>FRIDAY, 11th November</b>	<b>MONDAY, 14th November</b>
Tracy Anne.W Stephen-John Brooke Maryanne	Tracy Kirsten Subhashri
<b>TUESDAY, 15th November</b>	<b>FRIDAY, 18th November</b>
Cheryl Kristy.B Melissa.M Subhashri	Jen Stephen-John Pamela Maree

## Term 4 2016 Calendar

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	14	15 P&C Meeting, 7pm	16	17	18 Year 2 Swimming Scheme finishes
7	21 Stage 3 Swimming week	22 Pet Visit K-2	23	24 Kinder Orientation Day 3	25
8 Dec	28 School Leader Speeches	29	30	1 School Leader Voting	2 Kinder Excursion  Carols Night
9	5 Start Smart Sessions	6 Public High School Orientation Day (MGHS – wear sports uniform)	7 Yr 6 Surf Fun Safe  Shamrock lunch	8 Sport Captains Voting	9 Year 1 Party Day Year 2 Party Day Reports Home
10	12 Presentation Day	13 Kinder Party day (at school) Year 3 Party day	14 Sports Assembly	15 Year 4 Party day Year 5 Party day Year 6 Farewell	16 Last day of school for staff and students

### Scholarship opportunity for trip to Japan in 2017

Ashtonfield Public School is offering scholarships to two year 5 students. A letter has been sent out today to all parents and carers of Year 5 students seeking expressions of interest in applying for a scholarship to take part in the proposed Japanese Educational trip to Japan organised by Grossman High School in 2017.

The tour is planned for 12 days in the September holidays, leaving on Friday, 22nd September and returning on Wednesday, 4th October, 2017.

**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.

**OPAL CARDS** If your child will be starting Year 3 next year and currently catches the school bus, you will need to apply for an Opal Card. Information regarding Opal Card applications is attached to this newsletter.

**We are taking enrolments now for 2017 for students living in the Ashtonfield area.** Please contact the school office if you have a child starting school next year.

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# Stockland Stars

## Shop, Vote & Win!

Our school - along with 22 other schools in the region – have been busy creating stars for the chance to win a share of \$12,000.

Here's how you can help our school achieve this goal: Simply spend \$10 at Stockland Green Hills and every \$1 from your purchase will = 1 vote. PLUS, each vote you submit gives you an entry in the draw to win a \$500 Stockland Gift Card. There's one 1 to win each week!

This year, it is easy to vote with your very own smartphone or tablet.

- Go to [stocklandgreenhillsstars.com.au](http://stocklandgreenhillsstars.com.au) and register as a voter.
- Follow the prompts to upload your valid receipt using your smartphone or tablet camera.
- Upload one receipt at a time.
- Stockland Customer Care receives a notification to verify your vote and updates our school tally.
- Retain your receipts in case your purchase requires further validation by Customer Care and for the voter's draw.

Voters can log on at any time 24/7 to upload a receipt during the program period. You can also view your activity history and the updated school tally board.

Don't have a smartphone or tablet? You can still vote? For those who would like to vote for our school and do not have access to a smartphone or tablet, simply take your valid receipts to Customer Care where the staff will be able to assist you.

There will be two bands with Band 1 for Schools with <200 students and Band 2 for >201 students. Prizes will be allocated to those schools with the first, second and third highest vote average respectively in each band – that's 6 prizes up for grabs!

Voting for the Stars will commence on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November and will conclude on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. Winners will be announced Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

### **School prizes to be won**

Prizes will be awarded as follows for each band:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$3,000 Stockland Gift Card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$2,000 Stockland Gift Card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$1,000 Stockland Gift Card

**Customers can register from:**

**Monday 7 November**

**Voting Starts:**

**Monday 7 November**

**Voting Ends:**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm**

**Winners announced:**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

## PAID ADVERTISEMENTS



Italia Road, Raymond Terrace

Great idea for birthdays, social clubs & team building  
Gift vouchers available  
All players must be 16 years +

**PHONE: 4934 2212**

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

## IRISH DANCING CLASS

**SIOBHAN MURPHY IRISH DANCE**

NEW CLASS THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT

**UNITING HALL, WILLIAM ST, EAST MAITLAND –  
OPP EAST MAITLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

1<sup>st</sup> Class is **FREE** – come along Thursday's anytime from 3.15pm  
– 4.30pm to show your interest.



Contact Siobhan on 0405 372 118

Email – [murphyirishdance1@gmail.com](mailto:murphyirishdance1@gmail.com)

Find us on FACEBOOK [www.facebook.com/siobhanmurphyirishdance](http://www.facebook.com/siobhanmurphyirishdance)



### **2016 Christmas Services Maitland Area Parishes CHISHOLM PASTORAL REGION**

#### **Advent Reconciliation**

1st December 7.00pm St Paul's, Rutherford  
15th December 7.00pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Beresfield

Each Saturday after 8.00am Mass St Joseph's East Maitland

#### **Christmas Vigils**

5.30pm St Joseph, East Maitland (outdoors)  
6.00pm St Paul's, Rutherford (outdoors)  
7.00pm Our Lady Of Lourdes, Beresfield

#### **Christmas Day**

7.15am Immaculate Conception, Morpeth  
8.00am Holy Family, Largs  
Sacred Heart, Campbell's Hill  
8.30am St Joseph's East Maitland  
9.30am St Patrick's, Lochinvar  
St Columba's Paterson



# Transport for NSW

## Fact sheet: The School Opal card

### Who's eligible?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

### Who needs to apply?

Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:

- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

### How to apply

**Step 1** Complete the application at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).

**Step 2** Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.

**Step 3** The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

### If the student doesn't qualify for free travel

They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).

### Find out more

For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).



# 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, 30th November. Drawn at P&C Family Night on 2nd December, 2016.**

**\$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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## AVOID THE BACK TO SCHOOL QUEUES ... BUY YOUR UNIFORMS NOW!

To beat the lengthy queues next year, take advantage of extra shopping days before the Uniform Shop closes for 2016.

### Last Week Opening Hours For 2016

	AM	PM	
Mon 5th Dec	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Tues 6th Dec	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Wed 7th Dec	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Thurs 8th Dec	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Fri 9th Dec	8.30am-9.00am	<b>Closed</b>	Last Day for 2016

### 2017 Back To School Opening Hours

	AM	PM	
Tues 24th Jan	10.00am - 12.00pm	<b>Closed</b>	
Wed 25th Jan	<b>Closed</b>	2.00pm-4.00pm	
Mon 30th Jan	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	First Day of School
Tues 31st Jan	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Wed 1st Feb	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Thurs 2nd Feb	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	First Day Kindergarten
Fri 3rd Feb	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Mon 6th Feb	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	Then We Resume Normal Opening Hours

## 2017 Opening Hours

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Tuesdays	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Thursdays	8.30am-9.00am		





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## Join Us For A Christmas Party

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FROM 6:00 PM

AT Ashtonfield Public School

Friday

Don't Forget Chairs/Picnic Rugs & Insect Repellent

🎁 For Sale On The Night Sausage Sizzle, Glow-Sticks, Drinks, Snow Cones & Coffee

🎁 Yr 6 Business In A Box Stalls 🎁 Ham Raffle

🎁 Free Jumping Castles & Disco

🎁 Plus A Visit From The Big Man 🎅

We are a Smoke Free & Alcohol Free School





**SHOP & SAVE FOR CHRISTMAS**

**EXCLUSIVE 1 DAY OFFER TO  
ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS**



**20% OFF  
SCHOOLWEAR**

**AND EVERYTHING ELSE**



**THURSDAY  
17TH NOVEMBER  
INSTORE & ONLINE**

**AVAILABLE INSTORE & ONLINE**

\*Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Excludes gift cards.  
**Offer ends midnight (AEST) 17/11/16. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.**