Universities right across Australia are currently announcing their offers of university places for 2015 for students completing their Higher School Certificates in 2014. These so called “early entries” are based on the student’s academic performance during their school careers.

In 2014 Ashford Central School had two students who were aiming to go to university in 2015. Both have been offered a place at their preferred university and, in Katie Pintus’ case, she has received multiple offers from a number of universities and she now needs to make a choice.

Brylon Benson has been offered a place at Macquarie University in Sydney to study for a Bachelor of Information Technology - Game Design.

Katie Pintus has been offered the following places and she needs to choose which one she prefers.

The University of New England, Armidale - Bachelor of Education Secondary, Bachelor of Arts. Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Media and Communications, Bachelor of Education K-12 Teaching.

Southern Cross University, Lismore - Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts.

It is quite possible both these students may receive further offers at other universities in coming weeks.

Since our seniors’ program commenced in 2002 Ashford Central School has never had a student who was aiming to go to university not gain a place at university. If you stay with Ashford, we will get you there!
Ashford Central School Plan

At the moment I am developing a School Management Plan for the period 2015 - 2017. The new process requires me to consult with parents, students and community members and include their wishes in the plan. I have always had a School Management Plan based on the feedback provided by staff, P&C and executive but the Department of Education and Communities is seeking wider consultation.

To this end I will be sending home a survey to each family which has a student enrolled in the school and ask them to complete the survey and return it to the school by December 12, 2014. The survey is relatively simple and shouldn’t take long to complete. This will give every family an opportunity to provide suggested directions for the school’s future.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the students who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. This is a great effort, with students in K-2 required to read 30 books and students in Years 3-6 needing to read 20 books. A number of students this year received a gold award as they have completed the challenge for 4 years in a row. Well done to all the students who participated.
Ashford School Canteen

The Ashford School Canteen has been working towards accreditation under the NSW Health Good for Kids program. Based on the menu that was available at the beginning of Term 3, 2014 the canteen reached a 60% amber, 40% green rating.

With the new menu that will apply from Term 4, 2014, the canteen has reached the goal of 50% amber, 50% green, 0% red and 0% banned items.

Congratulations to Denise, our canteen manager.

One of the big “no-no’s” in school canteens is soft drinks. I am aware some parents are very happy to have their children drink soft drinks but they are no longer available at the school canteen. I ask all parents not to bring soft drinks to school to give to their children. The school is setting the right example and the P&C and the school ask that this standard be respected.

If you want your child to drink soft drink, then supply it to them after school hours. I would ask you to consider the following information supplied by Doctor Alison Knight, a world renowned expert on child nutrition.

- One soft drink per day has been shown to increase aggression in children (study of over 3,000 5 year olds).
- Rate of aggression increases with drinks consumed.
- Hyperactivity - cannot sit still
- Impulsivity - Uncontrollable, calling out.
- Inattention - cannot focus and concentrate.
- Artificial colouring and additives have been shown to make these worse.

You may not notice these effects at home, but the teachers do at school, particularly with students who drink a lot of soft drink.

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School Dates

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**2015**

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<td>School resumes for Yrs 1-12.</td>
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Parents / Carers

Years 9 and 11 students are asked to pay their 2015 jersey fees by Friday, 5th December, 2014 so they can be ordered, paid for and ready for the students to accept by day 1, Term1, 2015.

Year 9, who fund raised, will be subsidised and required to pay $40.00 whilst Year 11 are required to pay the full amount of $65.00.

Your assistance in early and prompt payment will be much appreciated.

Thank you

Mr M Pintus & Mrs Foelz

Year 9 Fundraising Committee
SCHOOL LOCKERS

Lockers are available for any Year 9 students wishing to apply. The period of hire will be November, 2014 until December 2015. A key deposit fee of $10.00 applies. This will be refunded upon return of the key at the end of 2015. Any student who loses his or her key will forfeit the fee, to allow for the cost of replacing the key. Year 9 students wishing to apply for a locker must bring the $10.00 fee to the school office by Friday 28th November. After this date, lockers will be offered to Year 8 students. Lockers will be allocated on a first in best dressed basis.

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Ashford School Canteen
ORDERS TO BE PLACED BY 11.30am for Lunches Please

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SANDWICHES (more fillings 50 cents each & toasted extra 50 cents)

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HOT FOOD

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Plain Pie       | $3.00 | Hot Chicken Wrap Plain | $5.00 |
Spaghetti Bolognaise | $3.00 | Hot Chicken Chilli Wrap | $5.00 |
Cheese Burger | $3.50 | Chicken Burger | $6.00 |
| Small Chips     | $ .50 | Hamburger         | $6.00 |
| JJs             | $1.00 |                 |       |
| Pop Corn        | $1.00 |                 |       |
| Chips           | $1.00 |                 |       |

DRINKS

| Water          | $1.50 |                 |       |
| Poppers        | $1.60 |                 |       |
| LOL            | $2.00 |                 |       |
| Small Flav Milk | $2.00 |                 |       |
| Large Flav Milk | $3.00 |                 |       |
| 300ml OJs      | $2.00 |                 |       |
| 600ml OJs      | $3.00 |                 |       |

RECESS

Homemade treats | $1.00|

FRUIT

| Seasonal       | $1.00 |                 |       |

FROZEN TREATS

| Animal Pops    | $ .50 |                 |       |
| Frozen Fruit Cup | $ .50 |                 |       |
| Zooper Dooper  | $ .50 |                 |       |
| Frozen milk Cups | $1.00 |                 |       |
| Milk Icy Pole  | $1.00 |                 |       |
| Ice Cream Cup  | $1.50 |                 |       |
| Frozen Yoghurts | $2.50 |                 |       |

SAUCES

| Tomato / BBQ  | $ .50 |                 |       |

To Heat / Toast food From Home $1.00 - To supply food container $.50 extra
Plastic cutlery $.05 each - NO ACCOUNTS AT CANTEEN
Ashford Central Public School Canteen Menu Feedback

Dear Denise,

As part of the Good for Kids program, which is available to support your school provide a Fresh Tastes @ School Healthy Canteen, we have reassessed your school's Term 1, 2014 canteen menu.

As you are aware school canteen menus should aim to have >50% GREEN, <50% AMBER, 0% RED and 0% BANNED items.

How GREEN is Your School Menu?

2013 Menu

- Green
- Amber
- Red
- Banned Drinks

5% 19% 20% 56%

Term 3 2014 Menu

- Green
- Amber
- Red
- Banned Drinks

40% 60%

Congratulations! Based on your current canteen menu, you are one step closer to meeting the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy!

It is fantastic to see schools that are committed to providing healthy nutritious food and drink choices to students. Well done!

Please see below the menu items that would need to be changed to make your menu compliant with Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.

NSW Health
Hunter New England Local Health District
Thought For The Week

By the time you learn the rules of life, you’re too old to play the game.

Ashford Bushfire Brigade

Next meeting will be held on

Wednesday, 10th December, 2014,
7.30pm at the fire station.
All members are asked to attend.

Lions’ Junior Citizen of the Year

The Ashford Lions Club is calling for nominations for Junior Citizen of the Year. This award will be presented at the Australia Day celebrations at the Swimming Pool on 26th January, 2015. Ashford has a number of very good junior (under 18) citizens and we should give them the recognition that they deserve. Nominees should show citizenship by doing helpful things in the community, not just sport. Nominations are to be in writing to the Lions Club, PO Box 79, Ashford and close on 10th January, 2015. Please help us to find the 2014 Junior Citizen of the Year by making your nomination.

Ashford Roosters’ RLFC Meeting

The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held on MONDAY, 8th December, 2014 at 6.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

ASHFORD GOLF CLUB

Sat 29th Nov - Glen Innes 4BBB
Sun 30th Nov - Stroke Glen Innes Open
Sun 7th Dec - NEDGA Pennants - Deepwater
Sun 14th Dec - AGM & Skins
Sun 21st Hambrose Xmas Party
ASHFORD MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB
Lucky Members Draw $460  WEDNESDAY
26th November, 2014 Between 6.30 & 8.00pm
FRIDAY, 28th November, 2014.
Lucky Member’s Draw, 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, 29th November, Euchre 2.00pm start
NO Social Bowls until further notice
Happy Hour - Wednesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm

CATERING ON FRIDAY NIGHT
6.30–8.30pm • 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 2nd December, 2014. It is our Christmas Party which is being held at Robert White’s home on the 9th December. Ladies, bring a dessert please.

LEOS
Our next meeting is 10th December in the Science room at lunch time. Please try to attend.
LEOS, as it will be our Christmas party, we will have a few nibbles and a chat about our year. Please remind each other to come.

BINGO
Held at the Bowling Club on the first Wednesday of the month. STARTING TIME: 1.00 pm. Our next day is Wednesday, 3rd December, 2014. Come along and have FUN with us. Cost of the books is $5.00 each and jackpot tickets are $2.00 each. Our jackpot is $45.00 and 53 calls. 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 are 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20. Drawn 21/11/14. JACKPOT is $9343.00. The jackpot is nearing the $10,000 mark so keep playing to win.

Driver Reviver
It will not be long and the next lot of school holidays are approaching, so, if anyone would like to volunteer to give us a few hours and serve tea & coffee and have a chat to the travellers stopping in for a break, it would be much appreciated.
You can contact Helen Hilton on 02 67254 204. If NO answer please leave your name and number and I will return your call.
Don’t forget to buy your Christmas Cakes from Kikki’s.

JUNIOR CITIZEN of THE YEAR
Think who would be a deserving young youth of the community for this Australia Day Award. Let us have your nomination to: PO Box 79 by the 10th January, 2015.

That’s all from the DEN.
Lion Helen Hilton
**KCL Family Day Care**

KCL Family Day Care is looking to speak with anyone who might be interested in starting Family Day Care in Ashford. We are a supportive service, which feels that the community could use a child care option. Family Day Care would suit the type of person who loves children and enjoys watching them grow and learn. We can help with set up costs and provide comprehensive training, support and access to formal qualification to help new Educators get started. If you have thought about looking into becoming an Educator but have thought it’s all too hard, please give us a call and have a chat about it and see if we can make it work for you.

We are also interested to talk to anyone who would be suitable to work as an In Home Care Educator in the Ashford area. In Home Care is where care is provided to one family from the family’s home. The regulations and standards are very different to family day care, but the same child care concept applies. Obviously, there would be some travel involved in this type of position, so a drivers licence and transport are a must.

More information can be found on our website: [www.kcl.com.au](http://www.kcl.com.au) or call us on 67211811.

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**Euchre Club**

Come to Euchre $2.00 for 10 games every Saturday at 2.00pm. 1st prize $20 meat tray.

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**Claiming the Date**

Friday, 12th December, 2014.
Wallangra Christmas party.

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**Ashford Swimming Club**

Wednesday, 26th November - 6pm until 7pm.
Week one of stroke correction and assessment of new swimmers!
Dollar Banger Sangers (onion optional!) and fifty cent waters as per our usual.
The pool will close to non-Swimming Club members each Wednesday at 6pm.
This has the approval of Mr Mick Hoynes.
Registration is still open! Just ask one of our committee members for more info!
Hope to see you there!

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**FREE To A Good Home**

The school has been given a large number of VHS videos and a VHS player.
We have been asked to give these videos and player to a family with small children free of charge.
Anyone interested please contact the school front office or ring the school on 67254101.

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**Ashford Garden Club**

The selections for the Christmas Light Competitions are:

- **Section 1**  Best overall scene
- **Section 2**  Best Christmas tree
- **Section 3**  Nativity scene.

An award will be made for the **Best Decorated Block**.
Judging will take place between 8.30pm and 11.00pm on December 18th, 2014.
WHAT’S ON!

Joblink plus                      Wednesday 26th November
#Vet                                TBA
Accountant                        Thursday 18th December
Ashford Business Council meeting  Thursday 10th December
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

SANTA IS COMING TO THE RTC
Santa will be at the RTC on
Sunday 30th November 2014
for family photos
Cost is $15 per session, which includes:-
Two 5x7” prints       Two 8x10” prints
One sheet of wallet/small sized photos.  Photo keyring

Please book in at the RTC
LEO'S

WHEN: 7TH DECEMBER 2014
WHERE: TOWN OVAL TWILIGHT MARKET FUN DAY
TIME: 4.00 PM TILL 7.00 PM
COST: CARS $10.00  4 WD’S $15.00

LET US MAKE YOUR CAR NICE AND CLEAN

Twilight Christmas Markets
and Family Fun Day!

Sunday, 7th December 2014
Ashford Football Oval
4pm to 9pm

• Market stalls
• Live Entertainment
• Aboriginal Dance Workshop
• Boomerang Throwing

Heaps of fun for the whole family

For more information please contact
Leeanne Shaw 02 6725 4023
or Lorraine Riggs 0467 668 977
Markets in the Park
The Texas Lions Club
Is proudly holding a
“Markets in the Park”
Sunday, 7th December
AT
APEX PARK

CONTACT:
Trevor Ellis 07-46530483 6pm-8pm (leave message)
Or see Lion Les at the Texas News    For Bookings 07-46531384

Everyone is invited to book a site. As is the saying, one man’s trash is another’s treasure. So please join the Texas Lions to make this a great day.
New England Mutual proudly supports Ashford Central School.

new england mutual
at the heart of our community

Inverell branch: Shop 4, 103-121 Byron Street 6722 2111
Service Support Centre: 132 067