**EDUCATION WEEK**

Ashford Central School celebrated Education Week last week. As part of the celebrations, about 30 staff, students, parents and community members attended the Sapphire City Community of Schools’ Education Week function at the Riverside Restaurant in Inverell.

Ten schools in the Sapphire Community of Schools - Ashford, Bundarra, Inverell High, Macintyre High, Inverell Public, Ross Hill, Gum Flat, Delungra, Tingha and Gilgai were all present at the awards. Awards were presented in the following categories: Outstanding student achievement award, outstanding contribution to a school by a community member, outstanding contribution to a school by a member of the school community and outstanding contribution to the school by a staff member.

Ashford Central School recipients were:

Katie Pintus - is a Year 12 student at Ashford Central School and has attended our school since Kindergarten. She is completing a challenging selection of academically demanding subjects for her HSC this year and plans to go to university next year. Katie was our school captain in 2013 and she is an outstanding student at our school.

The Ashford Showground Trust - has made their excellent facilities available to the school since 1995. The venue has hosted the school cross country, primary district cross country and combined primary and secondary cross countries over those years. Margaret Mell, who is the Trust Treasurer, accepted the award. Thank you to the Trust for their contribution to Public Education at Ashford.

David Henderson - has worked at Ashford Central School for 18 years. He is now 2IC in the office of the school. He gives excellent service to the school, producing our community newsletter each week in addition to his normal administrative duties. His technology expertise is essential to the running of the school and his handyman skills are frequently used. Dave has also assisted the school as a bus driver on numerous excursions and sporting events. Dave, thank you for your outstanding contribution to the school.

Lela Pordage - has had 17 years of teaching experience across the north west of the state. For eight of those years she has taught at Ashford Central school. Lee is very dedicated and conscientious in her approach to her teaching. Her programs are very professional, relevant and cater to the needs of all her students.

Lee has taken on the challenge of organising and teaching new courses. She has been very important in our transition from Distance Education to local delivery. She is generous in her support and assistance to her fellow teachers by sharing her experience and ideas. Lee intends to retire at the end of 2014 and her professionalism, generosity and sense of humour will be greatly missed by staff, students and the community.
Education Award recipients: Margaret Mell (Showground Trust) Mrs Lela Pordage (Teacher Award) Mr Michael Lewis (Principal) Katie Pintus (Student Award) David Henderson (School Community Award). Congratulations to all recipients.

Left: School Captains: Bethany Cook and Dean Bentley were present at the Awards Night.

School Dates
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 SPORT

GYMNASTICS
On Monday, 28 July, Rachael Krauss participated in the North West PSSA Gymnastics Gala Day. Rachael entered the Level 1 Junior Prep. events and came fifth overall out of 13 participants with a total score of 54.05 out of 60 points. Her individual results were:

- 6th on floor with 13.2 out of 15 points
- 5th on bars with 13.45 out of 15 points
- 4th on beam with 13.4 out of 15 points
- 4th on vault with 14.0 out of 15 points.

15 schools took part on the day with 76 gymnasts, boys and girls, participating.

Congratulations Rachael on your great effort and fantastic results!

ZONE ATHLETICS
Twelve students have been selected to participate in the Zone Athletics in Inverell on Friday, 8 August. They are: Storm Lavender, Kyasia Sunderland, Brittany Schneider, Hannah Drady, Charlotte Thompson, Maddison Morgan, Katie Archer, Ryley Batterbury, Geoffreym McCosker, Lukhye Vale, Joe Luckett and Rory Nenadic. Unfortunately, qualifying distances are now stipulated in the field events, so some of our students missed out on selection even though they came first at the school carnival. Good luck to all the athletes who will be going.

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

SCHOOL TREE DAY
It was great seeing so many enthusiastic students arriving at school last Friday with their buckets, small trowels and garden gloves in readiness for School Tree Day. Infants did a fantastic job cleaning out the garden which was full of rubbish and piles of leaves. They then scattered manure in the garden beds, providing much needed nutrients for our plants. Now all we need is the rain!

The primary students were split into groups with the Years 3&4 students planting more grass and topping up the front garden with manure and bark chip.

The Years 5&6 students set to work beautifying the BBQ area and planted a Tecreum hedge and filled in the area with bark chip.

Thanks to all the fabulous helpers who stayed after school to finish up. Unfortunately, over the week-end the garden was vandalised by someone pulling out 9 of the plants which is very disheartening for the kids.
**Thought For The Week**

Some people hear voices.
Some see invisible people.
Others have no imagination whatsoever.

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**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.

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**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.

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**Ashford Roosters’ RLFC**

General Meeting

The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held on **MONDAY, 1st September, 2014 at 6.30pm.**
The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

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**ASHFORD GOLF CLUB**

10th August - Stroke Glen Innes 4BBB
12th August - Monthly Meeting 6.30pm at the Club.
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

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**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.

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ASHFORD MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB
FRIDAY, 8th August, 2014.
Lucky Member’s Draw $420 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, 9th 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 functions. Minimum 20 people. Bookings essential.

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, 13th 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 Wednesday 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 funtastic 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 1/8/2014 are: 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 16.
JACKPOT is $7,295.00. Lucky dollars. Be nice to take it home wouldn’t it?

LIONS’ CHANGE OVER
Thank you to all who came to the change over. We had a lovely night and it was a pleasure to see Jodi Lennon become the Citizen of The Year for 2014. Peta Lennon received an award from the Community Challenge Foundation for her effort raising money for Save Sight.
A big cheer for the Ashford Leos who received an award for excellence in our district. They also did a fine job serving up the meal for us on Saturday night. Thanks girls.
That’s all from the DEN. Lion Helen Hilton

LOST
On Saturday, 2nd August, 2014 between Ashford and the Old Coal Mine. One Camouflage Blanket.
Reward offered its return. Phone 67254116.
The Ashford Roosters’ first grade team went very close to recording their first away win of the 2014 season at Goondiwindi on Sunday, 3rd August.

The eventual score of 38-20 was no indication of how close the Roosters came to causing a massive upset. The score was 20-18 in favour of Ashford with just 20 minutes left in the match. A couple of late tries to Goondiwindi eventually got them over the line.

Goondiwindi is still in the running to make the semi-finals and possibly on their home ground they were expected to win this match easily.

Had Ashford been able to field their best team, they would have won comfortably. Seven first graders who beat Uralla the previous week were unavailable or didn’t turn up for the game. This meant Ashford took the field with just 12 fresh players and five players who were backing up from playing a full reserve grade game.

Under the circumstances, it was a great performance from the first grade team. If Ashford could get the same 17 players on the paddock a few weeks in a row, they would be winning many more games. So far this year Ashford has used 42 players in first grade and only three players have played every game this year. This makes it very difficult to develop combinations and confidence in players.

Best for Ashford at Goondiwindi were: Buster Chard, Mark Lewis, Shannon Duroux and Mathew Lewis. The 17 players who took the field for Ashford should be congratulated as they busted themselves trying to overcome the disadvantage of others not attending the game.

The Roosters reserve grade team also went very close to causing an upset, almost beating the Goondiwindi team which is running fourth in the competition on their home ground. They were beaten 22-16. The reserve grade team was also weakened by the non attendance of some first grade players as several players had to play up a grade and a few reserve grade players didn’t bother to turn up. Best for Ashford were: Dylan Morley, Josh Burbury and Peter Lawler.

The Ashford League Tag girls were again the highlight of the day for the Ashford Club. The girls won in impressive fashion by 28-6. The win consolidates the girls’ third position in the competition.

The girls continue to model to the boys how to become winners. They have only used 21 players this year. Nearly all the girls turn up to games and they are committed to their team and their mates. The boys would do well to copy this attitude.

Next weekend, the Ashford Roosters play Inverell at Ashford. This is our last home game for the 2014 season.

The Federal Government will be sponsoring this game as part of the Drought Relief Program. They are providing free admission to all spectators, a free BBQ and a free jumping castle for the children at the ground. After the game, there will be live music and a light supper at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club from 5.30pm, all at no charge.

Everyone is invited to attend the day. The Ashford Roosters are also inviting all ex-players to come to the game for an “Old Boys’ Day.

Ashford Community Health
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

Bonshaw CWA
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

ASHFORD RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE

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WHAT'S ON!

Joblink plus
#Vet
Accountant
Ashford Business Council meeting

Wednesday 27th August
TBA
Thursday 21st August
Wednesday 13th August
Ashford Bowling Club

*Please contact the RTC on 67254455 for bookings and/or information.
#Please contact the Inverell Vet Clinic for bookings on 67210266
Ashford Roosters
Vs
Inverell Hawks

Saturday 9th August
Ashford Sports Ground

11am – U14 League Tag
12pm - Ladies League Tag
1pm – Reserve Grade
2.30pm – First Grade

From 5.30pm at the Ashford Bowling Club
Free finger food and live music till late

This event is part of the Australian Government’s drought assistance package
ASHFORD LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL
25 Albury Street, Ashford NSW 2361
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Email: landcouncil@ashfordlalc.com

ASHFORD LALC CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK

Ashford LALC & the community have celebrated another successful NAIDOC Week.
We kicked off our NAIDOC celebrations with a traditional tool making workshop & BBQ held at the ALALC.
The ALALC invited all school aged students to participate in an Aboriginal Art competition & we had an amazing response from Infants & Primary. The judges Gayle Duncan & Bradley Brown had a tough job picking the following winners:

Infants  1. Leroy Dedula   2. Lexi Martinez
Primary  1. Naomi Istratoaie 2. Lana Howard

Thankyou to all the students who entered their beautiful pictures. Artworks are still on display at the ALALC as part of our Frontier Wars Exhibition, which has information on the Frontier Wars, illustrations, documentaries & books.
We had another successful touch football day, where the ALALC & NSW Police took to the field in a friendly game of touch followed by a BBQ. Full time score was a draw, when referee Jason Luckett decided that nights Origin final would be the decider. Thankfully the ALALC were QLD’ers for the night, and claimed the trophy for 2014.
The ALALC Board Members & Elders celebrated NAIDOC week with a dinner at the club.
The ALALC would like to thank the committee volunteers, ALALC staff, the Lions Club, Jason Luckett, NSW Police, Ashford Central School, Linda Hartley, Target Inverell, Sportspower Inverell, The Dust Jacket Inverell, Premier Store Inverell, Inverell Shire Council & all those who made the NAIDOC celebrations possible.

Dates to remember
5th August 10.30am & every 2nd Tuesday - Adult cooking class
Tuesday’s 4pm-5pm - Youth exercise class
Tuesday’s 5pm-6pm - Adult exercise class