Principal's News

CONGRATULATIONS to the Girls’ basketball team and Miss Osland who will travel to Bathurst to compete in the quarter finals of the state knockout.

Also well done to our Year 5 debaters who competed in the zone finals this week. Unfortunately they weren’t successful but this has been an impressive journey for such a young team.

Also Mrs Holt has been successful in gaining the relieving principal position at Nords Wharf. Well done Sue. Mr Stone and Mrs O’Neill with have turns relieving as DP.

Congratulations to Melissa McMenon who received an award at the Maitland District Education Week Ceremony at Maitland Grossman High School in July.

VARIETY CONCERT TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW from the school office. Tickets cost $10 each. Evening tickets are limited to four (4) tickets per purchase. If you cannot come in to purchase the tickets please send money in an envelope clearly stating how many tickets and for which performance. Tickets will then be sent home with your child if you REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR CHILD’S NAME AND CLASS ON THE ENVELOPE. Evening tickets are selling fast so please purchase your tickets soon if you cannot attend a matinee performance. Thank you to those of you who have already bought your tickets.

Each class should have received or will receive a note shortly about what each child will need as part of their costume. Please let us know if you have any questions.

YEAR 3 AND 4 FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS TABLOID MORNING will be held at school on Thursday, 27th August, 2015. Parents and carers are invited to attend the event which will run from 9.30am until 10.30am. Year 3 and 4 students are to wear their sports uniform to school on Thursday, 27th August.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST Our Fathers’ Day Breakfast will be held on Friday, 4th September so dads, granddads or significant role models can bring their students to school from 7am, have a free breakfast, play with sports equipment, read with your child in the library or have some time in the computer room. Please put this morning aside.

Come along and have a photo with your child/children on the day for a small cost of $2. This will be printed and sent home as a keepsake. There will also be an opportunity for fathers to write a comment and stick it on our Father’s Day Footy Colour wall.

STUDENTS CAN WEAR FOOTY COLOURS ON FRIDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER to raise money for the Fight Cancer Foundation. They can wear footy (or soccer etc) jumpers with their uniform if they wish to donate a gold coin to this appeal.

YEAR 3 AND 5 NAPLAN results have been sent home with students today.

TAKING KINDERGARTEN 2016 ENROLMENTS NOW!
STOCKLAND STAR Please remember to vote for our entry in the Greenhills Stockland Star competition. Registrations can be made at the Customer Care Centre. You will then receive a voting coupon for every $10 spent at specialty stores. Voting slips need a receipt to be verified. Customers who vote also go into the draw to win $3000.

WOOLWORTHS’ EARN & LEARN DOUBLE STICKER WEEKEND To help you collect even more Earn & Learn stickers Woolworths is holding a big Double Sticker Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get two stickers for every $10 they spend. The more you collect the more educational equipment our school can redeem. Sticker sheets can be placed in the Woolworths box in our school foyer.

BOOKCLUB orders are due by 3pm on Thursday, 3rd September, 2015.

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS have been sent home with students today. There is an amount of approximately $5000 still outstanding for resource packs. Please finalise accounts as soon as possible. Please contact the school office if you require financial assistance.

SCHOOL UNIFORM With winter coming to an end it’s almost that time of year for students to wear Ashtonfield Public School’s summer uniform again. The official date of changeover is Monday, 7th September and we hope to see as many students as possible wearing full summer uniform. Even though the winter months are ending, ensuring that students are wearing full school uniform would be fantastic and help all students to:

- feel a sense of belonging and pride for their school;
- adopt a positive attitude towards learning and school readiness; and
- feel safe.

Wearing full school uniform also assists in reducing anxiety and stress that can be caused when students feel pressured to wear certain brands that others are wearing.

We appreciate that school uniform can be expensive and that it is frustrating when items get misplaced. We want to work together to solve this problem and will return labelled items as long as the child’s full name is clearly written on their property. We will also encourage older students to be responsible for their own belongings.

If for any reason your child is unable to wear full uniform please provide a note so teachers are aware. Furthermore, if there are any difficulties obtaining certain items of the school uniform assistance can be provided through communication with the school and there are also spare items.

If you are unsure of our uniform requirements please visit the Ashtonfield Public School website, navigate to the “Our School” tab then click on “Enrolment” and click on the link to the “Parent Handbook”. (Please note that both girls’ uniforms require a tie and are part of the teal check uniform and teal check tunic although not explicitly stated). Alternatively, you can also find the “Parent Handbook” at: http://www.ashtonfield-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/40351267/40358776/apsParentHandbook.pdf

EXCITING In the coming weeks be sure to watch out for our weekly Uniform Notice in the newsletter to keep informed about our focus for the week and how the Uniform Award will be judged for that week. Thank you for your assistance and remember “Together We Succeed”.

FATHER’S DAY STALL—TUESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 2015

It’s your chance to say “thanks dad, grandad or my special carer” for all the things you do for me. Gifts will be available from 50c to $6.00.

Please send a few dollars to school with your child on this day so they can make a careful choice for a male carer’s much deserved gift.

If you can spare an hour or two of your time on this day to help serve our little shoppers, please let the office staff know or call Channe on 0407 251 115. Please also bring your spare plastic bags to help students carry their gifts.
Library News

BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS REMINDER All entries in the colouring competition must be returned by this Friday, 21st August.

Entries in the “Design a New Grug book” competition have until next Wednesday, 26th August to be submitted. These books should be made using A4 paper folded in half with the entry form cover sheet attached.

We are looking forward to see your entries, so put on your creative caps and get writing.

SHINE A LIGHT MUSICAL PERFORMANCE As part of our Book Week celebrations next week, on Wednesday, 26th August there is an exciting incursion from “Perform! Educational Musicals” to be held in the school hall.

This Book Week musical features a selection of the short listed books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia annual Book Awards that the students have been studying this term in the library.

The performance promotes literacy and reading by inspiring students with the limitless fun and possibilities offered by books. It is highly interactive and features action packed narratives, loads of comedy, songs and dancing that will be very engaging and enjoyable for the students.

There will be two performances, one for K—2 and the other for Yr 3 - 6 students. The cost for your child to attend this performance will be $6.00. Separate information has been sent home with all students today.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE A final reminder that this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge closes this Friday, 21st August. All students in the junior school, including Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have completed the Challenge, but all students in Years 3 to 6, who are taking part need to have their completed booklists returned to the library by this Friday. Congratulations and well done to all those students who have already completed the Challenge.

“Books Light up the World”

DEBATING NEWS WEEK 6 After winning each of their 4 rounds in the NSW Premier’s Debating Competition, our Year 5 Ashtonfield Blue team were awarded Zone Champions for 2015.

This meant that they progressed to the first round of Regional Finals which was held on Tuesday, 18th August. The team competed against Biddabah Public School. This was a very challenging debate for our team as they were up against an experienced Year 6 team.

The topic for the debate was “Primary schools should teach self-defence classes”. The Biddabah team won the toss, chose to take the negative side and after some very convincing arguments, went on to win the debate. Unfortunately this means that Ashtonfield now bows out of the finals.

Well done to Aiden, Kira, Caitlyn and Tahlia for your efforts and the excellent way that you worked together as a team. The adjudicator on the day pointed out that they have done extremely well, as no one expected a Year 5 team to get through to the finals as this is normally the realm of Year 6 teams. This team has performed consistently well throughout the season, growing and developing in their confidence. We look forward to watching this continue in the 2016 season.

A big thankyou and well done, goes to all the Years 5 and 6 debaters, Cameron, Aiden, Hayden, Caitlyn, Kira, Tahlia, Jaymes, Alice, Bailey and Hannah, for your dedication, enthusiasm and long term commitment over the past three terms. These students have all put in a huge effort, giving up their time and turning up to training twice a week. It has been an absolute pleasure assisting you along the way.

Sensei Davey
### Class Awards

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### Canteen News

If you are able to volunteer in the canteen please contact Cheryl Lucas on 0466 542 041.

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### Variety Concert Tickets ……

Will be on sale from **8.30am, MONDAY, 17th August, 2015**

- **Matinee** Concert - 12 noon, **Wednesday, 16th September**
- **Evening** Concert - 6:30pm, **Wednesday, 16th September**
- **Matinee** Concert - 12 noon, **Thursday, 17th September**
- **Evening** Concert - 6:30pm, **Thursday, 17th September**

$10 per ticket

(pre-school age children may sit on parent’s lap – no seat will be allocated)
"Thank you everyone at Ashtonfield P.S. for your great entry in the Newcastle Herald Newspaper Competition. Your stories were extremely interesting and the photos to go with them fun.”

Judith Whitfield - News/Education/Features, Newcastle Newspapers

A big thank you to all of the children from years 3 - 6 who helped with the creating of this year's Ashtonfield Advertiser entry in the Newcastle Herald Newspaper Competition. The stories reflected some of the interesting things that take place at Ashtonfield P.S. everyday of the school year.

From the breeding of chickens to the recycling of waste in the worm farm and some of the events have taken place at school this year.

The advertisements that were created for the Newcastle Permanent Building Society were of a high quality and it was extremely hard to choose the best three entries to send off to the Building Society to decide which one to place in the newspaper.

The design elements that Maisie - Kate chose in her entry were excellent and helped it be chosen by the building society. The cartoon entries which had to complement the editorial were also of an extremely high standard with Caitlin’s chosen from many great entries.

I hope all children who participated in the creation of the newspaper enjoyed the exercise as the finished product was of a high standard and it is hoped that next year we can give all students the opportunity again to participate. From next week all articles will be displayed in the school Foyer and a limited number of copies of the entry will be available for those people who missed out on receiving their copy of the Newspaper.

Mr Hadley and Miss Mackaway
**Ashtonfield Computer Services**

68 Chisholm Road, Ashtonfield  
Phone: 0466 289390  
New computers  
Repairs & fault finding  
Virus and malware removal  
Network setup and trouble shooting  
Broadband setup and fault finding  
**SPECIALS ONLINE** - New computers under $500

**Hunter Valley Paintball**

Italia Road, Raymond Terrace  
Great idea for birthdays, social clubs & team building  
Gift vouchers available  
All players must be 16 years +  
PHONE: 4934 2212

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**Kyäni**

Looking to improve your health & wellbeing or a new and unique business opportunity in pre-launch within Australia?

Kyäni can be the key to both!

Join us for a FREE information night at Shamrock Multipurpose Centre  
19 Galway Bay Drive, Ashtonfield  
Thursday 20th & 27th August 2015  
6:30 - 8:00pm  
**Private Presentations available**  
Mobile 0403 594 673

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**CarCamsAustralia**

www.carcamsoz.com.au  
info@carcamsoz.com.au  
0439 139 708  
Vehicle DVRs  
Reversing Sensors  
Mirror DVRs  
Reversing Monitors  
Mention this ad & receive a 5% discount

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**Try Softball**

Season begins October 10, 2015  
Juniors: U10 T-Ball, U12, U15, U18  
Seniors: Men & Women  
1st, 2nd & 3rd grades  
SAME PLACE EVERY WEEK  
Stevenson Park, Industrial Drive, Mayfield West  
For information:  
secretary@nda.org.au; www.ndsa.org.au

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

At Michel's Patisserie Pender Place

Customise a cake for someone special by choosing your size, sponge flavour, chocolate sides, coloured ribbon and finish it with one of nine delicious toppings!

...and enter the draw to Win a trip for two to Paris!
Registration Nights

are at Metford Recreational Reserve, Schanck Drive, Metford

Registration is on the following dates:

Tuesday Aug 25th 2015 5:30pm-7:00pm
Tuesday Sept 1st 2015 5:30pm-7:00pm
Tuesday Sept 8th 2015 5:30pm-7:00pm

Register Online prior to attending a Rego night
(This is the preferred method of registration as it saves time and money)
Cost: $75 for Tiny Tots & $85 for all other age groups.
Bring child’s birth certificate or proof of age.
(Note: an extra $5 will be charged for each manual entry*)

*There will be a Laptop available on Rego Nights to complete Online Registration if you do not have access to the Internet at no extra cost.

Season will commence on
Tuesday 15th September 2015 6:00pm
Registration are to be done online at:
http://www.emalac.org.au/
Facebook
www.facebook.com/eastmaitlandlittleathletics
For more detail contact

0408 013629 Megan Price
Secretary
0409322225 Aaron De Friskbom
Registrar
0449 255491 Nathan Whyte
President
Spring Vacation Care
Maitland Baptist Church Child Care Inc.
ABN 94 288 377 301
PROVIDER APPROVAL NUMBER: PR-00007689
Ph 49391840 83 - 85 Weeblands St Rutherford 2320 Fax 4939 1849

21st September—2nd October - Ashtonfield, Metford, Rutherford & Thornton Centres Open
Open 6.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday

Quality care for Children 5-12 years, who attend infants or primary school.
Organised activities such as Craft, Sports, Indoor & Outdoor Games, Movies and Excursions.
“Child Care Benefit (CCB)” and Child Care Rebate (CCR) is available pending eligibility

Full fees will apply until CCB and/or CCR is authorised by “Dept of Human Services” (adjustments will then be made)

4 convenient locations - Rutherford, Thornton, Metford and Ashtonfield.
Daily fees after CCB range from $5.24 (1 child with 100% CCB) to $46.00 per child
Plus excursion fee if applicable. Fees to be paid on first day of care each week.

Bookings can be made at our centers and Main office from

Monday 24th August 2015

Sorry no phone/fax or email bookings (Original Booking Forms only)

Please note: Bookings are essential and 5 FULL WORKING DAYS (Working Days are Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm excluding Public Holidays) written notice must be given to book out or else full fees will be charged.

Supported by Community Services, Department of Family and Community Services NSW
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