Dear Parents and Carers,

**KINDERGARTEN PHOTOS** These went home today. We would like to thank MSP for this lovely gesture. It is a wonderful memento for the children who start with us at the beginning of Kindergarten.

**CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING** A reminder that we have another Child Protection Training for parents/carers wishing to work with our children in areas such as sport, classroom, excursions etc. on Tuesday, 15th March at 2:30 p.m. If you have done the training don’t forget you do need to update your “Working With Children Form” at the office for this year. If you have had the Voluntary “Working With Children Check” through the RMS as this lasts 5 years (and is free) can you please bring that to the office so we can keep a photocopy.

**KINDERGARTEN** We are over halfway through the term. How quickly it flies. As of Monday we are asking that parents leave the assembly area as soon as the second morning bell goes. We find this helps kindergarten students settle quickly. If your child is still upset of a morning and the class teacher is not accessible please ask the teacher on duty to hold your child’s hand until their class teacher is available. You may not think that this is important for your child but as a group all kindergarten need the opportunity to have this independency.

**AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP** If you are picking your child up from inside the front gate you can please wait on the paved area (Y6 quad) as the younger classes, bus lines, bike lines and teachers are finding it difficult to move along the walkways. Please also remember after 3 p.m. the COLA is an OOSH play area.

**FUNKY HAIR DAY—TOMORROW—FRIDAY, 11TH MARCH**

Make your hair as wild and wacky as you can and bring your $2 coin. Get that funky look by using hair ties, ribbons, hair spray, gel, mousse or colour. Mrs Woolfe will be having her hair shaved off on the day and she wants you to support her in her craziness! Mrs Woolfe is aiming to raise $560 which will be enough money to give a regional family a free place to stay close to treatment in the city for one week.

Let’s make sure that her shave is really worthwhile. So please sponsor her by:

1. Going online to “World’s Greatest Shave”, click on “sponsor”, click on “support a shaver”. Then type in first name “Kerrie” and last name “Woolfe” (make sure you have 2 o’s in Woolfe!). Mrs Woolfe’s name may be down the list a bit. Click on her name and her sponsor page will open. Click on the “blue” sponsor piece. You can then choose the amount or add your own amount. It is that easy!

   *Remember that any family or teacher who sponsors Mrs Woolfe online will go into the draw to assist with the first stripe of the shave.*

2. Join in on the day with your funky hair and your $2.00 donation.

**SPORTS ASSEMBLY** will be held next Monday, 14th March at 2pm. This will be held instead of our normal weekly assembly. Swimming carnival ribbons will be awarded to students who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd overall in an event (not in a heat).

**YEAR 4 SYDNEY OVERNIGHT EXCURSION** note and deposit must be returned by next Thursday, 17th March. Numbers must be confirmed with the accommodation venue by this date. If we do not receive further interest from students the camp may be cancelled.

Have a successful week, Narelle and Staff.
‘EGGS’HIBITION—THURSDAY, 24th MARCH. All students are invited to decorate a 3D or 2D egg shape for our Easter ‘Eggs’hibition. ‘Eggs’ampes include an ‘eggs’terrestrial creature, an ‘eggs’citing ‘eggs’periment, or something ‘eggs’tra special. Students are encouraged to be creative and resourceful, using any materials you may have at home. PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT USE REAL EGGS, CHOCOLATES OR EGG CARTONS IN YOUR DISPLAY. Students may bring their completed egg to their classroom before Thursday, 24th March, or directly to the hall before school on the morning of the ‘Eggs’hibition. Parents are invited to view the ‘Eggs’hibition under the COLA from 11.15am on Thursday, 24th March, followed by a picnic lunch with your children.

KINDERGARTEN GRANDPARENTS MORNING—THURSDAY, 24th MARCH. Kindergarten grandparents are welcome to visit our school on Thursday, 24th March for the following activities:
9.30am—visit your grandchild’s classroom and help with craft activities.
Followed by morning tea in the hall with a special performance from Kindergarten students.
Grandparents are then welcome to stay for the Easter ‘Eggs’hibition and a picnic lunch with the students.

BOOK CLUB BROCHURES are available from the table in the school foyer. Orders are due by 3pm on Thursday, 17th March. A reminder that all orders must be paid online in the following way:
- www.scholastic.com.au
- Click on Parent Payments (at top of the screen)
- Complete credit card details
- You will be given a receipt number. Please write your receipt number on your scholastic order form.
- Please return your order form to the box in the school foyer with your child’s name and class at the top of each order.
Please do not send cash as it will be returned to your child.

WHOOPING COUGH has been reported at our school. Symptoms include a runny nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts and may include vomiting and a whooping sound. Children with whooping cough must be kept at home for the first five days of antibiotics. The child’s class has been advised in writing this week.

YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR HIGH SCHOOL forms have been sent home with all Year 6 students. This form must be completed and returned to our school office by next Friday, 18th March. Even if you intend for your child to attend a non-government high school next year this form must be returned.

CONGRATULATIONS to our basketballers who represented at regional. Mila and Brooke have been chosen to represent the Hunter Region at the up coming state carnival in Tamworth. Well done girls.

UNI NSW ICAS TESTS Students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in the following Uni of NSW tests. Should you wish your child to sit any of the Uni of NSW tests please complete the form below and return it to the school office by Thursday, 24th March, 2016. Students will sit for these exams at school. Please check the dates for testing below to ensure your child will be at school on those dates.

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- [ ] Science (Yr 3-6) 31st May, 2016 $8.00 | $ |
- [ ] Writing (Yr 3-6) 13th June—17th June $17.00 | $ |
- [ ] Spelling (Yr 3-6) 15th June, 2016 $11.00 | $ |
- [ ] English (Yr 3-6) 2nd August, 2016 $8.00 | $ |
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Total: $ | $ |

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**Uniform Shop News**

Winter Uniform orders are due by next Thursday, 17th March. This will be our only winter order so please ensure you order all your requirements. There are no late orders.

As always payments can be made with cash, cheque (made payable to Ashtonfield PS P&C) or Eftpos in the Uniform Shop during opening hours only.

We are offering online payments for the Winter order only. Go to Paypal.com and use our email address: apspandc@hotmail.com for more information.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE WINTER UNIFORM ORDER CANNOT BE PAID VIA THE SCHOOL WEBSITE—CASH, CHEQUE, EFTPOS OR PAYPAL ONLY.**

After absorbing cost increases for a few years, the P&C has had to raise the prices of a few items. The new updated price list is available online or at the Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop is now open **Tuesdays**, 8.30am—9am and 2.30pm—3pm and **Thursdays**, 8.30am—9am. We are pleased to advise that EFTPOS facilities are now available at the Uniform shop ONLY.

**Uniform Focus—Week 8**

**Boys’ proper school shirt**

will be the uniform focus next week. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Thank you for your co-operation.
Class Awards

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Canteen News

The canteen is open every Monday and Tuesday. However, this will depend on the number of volunteers available. If you are able to assist please contact Tracy on 0411 184 571.

P&C News

Easter raffle ......Fundraiser for APS

We require donations of Easter eggs or perhaps a book, toy or DVD to be handed in to the office by Friday, 18th March, 2016.

NO MATTER HOW BIG or SMALL!! The more donations we have – the more draws we can have!!
**EASTER 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 Friday, 18th March, 2016. Drawn on Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016.*

$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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You’re invited:

**Kindy Patch Ashtonfield class of 2015 Preschool Reunion**

We would love for you to join us for a special afternoon tea. This is to celebrate your first term in Kindergarten. You will have the opportunity to reconnect with your preschool friends and teachers, as well this is a great way to tell us about all of your favourite things at school.

Afternoon tea will be provided between 3pm – 4pm on Thursday 17th March 2016.

RSVP by Thursday 10th March 16 via email ashtonfield@kindypatch.com.au or on 49341934

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**Uniforms for Sale**

- Dry and cozy Maroon Jacket (brand-new still with tags) size 10 ...$30
- Uni sex Maroon V-Neck jumper with school logo size 10.... $10
- Girls long sleeve White peter pan collar shirt 1 X size 8 1X size 4 1X size 6...$10 each
- Girls Maroon Leisure Pants (only worn once) size 8 ...$10
- Girls Teal long pants 3X size 7 ...$15 each
- Chisholm sport top size 12 .... $15
- Chisholm sport top size 8 (a few little marks) .... $10
- Boys white long sleeve polo shirt with school logo size 10....$10
- Girls teal culottes (not worn much) 2X size 8 $15....each
- Girls Maroon skort size 6 and size 12 ...$10
- Girls Maroon dance style tracksuit pants (best for less brand) size 7...$10
- Girls summer dresses all with maroon neck ties size 6 2Xsize 8 2Xsize 10....$20 each
- Girls winter tunic size 6 .... $20
- Girls short sleave white buttoned shirt size 8... $10
- Boys grey shorts 2Xsize 10 1X12 ....$15
- Boys long grey easy fit double knee pants 1Xsize 10 1Xsize 12 ....$15

please call 0410404852
Welcome to our
Ashtonfield Public School

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

National Program
Growing Harvesting Preparing Sharing

NEWSLETTER
Term 1 2016
Week's 5, 6 & 7

The first sessions of our
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
Grow ~ Harvest ~ Prepare ~ Share

started in week 5. We have had the pleasure of 5J as our first class for the year. Every Wednesday a year 5 class will be split in two, with one half going into the garden to maintain and harvest the fruit & vegetables. The other half will spend the morning in the kitchen room preparing & cooking thefortnights menu, where they will sit and enjoy the meal with the whole class. The following week the class will swap, ensuring all students spend equal time in the garden and in the kitchen. Our focus for the first 3 weeks, has been to introduce the class to their kitchen room and garden areas, establishing safe, responsible work and equipment skills. Allowing the students time to familiarise themselves with their surroundings, and to acquire an understanding of the program. 5J has done just that with wonderful enthusiasm, we are looking forward to the next fortnight.

Vegetable of the Fortnigh

Cucumber
A good source of vitamin K, copper, potassium, magnesium, vitamin C, phosphorus, biotin, vitamin B1 & silica.

Quote:
"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread & pumpkin pie."
Jim Davis, ‘Garfield’
This Fortnight’s Menu
Crudités Platter
of Carrot, Celery, Cucumber, Capsicum & Beans
served with Wheat Tortillas,
Hummus and a Beetroot Dip
accompanied by
an ice cold Lemongrassade

Kitchen Garden Room
Vegetables cut for Crudités Platter
Chickpeas ready to mash for Hummus
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**Child Dental Benefits Schedule**

Yes We Bulk Bill!

Families that receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or other eligible government payments can receive 1000 basic dental treatment for children aged 2-17 years.

For eligibility phone Medicare 132 011
For appointments call us today!

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**Go4Fun**

Healthy Kids Program

GoneFun is a healthy kids program for kids aged 5-10. It focuses on healthy eating and exercise.

At Go4Fun kids and parents learn about healthy eating and exercise using fun, up-beat activities and games.

Go4Fun also helps build self-esteem and confidence in an encouraging and supportive environment.

Go4Fun runs after school during the school term for 10 sessions.

**Activities at Go4Fun**

Games & Fun Activities being an active family learning different foods & ingredients understanding food feelings and triggers being a food detective at the supermarket tour.

**Parents & Kids Together**

Nutrition & Mind Theory Session

Parents do: Nutrition & Family Lifestyle Chat Sessions

Kids do: Fun Exercise & Games Sessions

Health Hunter New England Local Health District

Register on 1800 780 900
Or go4fun.com.au

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Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter? Contact the school office for details.
Mother's Day
High Tea

THANK YOU MUM FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.
The staff would like to invite all the mums and grandmas from our school community to a very special High Tea.

Time: 2-4 PM
Hall, Ashtonfield Public School
CHAT, LAUGH & PLAY.
(bring along some gold coins to join in games, raffles and FUN)
THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING SPONSOR

WWW.VINTAGECHINAHIRE.COM.AU

There will be no cost for this afternoon tea, however, for catering, you must RSVP to receive a ticket by 30th April. The first 50 returned will receive an additional lucky door prize ticket.

I will be attending the High Tea
Name: ___________________ Phone: ___________________
Guest: ___________________