



# ASHTONFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## GUMNUT NEWS



Week 9, Term 4

Monday, 4th December, 2017

### WEBSITE:

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

### FACEBOOK:

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

### SCHOOL HOURS:

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Presentation Day, *Monday, 11th December.*
- Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr3, Yr 4 Party day, *Tues 12th Dec*
- Yr 5 Party, *Wed 13th Dec.*
- Sports Presentation, *Thursday, 14th December*
- Yr 6 Farewell, *Thurs, 14th December.*
- Last day of term, *Friday, 15th December.*
- Yr 1—6 return to school on *Tuesday, 30th January, 2018.*
- Kinder's first day, *Monday, 5th February, 2018.*

### 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, 12th December  
The George Tavern, 6pm

### CANTEEN OPEN:

Closed.  
Re-open Term 1, 2018

### UNIFORM SHOP OPEN:

Check dates and times in this newsletter.

EFTPos facilities available at the Uniform Shop.

## Principal's News

This will be our last newsletter for the year.



A huge thank you to the staff, parents, students and the community of Ashtonfield for supporting our school celebrations last Friday. There were lots of smiles and full bellies. We had a perfect evening and it was great to see faces from the past and present together again.

A BIG THANK you Mr Frazer and our fabulous P&C volunteers. You did a great job! Mrs Scully came along to say hello too. She will be in and out of the school over the next 2 weeks planning for 2018.

There was a happy friendly vibe and it was a pleasure to be at Ashtonfield PS. We would also like to thank everyone who has been associated with APS over the last 10 years, ensuring that APS is a great school. A big thank you to Mrs Ryall, Ms Healey, previous staff, parents and ex students. There will be a separate celebration for Mrs Ryall's retirement some time next year.

**PRESENTATION DAY** - Don't forget our Presentation Day next Monday, 11th December starting at 9:45am in the Cameron Centre at Hunter Valley Grammar School. As you could imagine it will be hectic for parking, so consider walking from our school if possible. Access to the Cameron Centre is via the Norfolk Street entrance only due to construction work at Hunter Valley Grammar School. Students will be accompanied on the journey by their teachers. Letters have been posted to parents of students receiving an award on the day.

**END OF YEAR PARTIES** - Student end of year parties are all organised. Please ensure that your child/children understand the requirements of their outing.

**CANTEEN** - Last Friday our canteen was closed. It was in last weeks newsletter and SKOOLBAG. Unfortunately there was about 20 students without lunch! The lovely helpers who were preparing for our Friday evening activities and our office staff provided lunch for those students. Please ensure that you read our communication, to ensure good outcomes for our students.

**CELEBRATIONS** Our senior students love to play Santa's helpers and deliver Christmas cards to the classrooms. If your child wishes to send a card to another student please write the recipient's full name and class on the envelope and put them in the Christmas mail box which is set up in the foyer. Please do not include candy canes, chocolates etc with the Christmas cards. If you do not celebrate Christmas please send in a note to the class teacher to remind them of this fact so alternative activities are prepared for your child when class Christmas celebrations begin.

Note from Mrs Holt - I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our staff, our students, our parents and members of our community for the warm support I have received since being back at APS. I am back to stay. I am really excited and looking forward to working closely with Mrs Scully, our new executive team, our hard working, amazing staff, our beautiful, happy students and our supportive, hardworking parent community. We are going to ensure that the Ashtonfield PS holds up the light of success in 2018 and beyond. On behalf of the staff at APS I would like to wish all of our families a very happy Christmas wherever you may be and a joyful, peaceful 2018.

Have a great week,  
*Sue Holt and Staff*

**DRUM CORP PERFORMANCE** Our talented students who have been participating in the Drum Corp program this year will be performing for our students this Thursday, 7th December at 10.30am in the school hall. Parents are welcome to come along. The Drum Corp program will be held at our school again next year, available to students in Years 3—6.

**CHOOKS available for sale.** See Mr Cliff if you are interested.



## Term 4 2017 Calendar

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9	4	5 MGHS Orientation Day	6 Year 6 Surf Fun Safe	7 Last day Busy Bees  Drum Corp performance, 10.30am  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			

## P&C News

### Christmas Party Celebrations

Well that's another successful Christmas end of year celebration done and dusted. Thank you to Neal Easterly Butchers, Betta Electrical, Rebel Sport for providing our Raffle prizes. Congratulations to our prize winners, Mia 4S, Jack. T KM, Lawson (x 2) KA, Sam KS, Steph 6C, Matthew 3J, Emerson.B 6C, Lincoln 3/4T, Sam.W 6M, Josh 4M, Harper KG and Chase.R (Kobi 4H). I would also like to thank Crystal Newman from A twist and a Pinch of fun balloon animals for patiently making all those balloons, Santa and his friends from Lets Ride Newy, Hunter Australia, Chris Frazer from Majestic Mobile Music and Gary from Gourmet Snow Cones, ABC Jumping Castles, coffee and more.

The P&C work tirelessly to host this event and I would like to especially thank Kay, Charne, Summer, Tracy, Craig, Mathew, Jono, Kirsten, Mezz, Kristy, Amanda, Sara, Anthony and Melissa for all your hard work! Without it, this event would not be possible.

### Mangoes

Thank you to all those who ordered mangoes. I'm pleased to say that all 150 orders have been collected. Thank you to Melissa Mooney for coordinating such a successful and healthy fundraiser. Look out for it again next year!

### Canteen Helpers Lunch

A canteen helpers lunch is being held next Monday, 11 December at the Hunter River Hotel from around 12pm (after Presentation Day). If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Tracy Constable.

### P&C Meeting and Dinner

Our last P&C Meeting for the year is Tuesday 12 December at the Georges Tavern from 6pm. All welcome (even if you haven't been to a meeting all year)!



## Uniform Shop News

As another year closes, I'd like to thank all the wonderful people who have given up their time to help in the Uniform Shop, in particular, Annie, Rachel, Gina, Tracy, Jen, Kay, Cheryl and Charne. The uniform shop could not run without your help.

I'm so pleased to announce that we have raised over \$820 just from the sale of Preloved Clothing. This is from all the donations we have received from parents and all money from the Uniform Shop goes straight back to our school and children.

Please take note of our end of year opening hours, as this week is our last week. We will not be opening on the morning of Presentation Day, so make sure you get in early.

Have a safe Christmas and New Years.

Cheers  
Kirsten Worth



*'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.*

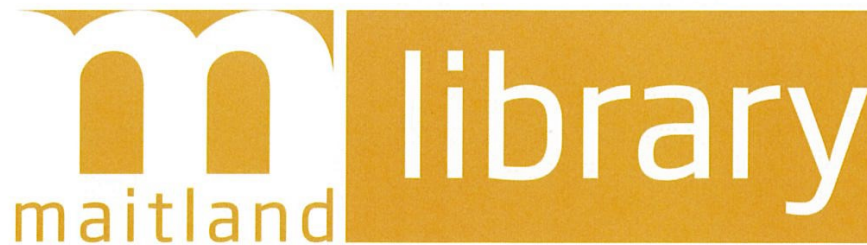
*With the help of our school families we would like to donate food and toys to support people in need in our local community.*

*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)*



### **Holiday Fun – January 2018**

It's all fun and games this summer as Maitland City Library gears up for a supercharged celebration of sports, games, technology and team spirit with our Game On school holiday activities.

Check out our great range of January 2018 Holiday Fun activities at [www.maitlandticketing.com.au/maitlandlibrary/holidayfun-january.aspx](http://www.maitlandticketing.com.au/maitlandlibrary/holidayfun-january.aspx)

Bookings are now open.

For more information phone Maitland Library on 4633 6952



## 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 2017.

### 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		<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	



Save these dates in your holiday diary ...

**KIDS HOLIDAY CLUB**

**FREE**

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

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

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<b>THUR</b> 18TH JAN HOW TO SUPPORT AN ANXIOUS CHILD	<b>FRI</b> 19TH JAN KEEPING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS ALIVE	

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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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**JANUARY 2018**

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22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> January (Mon, Tues, Wed) Week 2

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