The Rainbow Serpent painted on the Primary quadrangle by Aboriginal artist, Mr Dennis Pitt, and assisted by Primary students to celebrate NAIDOC Week.
Changes to Food Technology, Middle School and Hospitality Cooking Fees for 2014

Due to administration and purchasing requirements in Food Technology, Middle School, Technology and Hospitality, cooking fees will be required to be paid in advance, each term.

A discount will be offered if this fee is paid by Week 2 of each term. Fees must be set at a fixed rate as ingredients need to be purchased in advance.

With changes in the purchasing requirements of DEC, it will be necessary to bulk buy ingredients. These subjects are elective subjects and students are required to pay for the ingredients that are used. The fees for next year will be as follows:

**Middle School**
- Fee: $20.00
- Discount if paid by Week 2: $18.00

Students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 will only have one payment for the year.

**Technology**
- Fee: $20.00
- Discount if paid by Week 2: $18.00

Students in Year 7 Technology will be cooking in their Healthy Snack Unit.

**Year 9/10 Food Technology**
- Fee: $25.00 per term
- Discount if paid by Week 2 of each term: $22.50

**Year 11/12 Hospitality**
- Fee: $30.00 per term
- Discount if paid by Week 2 of each term: $27.00

**Uniform hire:** $30.00

*Students not paying the Cooking Fee will have to bring their own ingredients.*
School Attendance

Regular school attendance is important for your child to reach his/her full potential. Did you know that, if your child misses 10 minutes a day that equals 50 minutes per week and, over 13 years of schooling, that’s nearly half a year? A day a fortnight equates to 1.5 years over your child’s education which equates to finishing in Year 11.

Absences need to be explained within 7 days of your child being away from school after which the absence is unjustified. Justified absences may include being too sick to be at school, infectious illness, being required to attend an exceptional family circumstance eg a funeral or having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment.

What if my child has to be away from school?
If your child has to be absent from school, you must provide a reason for your child’s absence. Absences can be explained by:

- sending a note to the school
- contacting the school via electronic means eg text message or email
- calling the school or visiting the school.

The Principal has the right to question an explanation given for a child’s absence.

Did you know absences for reasons such as: shopping, sleeping in, working around the house, your birthday, hair cuts, running late or minding younger siblings and other children will be not be accepted as an explained absence?

Arrival on time:
Did you know that, if your child is missing 20 minutes per day, that equals 1hr 40mins per week which is over 2.5 weeks per year and, over 13 years of schooling, that’s nearly a year?

Arriving at school and class on time:

- ensures that students don’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when the students are most alert
- helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives your child time with friends before class
- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

The compulsory years of schooling
In NSW, all children from six years are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling with the Board of Studies. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students have the following options:

- full time further education eg TAFE, a traineeship or an apprenticeship
- full time paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week or
- a combination of the above.

Children are expected to attend all school activities on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

- develop skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships.

Did you know?
If your child is missing 2 days per week that equals 80 days per year and, over 13 years of schooling, that’s over 5 years which equals finishing in Year 7.

Jane Hunter
District Home School Liaison Officer
Found

One Silver ring.
Please call at the school office to claim or call 67254101.

School Dates
1st August - School Tree Day
1st August - UNE Agrifood Day
4th - 8th August - Year 10 Work Experience
4th - 8th August - Prelim Metals/ engineering and Hospitality Work Placement
4th - 15th August - HSC Trials
14th August - Principal’s Assembly

PRIMARY NEWS

SCHOOL TREE DAY
School Tree Day will be held on Friday, 1st August, Week 3. Our Infants and Primary students will once again be rallying together to beautify and maintain our school gardens.

Students are requested to bring a bucket, if possible. Garden gloves will be provided for Infants but there will only be a limited supply for Primary students, so it would be appreciated if they could bring their own. Primary students can also bring their own small trowels.

FRIDAY SPORT
WILL PARENTS PLEASE ENSURE THAT STUDENTS WEAR JOGGERS TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAYS.

NSW PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE 2014
Students have now been taking up the Premier’s Sporting Challenge for just over 2 weeks, with some great results. The competition is on between Years 3&4 and Years 5&6 with many students reaching Diamond level last week. That means that they have been participating in physical activity for 80 minutes a day or 560 minutes a week! Well done to all students who are having a go and being more active than usual. Keep it up – we have 8 more weeks to go!

Through participation and the successful completion of the program, the school receives funding grants to purchase sport equipment which benefits the students at our school. Each student who completes the challenge will receive a certificate as well as the class that achieves the highest award.
You know your children are growing up when they stop asking you where they came from and refuse to tell you where they’re going.

**Ashford Bushfire Brigade**

Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 13th August, 2014, 7.30pm** at the fire station.

All members are asked to attend.

**Bun Bun Playgroup**

Ashford Bun Bun Playgroup is a supported playgroup for parents/ grandparents/ carers with children age 0-5 years. It is held every Wednesday (except school holidays) between 10am and 12.30pm at the Ashford Memorial Hall.

It is free to attend and brunch is provided. For further details call Ashley on 67224351 or like us on Facebook. All welcome.

**Ashford Presbyterian Church**

Pastor: Trevor Ewart
Sunday Service - 9.00am
Bible Study - 9.30am Wednesday at the Manse.
All welcome. Stay for a cuppa and a chat.
Email: trevorewart@activ8.net.au
Phone 67258761
mobile 0448876161.

**Ashford Roosters’ RLFC General Meeting**

The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held on **MONDAY, 4th August, 2014, 6.30pm**.

The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

**ASHFORD GOLF CLUB**

3rd August - Stroke — Texas Open $20 per player
Tee off between 8.00 - 9.30
10th August - Stroke — Glen Innes 4BBB
Sat 16th August - State of Origin Ashford
17th August - Stroke
24th August - 2nd round Matchplay
30th August - State of Origin Texas
31st August - Stroke — Deepwater 4BBB
7th Sept - Stroke
13th Sept - Ashford Open Mixed
14th Sept - Ashford Open
21st Sept - 3rd round matchplay
ASHFORD MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB
FRIDAY, 1st August, 2014.
Lucky Member’s Draw $400 drawn 8.30pm
Progressive Members’ Draw starts 7.15pm @
$20. If not won increases by $10.00 every 15 minutes till
8.00pm.
    Meat tray raffles starting at 6.30pm.
    Saturday, 2nd August, Euchre 2.00pm start
Social Bowls: Wednesday & Sunday, 2.00pm start

CATERING ON FRIDAY NIGHT
6.00–8.00pm • Bookings desirable.
Phone 67254202
Catering available on alternative days for private

THE LIONS’ CORNER

Our Lions’ meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of
the month at the Bowling Club 6.30pm for
7.00pm start. Our next meeting is the AGM to be
held in August, 2014.
Please don’t forget we are still collecting stamps
and ring pulls. You can leave them at the RTC
for collection.

LEOS

Our meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 14th
August, 2014** in the Science Room at lunch
time. Please try to attend. Leos please remind
each other to come to the meeting.

BINGO

Held at the Bowling Club, on the first Wednes-
day of the month. STARTING TIME: 1.00 pm.
Our next day is Wednesday, 6th August, 2014.
Come along and have FUN with us as we all had
a fantastic time last month. Cost of the books is
$5.00 each and jackpot tickets are $2.00 each.
Our jackpot is up to $80.00. Starting time eyes
down at 1.00 pm. Hope to see you there. Try and
bring a friend along if you can.
Thank you to my loyal players who come along
each month.

MINI - LOTTO

Winning numbers for the 18/7/2014 are: 2, 5, 6,
9, 18, 20.
JACKPOT is $7,189.00. Lucky dollars. Be nice
to take it home wouldn't it?

LIONS’ CHANGE OVER

PLEASE NOTE: The Lions’ Changeover is
now going to be held on the 2nd AUGUST,
2014. We have had to change the date due to un-
foreseen circumstances. It is still being held at
the Ashford Bowling Club 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
dinner. If you are interested in coming along for
the night, please leave your name at the club for
catering numbers. We will be awarding our Sen-
or Citizen of The Year so come along and see
who the deserving person is.
That’s all from the DEN.
Lion Helen Hilton
Roosters’ Big Win

The Ashford Roosters’ first grade team recorded a big win against the Uralla Tigers at Ashford on Saturday, July 26th. The Roosters won 48-8 to record their first win of the 2014 competition.

Their previous best result was a 24 - 24 draw against Armidale.

The Roosters were by far the better team in this game and thoroughly deserved their victory. They led 20-4 at half time and went on to win comfortably with a great second half.

The Ashford boys scored 10 tries and, with a little more accuracy with the goal kicking, the score could have been much higher.

Best players for Ashford were Tony Toleafoa, Steven Akhurst, Buster Chard and Corey Baker, but it was a real team effort. It shows how competitive this team could be if we field our best team each week.

The Ashford reserve grade team had a very narrow loss, going down 24-22 in a hard fought contest. New recruit Robert Murphy had an outstanding game. Others to play well were Trent Brady and Blake Krauss.

In the biggest upset of the day the Ashford League Tag girls had a big win against the competition leading Uralla girls. They won 24-10 and the Ashford girls simply out played their well credentialed opposition.

The loss was only the second time Uralla has lost in the last two years and their first loss with their full team. The Ashford girls have shown themselves to be real premiership contenders if they continue with their full strength team.

The Roosters play Goondiwindi at Goondiwindi this SUNDAY 3/8/14. A bus will leave the Tatts Hotel in Inverell at 7.30am and the Ashford Bowling Club at 8.15am. The League Tag girls kick off at 11.00am, Reserve Grade at 12.00 noon and First Grade 1.30pm.

The cost of the bus is: Primary students - Free. Secondary age students $7.50 and Over 18s $15.00.

Ashford play the Inverell Hawks at Ashford on Saturday, 9th August, 2014. This game is being sponsored by the Federal Government drought assistance package. There will be free admission to the game. A free BBQ will be available. A jumping castle for children will also be at the ground.

The Ashford Roosters are inviting all ex-players to the game as part of their old-boys day. Ex-players, get to the game and see how the club is going. It is our last home game of the season.

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Ashford Community
Women’s Health nurse Tracey Griffin will be at Ashford Community Health 11th August. Please phone Patsy 67262030 for appointments.
Jodi Lennon RN Ashford Community Health

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Ashford Roosters Team Up For Drought Support

For their final home game on the 9th August, the Ashford Roosters have partnered with a number of community organisations to deliver drought support and assistance to their community.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement earlier this year, a number of measures to assist drought affected communities have commenced. Organisations: The Ascent Group, The Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW and Anglicare Northern Inland have been working together in the Inverell area to design and sponsor community events as part of the Australian Government’s drought assistance package.

Mick Lewis from the Ashford Roosters said that when the Club heard about the initiative and its aims, they couldn't help but get involved to ensure that the Ashford community had access to this opportunity.

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing and of the supports and services available to the community while providing a chance for people to get out, socialise and have a good time.

Peter Westbrook, CEO of the Armidale-based Ascent Group, believes that the event is an example of communities embracing the initiative and deciding for themselves how it should be delivered.

The game at Ashford Sports Ground on 9th August will feature free admission, a bbq and activities for children. The drought support services will be on hand during the course of the day and afterwards the event will continue until late with live music and a light supper at the Ashford

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**ASHFORD RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE**

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Ashford Bowling Club 6pm

*Please contact the RTC on 67254455 for bookings and/or information.

#Please contact the Inverell Vet Clinic for bookings on 67210266