**Principal's News**

We have five new students this term and it is lovely to see how they are being accepted by our other students. We are very proud of how well our students accept others. This was particularly obvious when Iona Public School joined us during NAIDOC Week celebrations. People are still talking about the celebrations. Thank you Mr Cliff and teachers for your efforts in organising this opportunity for everyone. Thank you also to the parents who helped.

**BOOK CLUB** There has been much debate over Book Club. Many parents are concerned about the school pushing a private activity and their children putting pressure on them to buy. As this is not a fund raiser we can access cheap books for prizes other ways. Parents should not feel obligated to buy these books. Our English committee is very conscious that we need to purchase quality literacy texts for the new Australian English Curriculum and this will be the type of reading material on which we are concentratring.

However we are also aware that a few people use the Scholastic material to encourage students to read so we will place a box at the front foyer so parents can collect a copy of the brochures if they wish or look on line. Another box will be placed in the foyer for order slips but Scholastics are working to have these done on line as well. We will let you know as soon as this is possible. Payments will continue to be on line and someone will take the box of orders home to collate. The P&C will decide what to use the free books for if any are issued.

Another concern has been that when teachers have left books for students to pick up they have gone missing so books will no longer be sent to the classroom but picked up at home time from a designated area once students are told they are available.

**ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL** is on next Friday, 1st August at Woodberry Oval. Students are reminded to return their permission note and PSSA consent form to the school office TOMORROW, Friday, 25th July.

**OUR WINTER FAIR IS NEXT THURSDAY, 31st JULY.** Please return the note to the class teacher indicating supervision arrangements for your child on the day. Thank you to the parents who have already done so.

**WINTER FAIR PREPAID TICKETS AND MEAL DEAL TICKETS CLOSE TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 25th JULY.** These tickets will not be available after this date. **No exceptions.** Purchase your tickets now to receive great value.

“Meal Deals” will not be available to purchase on the day. However, there will be a BBQ on the day for parents and visitors to purchase their lunch from 12pm and a café will be open throughout the day for tea/coffee and cakes.

**A REMINDER THAT ENTRY INTO THE SCHOOL FOR THE WINTER FAIR will be via the front gate (Norfolk Street) only.** The back and side gates will be open for students at 2.55pm as usual and locked again at 3.15pm.

**THE ENTRY FORM FOR THE WINTER FAIR TEDDY BEAR COMPETITION** is included in this newsletter.

Have a successful week, Narelle and Staff.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HUNTER DANCE GROUPS who performed at Newcastle Panthers this week. The students performed beautifully and all were on their best behaviour. Well done also to Mr King, Mrs Horgan and Mrs Stevenson for their fantastic efforts.

ASHTONFIELD ALL STARS DEBATING TEAM started out as a small team of interested debators who had no previous experience in debating. After a debating training day we realised just how well we could work together as a team. We have been training twice a week. Our practice has paid off. We won each of our debates—against Branxton, Maitland, Rutherford and Metford—with great strategies and persuasive language. A big thank you to Mrs Davey—we couldn’t have done it without her! We are now off to the finals—go Ashtonfield All Stars. Written by Andrea, Natalie, Eleanor and Isabella.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BOYS’ AND GIRLS’ BASKETBALL TEAMS Both teams won our pools and quarter finals. They played well with great sportsmanship. They are to be commended on their efforts. Miss Osland.

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## Canteen News

A reminder that if you are able to assist in the canteen on a Friday, please contact the school office or phone the P&C on 4933 2621 by Friday, 1st August, 2014.

## LEARN TO PLAY Basketball Skills

Is your child interested in learning basketball skills and having fun? Contact the school office for more details.

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for education costs. To find out more call or SMS 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au.
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FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER
Sunday, 3rd August, 2014
Ashtonfield Public School invites you to participate in our Family Portrait Fundraiser. advancedlife Professional Photographers will provide you with a Family Portrait for only $15 (valued at $130). For your $15, you receive your choice of a 10 x 13 inch print (in colour) OR a Pencil Sketch with a bonus keyring with a family portrait photo to fit. 100% of this money is retained by Ashtonfield Public School.

Please contact Charne Saunders on 0407 251 115 or charne.saunders@gmail.com to reserve your photography session before they’re all gone! Our fundraiser will be held on Sunday, 3rd August, 2014– on-site at Ashtonfield Public School.

Additional photos will be available for purchase at no obligation. These additional photos include: Portraits & Greeting Cards – featuring your Family Portrait & other photos taken on the day, with a Complete Package for only $199.00! Please visit our facebook page on www.facebook.com/advancedlifefundraising for more information about the images on offer, what to wear or other general queries.

There are four rules for participation in this fundraiser:
Rule 1 Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait
Rule 2 No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)
Rule 3 An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)
Rule 4 Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day

Please help Ashtonfield Public School raise valuable funds by participating in our upcoming advancedlife Family Portrait Fundraiser. Invite your neighbours and friends - Family Portraits provide memories to be kept & cherished by the entire family for years & generations to come.

Free Professional Support for NSW Parents

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our service and to inform you of how we can be of assistance to parents of children at your school.

Parent Line NSW is a state funded program managed by CatholicCare Sydney. In the last financial year the program provided counselling, support and information to more than 8,500 people who were involved in raising a child. 33% of callers have used the service before and have found it so helpful they have called back. Parent Line helps parents with a wide range of issues including behavioural problems, separation anxiety, other child mental health concerns, child development, bullying and child issues around parental separation.

Our opening hours are 9am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm on weekends. Callers can leave a message outside of these hours and a counsellor will assist them during the next operating period. Our counsellors are all fully trained professionals with specialised experience in working with families from widely diverse backgrounds.

Parent Line NSW also manages the ADHC funded Early Childhood Intervention Information Line for families who have questions and concerns about their child’s development or who have a child 0-6 years who has been newly diagnosed with a disability. Parents can seek support and guidance about understanding what this means to their family and in finding support services for their child.

Free Parent Line publicity material is available on www.parentline.org.au and the Parenting Counsellors can be accessed for the cost of a local call from a landline (some charges apply to mobile phones) on 1300 1300 52
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Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter? Contact the school office for details.
OUR WINTER FAIR IS NEXT THURSDAY

Prepaid tickets &
Meal Deal Tickets

**Close**

TOMORROW (Friday, 25th July)

*“SUPERSAVER” or “MEAL DEAL” NOT AVAILABLE ON THE DAY*

All tickets available online **NOW**

Best Value - Super saver for just $20

*Use a credit card on flexi schools

* [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) type in Ashtonfield at the bottom of the page to avoid registering.

Or

Please return the form in the newsletter

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RIDES, FAIRY FLOSS, STALLS, ART SHOW

FUN!!
XPRESS SUPER SAVER PASS!

SAVE! SAVE!! SAVE!!!

This is the cheapest way to enjoy the fair!
*XPRESS ARM BAND LETS YOU JOIN THE EXPRESS QUEUE ON SOME STALLS
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*GET AN EXTRA DRINK AND A PACKET OF CHIPS
*PLAY ALL DAY ZONE INCLUDING JUMPING CASTLE & SLIDE
*MEAL DEAL
*ART WORK PURCHASE
*PLUS YOU CAN PAY BY CREDIT CARD!

VALUE FOR JUST $20

Xpress Super Saver Pass  
Meal Deal plus 
Art work plus 
Play All Day Zone plus 
Stalls: 1 X tattoo, 1 x hairspray, 1 cake decorating, 
1x pkt of chips & 1 Drink

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Or DO ON-LINE WITH A CREDIT CARD

2) Find our school at the bottom of the page “what’s on in your school”. Type Ashtonfield.  
3) Click on Education week items  
4) Place your order by following the prompts  
5) When at checkout, choose, checkout without registering (3rd option)  
6) Receipt and order will be emailed to you and to the school. Bands will be issued to children on the day.
WINTER FAIR
ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR COMPETITION

We are having our annual Teddy Bear Competition at the upcoming Winter Fair next Thursday, 31st July. How exciting!

All students are welcome to enter their teddies into the following categories:
- Smallest teddy
- Largest teddy
- Most loved teddy
- Sporty teddy
- Most unusual teddy; and
- International teddy.

If your child wishes to enter their teddy/ies into the competition please complete the form at the bottom of the page, attach it to your teddy and bring it to school in week 3 (next week) on Monday 28/7, Tuesday 29/7 or Wednesday 30/7. There are multiple forms in case students want to enter more than one teddy. Teddies will be collected from classrooms each day by Year 6 students.

On the day of the fair the teddy bears will be displayed in the library. Everyone is welcome to come and vote for their favourite teddy on the day. I’m sure there will be some excellent entries!

Kind Regards,
Winter Fair Committee

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TEDDY BEAR COMPETITION

Child’s Name: ________________________________ Class: ________
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