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

FACEBOOK:  
www.facebook.com/ashtonfieldpublicschool

SMS student absences  
0427 016 460

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

NOTES SENT HOME:  
• Yr 5 & 6 Medical & Behaviour reminder notes.  
• Hunter Dance

DATES TO REMEMBER:  
• Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival, Tuesday, 17th February.  
• Book Club orders due by Thursday, 19th February.  
• Zone Swimming Carnival, Tuesday, 24th February.

BACK GATE (Adele Crescent)  
During the first few weeks when more parents are driving their children to school we tend to have crowds at the back gate. 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 either Mr Labecki or Mr Hadley 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.

STUDENT INSURANCE  
Please remember that the DEC do not insure students so any accidents at school must come under your health cover/insurance. We do however take out ambulance cover in case of emergencies.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WILL FINISH AT 2.55PM  
from next Monday, 16th February, 2015.

CHILD PROTECTION AWARENESS TRAINING  
will be held on Friday, 6th March at 9am. This training is for parents/carers who would like to help in the classroom and who have not previously done the training at our school.

CANBERRA EXCURSION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING  
will be held as part of the class parent meeting on Thursday, 19th February, from 5pm in the Library.

YEAR 5 & 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION REMINDER  
Our senior excursion will take place from 3rd to 6th March. The full amount of $400 must be paid by Thursday, 19th February or students will be removed from the list and places offered to those students on the waiting list. Medical and Expected Behaviour forms must be returned by tomorrow, Friday, 13th February so catering and medical lists can be finalised.

RESOURCE PACKS FOR 2015  
cost $65 per student ($40 for the third or subsequent child). We ask that this is paid by TOMORROW, Friday, 13th February. Students will receive their resource pack in class AFTER THE 13TH FEBRUARY and some items may stay in the classroom.

URGENT SWIMMING CARNIVAL REMINDER  
The Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival is on next Tuesday, 17th February at Maitland Pool. All primary students have received a permission note. The cost is $7 each to cover bus and pool entry. The permission note and payment must be returned by tomorrow, Friday, 13th February. PAYMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED NEXT WEEK under any circumstances. Please note: this cannot be paid online as the cost is under $10.

Have a successful week, Narelle and Staff.
Canteen News

If you are able to volunteer in the canteen please complete the form included in this newsletter or contact Cheryl Lucas on 0466 542 041.

Frozen Chocolate and Strawberry Milk Cups are available for 40 cents.

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Canteen Roster—Feb 2015

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P&C News

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th February, 2015 from 7pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. All items, issues, concerns etc requiring discussion at the next P&C meeting need to be added to the agenda. Please leave details at the office or by phoning the P&C Secretary (Cheryl Lucas) on 0466 542 041 or by emailing the P&C at apspandc@hotmail.com by Monday, 16th February.

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Uniform Shop News

From next week, the uniform shop will have new opening days and will open regularly Wednesday, 8.30am—9am and 2.30pm—3pm and Thursday, 8.30am—9am.

Cheryl and Kristen.

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Parent/Teacher Evenings—Reminder

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Parents of Year 6 Students

Please ensure that our school office has your child’s current residential address on file. Expressions of interest for high school will be sent home this term and it is important that we have the correct information as your residential address determines the high school your child will attend. Please note: the high school will require documented evidence of your address when completing the enrolment form.

Exemption from School for Extended Holidays etc.

From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered under the Exemption from School—Procedures. Travel outside of school vacation periods is now counted as an absence. Details of your planned travel is required to be put in writing to the principal prior to your child’s absence. Depending on your child’s circumstances the principal may then request an application for Extended Leave—Travel be completed.
YEAR 5 AND 6 KIDS INTERESTED IN PLAYING BASKETBALL …..

Do you have a child in Year 5 or 6 who would like to play basketball? The team plays every Friday afternoon/evening at Maitland Federation Centre. The idea is to have fun in a team environment. Experience is not necessary. If your child is interested please contact Joanne on 0410 404 852. Children are able to try out to see if they like it before they commit to the season.

Maitland District Hockey Club
2015 Junior Teams

As Maitland’s premier Hockey Club, we are looking for kids to fill our teams that we are entering in the U13 and U16 competitions played in Newcastle.

The main focus of the club is improvement and enjoyment. We don’t concentrate on winning and losing, but we do encourage participation and involvement.

Games are played in Newcastle and training takes place in Maitland. We have 2 of the best coaches that will teach all the skills required in a fun, relaxed environment.

If you would like more information about joining a club that focuses on improvement and having a good time then please don’t hesitate to get in contact with me

Glen Meehan- 0400311683
or at Gmeehan@subzeroservices.com.au
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Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter? Contact the school office for details.

Metford Junior Soccer Club Inc.
PO Box 2082, Greenhills 2323
Email: metfordjuniorsoccerclub@gmail.com
www.metfordcobras.com.au

President
Neil Garbutt
0428335582

Secretary
Kathy Giles
0414 732 630

Treasurer
Alison Ling
0408478170

Welcome back to another exciting season of soccer, the Cobra committee hopes everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and New Year.

Registration begins on Sunday 1st of February online, go to myfootballclub.com.au to register you can also pay online when you register. We will be holding rego days down at Metford Junior Soccer Club on these following days. Saturdays 7th, 14th from 10am to 12pm and Wednesdays 18th and 25th from 4pm to 5.30pm of February.

Soccer fees for this year as as follows:

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All rego fees need to be paid in full by the end of February as we need to pay HVFA (Hunter Valley Football Association) registration in March, if we don’t have fees for a player then we are unable to register that player with HVFA. Any fees paid after we have made payment to HVFA will incur a late fee of $5.

Anyone wishing to coach a team this year could you please let us know so we can send information in regards to the new, working with children check and training for coaches.
Supporting your child’s development

Learn all about how you can best support your child’s speech, language, fine motor and gross motor development.

**Date:** 27th February 2015

**Time:** 4pm – 5:30pm

**Location:** Maitland Private Hospital, Ground floor, Therapy Room

**Cost:** Free (Registration required)

**Registration closing date:** 25th February 2015

Registration forms can be obtained from Maitland Private Hospital reception desk or from maitlandprivatehospital.com.au.

Refreshments provided.

**Presenters:**
Vanessa Taska, Occupational Therapist & Grace Wilson, Speech Pathologist.

For further information, please contact Vanessa on 4931 2355 or Grace on 4931 2319.

Maitland Private Hospital
175 Chisholm Road,
East Maitland NSW 2323.