



Ashby Primary School

Newsletter

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CROSS COUNTRY

“Screams of excitement filled the air at Fyansford as the Ashby Cross Country commenced. The crowds were going crazy, like a lion on its first day out of the cage. Last Thursday Grades 3-6 participated in the 2016 Ashby Cross Country. Although it was wet and raining everyone gave it their all and made the teachers, houses and fellow peers proud.

Thank you to Mr Dowling and Mrs Santiccion for organising the event, and to the parents for giving up their time to come and watch us run and run and run and maybe walk a little bit. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Slade, parents and Ashby staff for coming and helping on the day.

Well done to the students moving on to the next level, and to everyone who participated”.

By Tori and Lily.



THIS WEEK^(ish)

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Wednesday 16 March

German Club (Prep—Grade 2),
lunchtime in the library.

Western Heights College
Information Session

5:30pm—Information session and
tour. (t: 5277 1177)

Thursday 17 March

Western Heights College
Information Session

9:15am —Information session
followed by school tour. (t: 5277
1177)

Friday 18 March

School Photos (details to follow)

Family Picnic on the Oval
5:00pm—6:30pm

Sunday 20 March

Ashby Sausage Sizzle at WestFEST
(with The Pako Wanderers)

1:00-6:00pm

(cnr Pakington & Autumn Streets)

Monday 21 March

Northern Bay P-12 College
Information Session, 6.30pm,

Goldsworthy Road Campus,

(t: 1300 348 535)

Tuesday 22 March

Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary
College, Year 7 Information

Session, 7:00pm. Hall, Myers St.

(t: 5221 8288)

ASHBY ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to all the Ashby award recipients for last week.



	Prep A	Prep B	1/2 A	1/2B	1/2C	2/3A	3/4A	3/4B	5/6A	5/6B
TERRI	Kaelan	Douglas	Lorenzo	Eljah	Lilly	Nate	Monique	Ethan	Whitney	Ben
WOW	Mabel	Amber	Georgia	Livinia	Bruce	Ed	Josh	Tim	Victoria	Ruby

NETBALL

This Thursday 17 March is the final week of Term 1 netball at Geelong West. There is only one round at 4.15pm.



Message from the Principal



Hi all, what another great week we've had with all grades having now completed **Cross Country**, with the Grades 3-6 running at Fyansford last week, and our Grade Prep to Two children running their little legs off around the school oval this morning. It was great to see all children doing their best. I am sure (and hope for the parents) the little ones will sleep well tonight.

Well done to our four Grade 6 students who are participating in the **Science Program at North Geelong Secondary College**. You'll find an update on the next page.

Information regarding **School Council nominations** will be sent out in the coming days.

Thank you to all parents who recently completed our **Infrastructure Survey**, with a focus on the redevelopment of the junior school oval / play area. We had just under 100 responses, with 91% of all respondents indicating they would support this focus. It was also a very worthwhile activity from the perspective of the written feedback received with a wealth of ideas and input. Again, our focus will be on creating a wonderful new outdoor play space incorporating astro turf, greenery, shade and outdoor games. The next step is to determine interest from possible businesses in terms of quotes for the redevelopment, then look at forming a project committee focussed solely on this initiative.

I am also pleased to advise that I have secured our **first parent course** to be held here at Ashby, with the topic being 'Bringing Up Great Kids'. The six week program will commence on the evening of Tuesday 10 May and run for 6 weeks and is being run by Regional Parenting Service, part of the City of Greater Geelong. Please see over for more information, including booking details.

As mentioned last week, the **Junior School, Council (JSC)** have met and determined they will support The Greatest Shave and Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. Lis Bevan (mother of Archie, Alex and Olly) will be shaving her head for this cause, and it's a great opportunity to jump on board and raise some much needed funds for cancer research. On the last day of term, which is fast approaching, we will hold a **'Crazy Hair Day'** and have been lucky enough to secure some free dance lessons from the Geelong based group, Stomp Troupe. Each grade will have time learning a dance routine during the day and will hold a disco at lunchtime followed by the end of term assembly at 1:30pm, with dismissal at 2:15pm. On this day we will also hold a **sausage sizzle lunch** to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. Order forms for sausages will go home tomorrow. Keep an eye out for the colourful JSC posters around the school.

Don't forget to place **Hot Cross Bun orders**, including payment, by tomorrow. They will be baked onsite and ready for collection on the last day of term. All monies raised will go towards funding the Fresh Fruit Friday initiative of the Friends of Ashby.

Well done to Phil Honey (father of Rory) and his band **King Social** for their awesome effort in getting through to the Finals of Australia's Got Talent. Whilst they were just pipped at the post, I did notice King Social trending in no.1 position on iTunes last night, above many other international singers and bands! Well done Phil and all.

School Photos are taking place this Friday so please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform on the day.

This **Friday is also our Family Picnic** on the front oval from 5:00pm until 6:30pm and I hope as many families can make it as possible. With a coffee van and a slushy van onsite, along with tennis, basketball and tug-o-war for the parents and kids to battle it out, there's something for everyone! Bring your own picnic and picnic rug to enjoy the evening.

And don't forget, if you are around on next Sunday (20 March) and heading to **WestFEST** at West Park (Corner Autumn and Pakington Sts), make sure to stop by the Ashby Primary School sausage sizzle stall, which we are sharing with The Pako Wanderers, and support the school with our fundraising efforts.

Have a great week all,

Meg Bone,
Principal.

SCHOOL PHOTOS THIS WEEK

School photos will be taking place on **Friday 18 March**. Order forms were sent home 2 weeks ago and were required back last week. If you have not returned your completed order, with payment, your child will still have an individual and class photo taken, however, it will cost more to purchase them after the day.



Children must be in full school uniform on the day. If you have any questions, please see Gavin Dowling.



ASHBY BASKETBALL

The Ashby Boys Basketball team is playing in the **semi final this Thursday (17 March) at 5pm** on the Show Court at The Arena.



Well done boys on a great job in getting to the finals! Get on down to support them if you can. Good luck to the boys—and the coach!

ADULT EDUCATION @ ASHBY IN 2016



Presented by **Bringing Up Great Kids**

A fun, interactive six week program for parents of children aged 12 months to 12 yrs which focuses on mindfulness and reflection

"Mindfulness is the awareness that comes from paying attention on purpose, being in the present moment"

Parents will gain a greater understanding of their own parenting styles and how these styles influence their children's behaviour.

The program is divided into six chapters each focussing on particular themes.

- Messages from your past
- Brain development
- Giving and receiving messages
- Messages behind children's behaviour
- Caring for yourself
- Passing on messages



Beginning
Tuesday 10 May

Time
7.00pm – 8.00pm

Location
Ashby Primary School
2 Lawton Ave, Geelong West

For Bookings and more information please contact the Regional Parenting Service

Phone
5272 4741

Bringing up Great Kids is a parenting program devised by the Australian Childhood Foundation, which aims to promote positive parent/child relationships.

www.geelongaustralia.com.au

ASHBY'S EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

As a part of **Ashby's Emergency Evacuation Procedures** we need to know where **everyone** is in the school, including **visitors, at all times**. Please have a look at this part of our Visitor Policy, to ensure this happens;

- Visitors are defined as all people who seek to enter Ashby Primary School *other than* staff members, students, parents/guardians involved in the task of delivering or collecting children during school hours (including at the start and end of the school day), parents/guardians attending school assemblies, and parents/guardians who have been invited by Ashby Primary School to attend an event (such as a classroom presentation or morning tea) during school hours.

- **All visitors during school hours** are required to **report to the administration office** prior to undertaking any activity within the school, where they are to **sign a Visitors book** to record the visitor's name, signature, date, time and purpose of visit.

- Visitors are required to report to the administration office at **the end of their visit** to return their badge and to **sign out**.

NEED TO UPDATE YOUR DETAILS?

Please let the office know if your contact details (address, email, mobile etc) have changed, in case we need to contact you urgently.

SCIENCE PROGRAM

"What happens when you insert the electrode into the fruit?" These are the kind of fascinating questions being examined at North Geelong Secondary College and that's quite a mouthful isn't it! Four lucky students Sascha, Max, Zac and Aiden have been chosen for the Bronze Crest Awards by the CSIRO Advanced Science Program and that's also quite a mouthful isn't it. The main task that we have is to come up with a project of our choice, and then write a report about it. We have been going there every Tuesday so far and it has been lots of fun. We have also been using a lot of specialised tech such as microscopes, voltmeters and ph paper. It has been awesome to explore questions from a scientific perspective.



GEELONG CAREERS AND EDUCATION

Make sure to keep an eye out in the Geelong Education Supplement "Geelong Careers and Education" (Issue 11, March 2016) being distributed around the region. It contains information on many of the schools in the region, including information on secondary school open days. You'll even see Ashby Primary School amongst the pages.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

In providing for our children who participate in the After School Care Program with a variety of activities, both indoors and outdoors, we'd like to advise you of the outdoor areas the After School Care Program will be using from now until the end of Term 1 as listed here:

Tuesday 15 March:	Junior Playground
Wednesday 16 March:	Sand Pit Castles
Thursday 17 March:	Senior Playground
Friday 18 March:	Junior Playground
Monday 21 March:	Sand Pit Castles
Tuesday 22 March:	Junior Playground
Wednesday 23 March:	Senior Playground
Thursday 24 March:	Junior Playground

We would ask these areas be solely available for the After School Care children, with other parents and children who are enjoying the school grounds after school concludes, being mindful of this. Thank you.

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

A reminder to all parents not to park in the "NO STANDING" zone near the large waste bin (in Waratah Street) as parents have recently been fined for parking here.



Friends of Ashby 2016

Supporting the Ashby community through volunteer activities, social event and small fundraising activities. Visit the [FOA](#) Facebook page to stay in touch with what's happening in your school.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Last Friday (12 March) saw the FoA hold their AGM, with the following positions being elected for the next 12 months.

President: Fiona Seal Secretary: Kathleen Riches

Nominations are being sought for the position of Treasurer. If you would like to nominate for this position, please see Fiona or Kathleen. More information on the AGM will be provided next week.

SCHOOL BANKING

A number of school bankers are forgetting to fill in their deposit books - slips and stubs - correctly. If these are not filled in correctly the School Banking Coordinators may not have time to process your deposit. Please refer to the School Banking information and FAQs on the school website if you need further information.



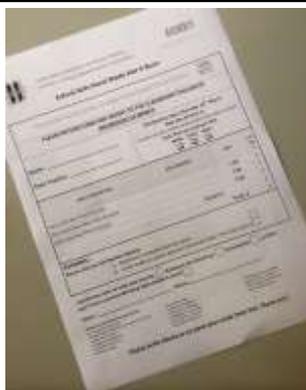
FRESH HOT CROSS BUNS: ORDERS DUE TOMORROW

Help fund Fresh Fruit Friday.

Forms have been distributed to order packs of Hots Cross Buns to be made here at school! Fruit and Choc Chip will be \$7 a pack and Plain will be \$6 a pack.

Make sure to **get your order in by tomorrow (Wednesday 16**

March), with hot cross buns to be distributed on Thursday 24 March (last day of Term 1) at the cake stall to be held after school. All proceeds will go to funding the Friends of Ashby Fresh Fruit Friday initiative.



HEADLICE CHECKS

Whole-school head lice checks were conducted last week, with a number of cases being found, particularly in the younger classes. This humid weather makes head lice very happy, so please continue to check your children's hair at least once a week and treat as necessary.

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TERM 1 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 22 | Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College Year 7 Information Session, 7:00pm. Hall, Myers St. t: 5221 8288 |
| 23 | Stingrays Schools & Community Program (free) - Grades 3-6. At school.

German Club (Prep—Grade 2), lunchtime in the library.

North Geelong Secondary College Information Session, 6:00pm (t: 5240 5800)

School Council AGM |
| 24 | Last Day of Term 1

Crazy Hair Day / Hip Hop Dance Lessons / Sausage Sizzle / Hot Cross Bun distribution after school.

End of term assembly at 1:30pm. Dismissal at 2:15pm |

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| 11 | First Day of Term 2 |
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SCHOOL COUNCIL

If you have anything you'd like to discuss with the School Council, please feel free to contact schoolcouncil@ashbyps.vic.edu.au
Emails be forward to the relevant subcommittee Convener/Chair.