



# ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## GUMNUT NEWS

Week 7, Term 4

Monday, 20th November, 2017

### WEBSITE:

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

### FACEBOOK:

[www.facebook.com/  
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### SCHOOL HOURS:

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

### NOTES SENT HOME:

- MGHS Orientation
- Food and Toy drive

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Busy Bees each Thursday
- Bookclub due *by 3pm on Thursday, 23rd Nov.*
- Yr 5 & 6 swimming, *Mon 27th Nov to Fri 1st Dec.*
- 10th Birthday celebration, *Friday, 1st December.*
- MGHS Orientation, *Tues, 5th Dec.*
- Yr 6 Surf Fun Safe, *Wednesday, 6th Dec.*
- Kinder Party, *Fri 8th Dec*
- Presentation Day, *Monday, 11th December.*
- Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr3, Yr 4 Party day, *Tues 12th Dec*
- Yr 5 Party, *Wed 13th Dec.*
- Yr 6 Farewell, *Thurs, 14th December.*

### SPORT—TERM 3:

Yr 3—6: Thursdays  
Kinder—2: Fridays

### WEEKLY ASSEMBLIES:

Mondays, 2pm  
K-2—odd weeks  
Yr 3-6—even weeks

### NEXT P&C MEETING:

Tuesday, 21st November  
at 7pm in the Library

### CANTEEN OPEN:

Mondays and Fridays

### UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:

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

EFTPos facilities available  
at the Uniform Shop.

## Principal's News

We are very excited to announce that our new Principal at Ashtonfield Public School from 2018 is Mrs Melissa Scully. Mrs Scully is the substantive Principal at Booragul Public School and she is currently the relieving Principal at Eleebana Public School.

We would like to welcome Mrs Scully tomorrow, Tuesday, 21st November, starting with afternoon tea at 2.30pm where parents can come along and meet her and say hello. Students are welcome to greet Mrs Scully after 3pm. Staff will welcome her at 1.30pm.

Mrs Scully will join our P&C meeting at 7pm in the Library where she will be welcomed by our P&C. You are able to come along at 6.30pm to meet Melissa if you cannot attend the meeting.

Mrs Scully will be joining our executive and staff regularly over the last four weeks of the year to learn about our school and focus on planning for 2018. She will meet with students, parents and staff to listen to our great ideas to strengthen Ashtonfield Public School as a happy, successful environment for all of our community.

We will also be selecting two new additional Assistant Principals and two new permanent teachers in 2018. Mrs Holt will resume as Deputy Principal and Mrs O'Neill will resume as Assistant Principal next year.

We will hold our last Kinder transition this Thursday, 23rd November. Please ensure that your child attends this last session so that we can glean our best information to ensure a smooth transition into 2018. Kinder students (2018) will meet their buddies for next year, which is very exciting for all students.

If you are leaving Ashtonfield Public School in 2018 please ensure you notify the office as soon as possible as we will be starting class organisation this week.

Thank you to the staff who have been ensuring that Year 2 and Stage 2 swimming programs have been successful!

Don't forget our 10th birthday celebrations and Christmas celebrations on Friday, 1st December, starting at 4.30pm with market stalls. See attached flyer.

**SCHOOL LEADER SPEECHES** will be held next Monday, 27th November for the boys and Wednesday, 29th November for the girls. Sports captains speeches will be held on Friday, 1st December. All speeches will start at 9am.

**PRESENTATION DAY** will be held on Monday, 11th December starting at 9.45am in the Cameron Centre at Hunter Valley Grammar School. Letters will be posted to parents in the near future if their child is receiving an award.

**SPORTS PRESENTATION DAY** will be held on Thursday, 14th December, starting at 10.15am in our school hall.

Have a great week,  
*Sue Holt and Staff*

**YEAR 3, YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5 PARTY DAY** notes and payments are due **by TOMORROW Tuesday, 21st November**. Please note: no late payments can be accepted.

**BOOKCLUB** orders and payments are due **by 3pm on Thursday, 23rd November**. A reminder that all orders and payments must be made online via Scholastic Australia. Please do not send orders to the school office.

**KINDERGARTEN PARTY DAY** notes and payments are due **by this Friday, 24th November**. Please note: no late payments can be accepted.

**YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 PARTY DAY** notes and payments are due **by Monday, 4th December**. Please note: no late payments can be accepted.

**YEAR 4 2018 SYDNEY TWO NIGHT EXCURSION** note and deposit is due **by Friday, 1st December**. Please advise the school as soon as possible if your child will or will not be attending for planning purposes.

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### LIBRARY NEWS

This is the last week for students to borrow for the year. Please ensure all library books are returned next week.

Premier Reading Challenge certificates have arrived and will be handed out in the near future.

## Term 4 2017 Calendar

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	20	21 Afternoon tea at 2.30pm to meet new Principal P&C Meeting, 7pm	22	23 Kinder 2018 Orientation 9.30am—11am	24
8 Nov/ Dec	27 School Leader speeches—Boys Stage 3 Swimming	28 Defence Morning Tea, 9am	29 School Leader speeches—Girls	30	1 Sports Captains speeches <b>10th Birthday Celebrations &amp; P&amp;C Xmas Celebrations</b>
9	4	5 MGHS Orientation Day	6 Year 6 Surf Fun Safe	7 Last day Busy Bees Reports home	8 Kinder end of year party at school
10	11 Presentation Day Venue: HVGS Canteen volunteers lunch	12 Defence Morning Tea, 9am Year 1 and Year 2 end of year party at school Year 3 end of year party Year 4 end of year party P&C Meeting/Dinner	13 Year 5 end of year party	14 Sports Presentation Day—10.15am in school hall Year 6 Farewell	15
11	18 SDD Last day for staff	19 SDD			

## P&C News

### P&C Meeting

The P&C meeting is this Tuesday, 21 November in the library from 7pm. Our new Principal, Mrs Melissa Scully, will be there from 6:30pm if you would like to meet her. Our next P&C meeting, which is also our Christmas get together, will be held at the George Tavern on Tuesday, 12 December.

### Mangoes

If you ordered mangoes, they will be ready to be picked up Thursday afternoon November 30 from 2:30pm – 3:30pm, Friday morning from 8:30am - 9:30am or at our Christmas celebration evening on Friday, 1 December (from 5:00pm). A small amount of extra trays were ordered, and will be available for purchase at our Christmas party. First in, first serve.

### Christmas Party – Friday, 1st December

The Annual P&C Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 1st December. This year, this event will follow on from the School's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. The P&C hosts this event as a thank you to APS families for their support throughout the year. As such, we provide free jumping castles, disco and a visit from Santa Claus himself! Available for purchase on the night will be sausage sandwiches, soft drinks and well as coffee and Snow Cones. We are also be drawing our Annual Raffle with tickets enclosed with this newsletter. Prizes include in 2 x cooking classes from BBQ's Galore valued at \$110.00, 4 x Hams, 4 x \$50 Rebel Gift cards and a kids pack including a Boogie Board and Stunt kite. Hope to see you there!



### Canteen

Our canteen will only be available for lunch orders this Friday, 24th November and Monday, 27th November. Snacks and drinks will only be available, Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The canteen will be closed last week of school. It is with deep regrets that our current canteen supervisor Tracy Constable has advised she will no longer run the canteen next year. If you would like to take over the role of canteen supervisor, or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact a P&C representative.

**Canteen Volunteers Lunch** will be held following Presentation Day on Monday, 11th December. Please call or text Tracy on 0411 184 571 to confirm your attendance. Venue to be confirmed.

## Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is open Tuesdays, 8.30am—9am and 2.30pm—3pm and Thursdays, 8.30am—9am. EFTPos facilities are available at the Uniform shop ONLY. Opening hours for the end of this term and the beginning of 2018 are included in this newsletter.

## The Worlds of Harry Hartog Competition

**HARRY HARTOG**  
BOOKSELLER

Here is how it will work:

1. Students are to draw a picture (on A4 paper) inspired by their favourite book. This could be a picture of a favourite character, a scene from a story or another creative response to those terrific words.
2. Students should include in the bottom right-hand corner of the picture their name, age, school and on the back, a short (25-word maximum) description of their artwork. A contact phone number should also be included on the back so we can contact the winners.
3. Send it in to us by 27th November 2017 at Harry Hartog Green Hills.

The Harry Hartog team will then judge a winner across three categories: Ages 5-10, Ages 11-14 and Ages 15-18.

Winners will be announced 4th December 2017. The Winner of each category will win a \$250 Gift Voucher for their school and a \$50 Gift Voucher for themselves. We cannot wait to open our doors to the wonderful community of Maitland and the Hunter Valley where old-fashioned quality and creative ideas will be waiting for you. We look forward very much to serving you. Kindest Regards, Josh Croft





*\*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December\**

## **P & C Annual Christmas Party and APS 10th Birthday celebrations.**

Family time maximised!!

Market stalls by classes from 4:30pm - silver/gold coins needed!

Cakes, hair accessories, fairy floss, spider drinks, sponge throwing, bookstall, scones with jam/cream, Christmas bon bons, tombala, hair spray, lost property, AFL and rugby toss, party bags—all for sale!

Students will go home and return ready for 4:30pm start !

Ham raffles, Sausage Sizzle - 5:30 pm  
Coffee, Snow Cones and Drinks, Free Jumping Castles, DJ music with Mr Frazer.

**Visit from the Big Man in Red!!!**

Don't forget insect repellent and picnic chairs!

Please Note: We are an alcohol and smoke free zone.





## AVOID THE BACK TO SCHOOL QUEUES ... BUY NOW!

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

### Last Week Opening Hours For 2017

	AM	PM	
Mon 4th Dec	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Tues 5th Dec	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Wed 6th Dec	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Thurs 7th Dec	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Fri 8th Dec	8.30am-9.00am	2.30pm-3.00pm	<b>Last Day for 2017</b>

### 2018 Back To School Opening Hours

	AM	PM	
Thur 25th Jan	10.00am-1.00pm		
Mon 29th Jan	10.00am-1.00pm		
Tues 30th Jan	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	First Day Of School
Wed 31st Jan	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Thurs 1st Feb	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Friday 2nd Feb	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	<b>Closed</b>	
Mon 5th Feb	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Tue 6th Feb	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Wed 7th Feb	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	
Thurs 8th Feb	8.30am-9.00am (or as needed)	2.30pm-3.00pm	

**Then Returning To Our Normal Trading Days**

## 2018 Opening Hours

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



### CHRISTMAS 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, 29th November. Drawn at P&C Christmas Party on 1st December, 2017.**

**\$1 – 3 tickets**

**\$2 – 8 tickets**

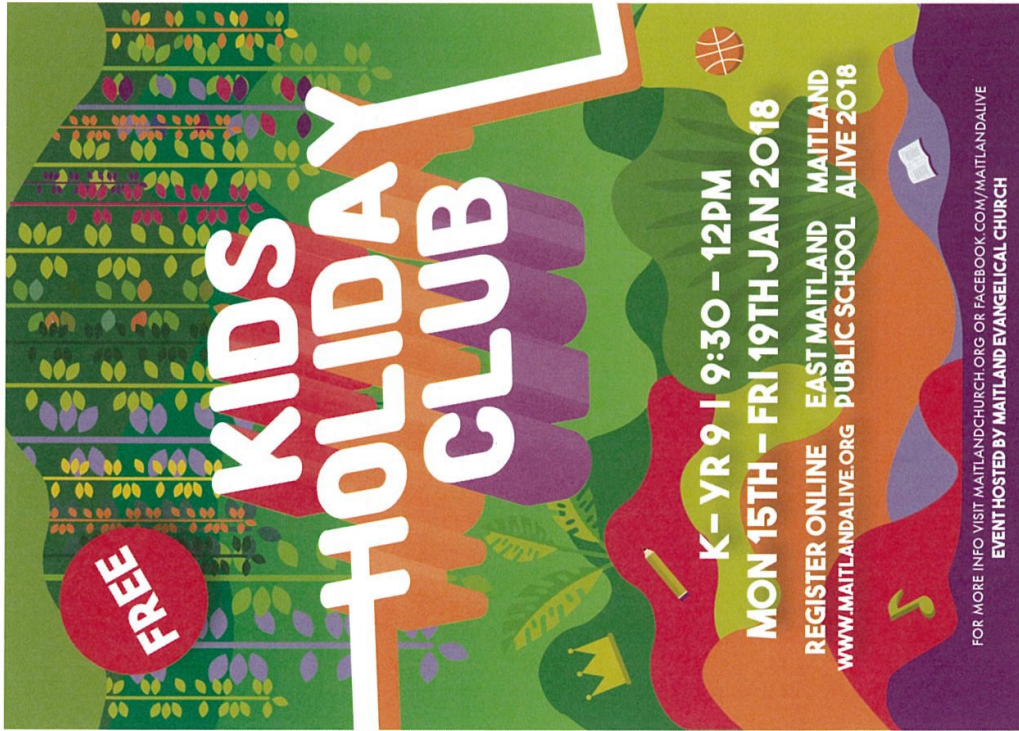
**\$5 – 20 tickets**

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

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Save these dates in your holiday diary ...



**KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB**

**FREE**

**K- YR 9 | 9:30 - 12PM**

**MON 15TH - FRI 19TH JAN 2018**

REGISTER ONLINE EAST MAITLAND MAITLAND  
 WWW.MAITLANDALIVE.ORG PUBLIC SCHOOL ALIVE 2018

FOR MORE INFO VISIT MAITLANDCHURCH.ORG OR FACEBOOK.COM/MAITLANDALIVE  
 EVENT HOSTED BY MAITLAND EVANGELICAL CHURCH



**Cafe Connect**

**FREE**

**9:30-12PM | FREE CRECHE 1-5 YRS**

**GUEST SPEAKERS | GREAT COFFEE | PERSONAL STORIES**

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<b>MON</b> 15TH JAN WAR ON WASTE	<b>TUE</b> 16TH JAN MINDFUL EATING	<b>WED</b> 17TH JAN FOMO : FEAR OF MISSING OUT
<b>THUR</b> 18TH JAN HOW TO SUPPORT AN ANXIOUS CHILD	<b>FRI</b> 19TH JAN KEEPING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS ALIVE	

FOR MORE INFO VISIT MAITLANDCHURCH.ORG OR FACEBOOK.COM/MAITLANDALIVE  
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**\* Free holiday fun for you, your family and friends! \***  
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## 'tis the season to think of others....

This year in the lead up to the Christmas season we would like to encourage our students to be mindful of those in our local community who are less fortunate.

With the help of our school families we would like to donate food and toys to support people in need in our local community.

Non-perishable food items (cans, jars, bottles and packets), children's toys and books (only new items please) can be sent to school with your child. We will have a collection tub in each classroom where students can place their donations.

Thank you for helping us to teach our students the importance of thinking of others.

Donna O'Neill  
Deputy Principal (Relieving)





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in our newsletter?  
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**DEMO & INFO SESSION**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
5:00pm - 6:00pm


**REGISTRATION DATES**  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018  
4:30 - 6:00pm


Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018  
10:00am - 12:00pm

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