School Audit

Ashford Central School was audited by a NSW Department of Education and Communities’ Senior Business Risk Analyst on the 13th and 14th March, 2014.

The audit checked the standard of work with respect to financial and related operations and an assurance that departmental policies and procedures have been followed.

It checked receipting and banking, payments, budgetary, enrolments, Work Health and Safety, leave and staffing returns and levels.

In the report and debriefing that followed the audit the auditor expressed the view he was very impressed with the financial management of the school. It was one of the best run schools he has ever audited. The school is very tightly run and meets all requirements of departmental policies.

Congratulations to Mrs Cox, our Senior Administration Manager, and all her staff that do a wonderful job running the school finances. A lot of responsibility falls on their shoulders and they do a good job. With salaries taken into account, the school runs a business that turns over more than $2,000,000 per
Last Wednesday, students from Ashford Central School had the chance to wow seniors during the annual Seniors’ luncheon. Students from both the infants and primary choirs were able to perform several songs for their audience. The infants choir sang not so traditional versions of ‘Bingo’, ‘open, shut them’ and ‘if you’re happy and you know it’. The primary choir was able to give a demonstration of how they are singing in time to the beat with their ‘vowel song’ and even had a sing-off! They then followed that up with ‘what a wonderful world’ and ‘different people’.

Thanks to the Senior Citizens for having us and an extra big thanks for giving the students a piece of cake. It was a talking point amongst the students all afternoon!
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**School Dates - Term 1**

31st March – 4th April Year 12 Half Yearly exams  
10th April - Cross country carnival  
11th April - Last day Term 1  
28th April - School Development Day  
29th April - Students return for Term 2  
16th May - Athletics carnival

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**PRIMARY SPORT**

**REGIONAL (NORTHERN) TRIALS**

Congratulations to Summer Lavender who has been selected for the Girls’ Zone soccer team. Summer, Dannica and Amber can now try out for the Northern Regional team on Thursday, 27 March. Good luck girls. Joe Luckett, who was selected for the Zone 11s rugby league team will play in the Northern Trials to be held in Armidale on 1st April. Good luck Joe!

**NETBALL**

The Department of Education and Communities, Sport and Recreation Division, will be running a netball clinic for all Year 3-6 students on Thursday, 27 March. This is a great opportunity for our students. Could parents please ensure that students wear joggers to school that day.

**SWIMMING**

Please note that due to the unpredictable and cooler weather, **Infants and Primary students will no longer be swimming** during sport on Fridays.

**ZONE TOUCH TRIALS**

Students in Year 5&6 have been given the opportunity to try out for the Zone touch team on Friday 4 April in Inverell. Transport is by private vehicle and notes are to be handed in by Wednesday, 26 March.

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**Severn River Rehabilitation Work Certificate of Appreciation**

![Image of students holding certificates]
MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL—if you child is required to take short term medication such as antibiotics for a week, please complete this form and send it with the medication to the school office. Staff are unable to administer medication without this paperwork, so keep the form on hand in case you need it down the track. Please note that if your child is on long term medication, such as Ritalin, different forms are required - these are available from the school office.

**SHORT TERM MEDICATION FORM**

This form is used for the administration of short term medication at school. Examples include antibiotics, application of prescribed creams, cough mixture prescribed by doctor etc.

Name of Child: 
Date of Birth: 
Class: 

Medication: 
Dose: 
Time of Administration: 
Start Date: 
End Date: 

I request that Ashford Central School Staff administer the medication described above to my child. I have supplied the medication to the school in a pharmacy labelled container.

Name: 
Signature: 
Date: 

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Thought For The Week
I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.

Ashford Bushfire Brigade
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th April, 2014, 7.30pm at the fire station. All members are asked to attend.

Ashford District Pony Club
Registration Day 2014
All current & potential members are asked to attend the Ashford Show Ground on Sunday, 6th March, 2014 for registration between 10am – 2pm. Hope to see you all there. Horses optional.

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, 7th April, 2014 at 7.00pm. The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

ASHFORD WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB
ATTENTION: Ladies PLEASE NOTE there is NO April meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 30th April, 2014 at 4.30 pm. It will be held BEFORE we set the tables up for our President's Day. The meeting will count for our May meeting.
ASHFORD MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB
FRIDAY, 28th March, 2014.

Lucky Member’s Draw $260.00 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 March
Euchre 2.00pm start
Social Bowls: Wednesday, 26th March, 6.00pm start
Sunday, 30th March, 10.00am start
Happy Hour: Fridays 8.30 – 9.30pm

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.

ASHFORD GOLF CLUB
29th March - Pony Club 3 Person Ambrose.
6th April - Stroke Guyra 4BBB
13th April - Stroke
20th April - Stroke
27th April - Ashford Open 4BBB
4th May - Stroke
11th May - 1st Round Championships
18th May - 2nd Round Championships
25th May - 3rd Round Championships
Please be advised that membership is now due:
Adults $60.00 Juniors $30.00

FOUND
One large white female dog with spots and a brindle patch over her right eye and the top of her tail. Approximately 18 months old, very quiet and very smart.
You can claim her at Dirragun 891 Wallangra Road, Ashford. Phone 67254049

Towns’ Ashford Service Station
27 Duff Street, Ashford NSW 2361
Phone (02) 67254070
BUSINESS SOLD
AFTER 28 YEARS OWNING AND OPERATING THE ASHFORD SERVICE STATION, THE TOWNS’ FAMILY CAN NOW CONFIRM THAT THE BUSINESS HAS BEEN SOLD. THE NEW OWNERS WILL BE TAKING OVER NEXT MONTH.
FROM OUR VERY FIRST DAY IN ASHFORD, WE WERE MADE FEEL VERY WELCOME. MY FAMILY HAS MADE MANY FRIENDS IN THIS VILLAGE AND WILL TAKE AWAY MANY MEMORIES SOME GOOD, BAD AND SAD. ASHFORD HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO RAISE NATHAN AND GRANT.
I SINCERELY THANK THE ASHFORD COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESS OVER THE PAST 28 YEARS. I AM PLANNING TO GO TO INVERELL. SO NOT GOING TOO FAR.
THE NEW OWNERS ARE VERY PROFESSIONAL. THEY HAVE MANY IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR THE BUSINESS. THIS WILL BE VERY EXCITING FOR ASHFORD AND WILL DRIVE THE ASHFORD SERVICE STATION INTO A BRIGHTER FUTURE.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF ALL ACCOUNTS COULD BE PAID IN FULL BY FRIDAY, 11th APRIL, 2014.
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
SUE TOWNS
**Camping Gear for Sale**
Oz Trail Tourer 9 plus canvas tent with side pole kit. Easy to erect.

Contact Julie Stoessel
Ph 67254365

**FREE**
Two female kittens, 8 weeks old, free to a good home.

Phone 0427879595

**Bun Bun Playgroup**
Ashford Bun Bun Playgroup held every Wednesday (except school holidays) between 10am and 1pm at the Ashford Memorial Hall.

All mums and bubs welcome.

**FOR SALE**
Cross bred fat lambs for sale $70.00 each. For more information call:
02 67254154 or 0428254154.

**Inverell & District Soccer 2014 Season Registrations**
Registrations are now open for the 2014 Junior Soccer Season. Registration and payment are to be made through [myfootballclub.com.au](http://myfootballclub.com.au). Age Groups 5/6 $80, 7/8 $80, 9/10 $90, 11/12 $90 and Youth 13-18 $100. Entry Level division 5/6 receive a free ball and shin pads with registration. Information day is Saturday, 29th March at Sporting Complex Soccer Canteen starting at 9.00am. Competition starts on Saturday, 3rd May, 2014, with a Gala Day commencing at 9.00am. For further information please contact Tammy Cabitza 0427 878 730 or Carl White 0427 774 019.

**THE LIONS’ CORNER**

**LIONS**
Our Lions’ meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Bowling Club 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Our next meeting is 1st April, 2014.

**LEOS**
Our meeting will be held on Thursday, 3rd April in the Science lab at lunch time. Please try to attend. New members PLEASE DO NOT FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM and FEES. Bring them to the meeting as I have to send them away to Sydney.

**BINGO**
Held at the Bowling Club on the first Wednesday of the month. STARTING TIME: 1.00 pm. Our next day is the 2nd April, 2014. Come along and have FUN with us as we all had a ball with all the new games and prizes. Cost of the books is $5.00 each and jackpot tickets are $2.00 each. Our jackpot is up to $60.00. Starting time eyes down at 1.00 pm

**MINI - LOTTO**
Winning numbers: 1,3,5,9,17,18. Draw Date 21/03/2014. JACKPOT is more than $5,654.00. The jackpot is getting up again. The more tickets you take the quicker the JACKPOT will rise.

**DRIVER REVIVER**
I am off to Coffs Harbour on the 27th March for the yearly meeting of all the Driver Reviver sites in our area. I will be a bit sad when I give my yearly report to the transport Roads & Marine Services when I have to report all events here this year. We will have to work out a way to change these things from happening.

Bye from the Den.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Helen
Trivia Night at The Wallangra Hall

5th April 6.30pm

Bring your friends and family along for a night of fun. You can put together a table of eight or just turn up on the night for a lucky dip.

Cost: $10 per adult & kids under 15, $5. BYO picnic basket (finger food) and drinks.

Tea, coffee and cake provided. RSVP by 29th March, 2014.

We will have lucky door prizes, instant raffles and guessing games.

You have to be in it to win it, so don't forget your spare gold coins!

All monies raised are for paying off the toilet block at the sportsground.

For info or RSVP, call Helga on 0412 530 713.

Markets in the Park

The Texas Lions Club

Is proudly holding a

“Markets in the Park”

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL 2014

AT

APEX PARK

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
LARGE VARIETY OF STALLS
$10 PER SITE

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.

CONTACT;

Trevor Ellis 07-46530483 6pm-8pm (leave message)

Or see Lion Les at the Texas News

For Bookings 07-46531384
ASHFORD LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL
25 Albury Street, Ashford NSW 2361
Ph (02) 67254411 Fax (02) 67254422
Email: landcouncil@ashfordlalc.com

Mabo Movie Screening Thursday 27th March 5.30pm at Ashford LALC
MABO tells the story of Eddie Koiki Mabo, the Torres Strait Islander who left school at fifteen, yet spearheaded the High Court challenge that once and for all overthrew the notion of terra nullius. Hand in hand with this David and Goliath legal battle is the tender love story of Koiki and Bonita, the woman he met as a teenager, and loved through thirty years of marriage and the raising of ten children. It tells of the deep love and partnership that fuelled their fight for Australian law to recognise traditional land rights. Although Koiki never lived to hear the High Courts decision that returned his land to him, the name Mabo has become known nationwide.
Feel free to bring a rug, beanbag or whatever you’re comfortable on to sit on and enjoy the movie.

NAIDOC Committee
NAIDOC Week is fast approaching & Ashford LALC encourage all those who would like to be part of the committee to please register your interest at the ALALC as soon as possible so we can plan our NAIDOC Week activities.

Adult Cooking Classes
Cooking Classes have recommenced for the year, and are run every second fortnight. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the first class on 18th March & prepared a delicious lunch & dessert. The next class is on 1st April at 10.30am at the Ashford LALC Building.

Youth Exercise Classes
Youth exercise classes are being run EVERY Tuesday afternoon at 4pm. The first class was run last week, thank you to all the youth who attended, can’t wait to see you all again, remember all those who came have to bring a friend along next class.

Adult Exercise Classes
Adult exercise classes are being run EVERY Tuesday afternoon at 5pm. The first adult class was also run last week. All those who attended said they had a great workout & would definitely be back for the next one. Whether it’s the treadmill, boxing gear or exercise bike that’s your thing, there’s something here for you all. See you Tuesdays at 5pm at the Ashford LALC.
Movies
By The Macintyre
Presents
THE SPY WHO LOVED HER
DESPICABLE ME 2

Friday 11th April 2014
7.30pm Start Campbell Park
Large 10x5 Metre Open Air Cinema
Free Community Screening All Ages Event
Bring a Chair or a Picnic, Popcorn available on site
100% Drug & Alcohol Free Event
Please note that this event is weather permitting
& is a non-supervised event all children
are to be accompanied by an adult

For more info call (02) 6728 8161
Inverell ASD Support Group Family Get Together
Saturday 29th March 2014

LOCATION: Connections, 89 Vivian Street, Inverell
TIME: 5.30PM TO 7:30PM
RSVP: Lorretta Byrnes – 67624902
or Jane O’Brien- 0458 255 232
BBQ Dinner will be provided
COME JOIN THE FUN!

Ashford District
Pony Club Inc.

The Ashford Golf Club is kindly hosting a 3 person Ambrose Day to raise funds for the Ashford Pony Club.

WHEN - Saturday 29th March, 2014
WHERE - Ashford Golf Club
TIME - 10.00am
COST - $25.00 per person includes your game & BBQ.

We invite all members and the community to come and join in on our fun-filled day!

Hope to see you all there!
Australian Government
Mobile Service Centre

Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Opposite the Commercial Hotel, Albury Street

ASHFORD

Thursday, 3 April 2014

10.30 am to 4.00 pm

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.
Saturday night was our second Rock'n 4 Rollo. We celebrated the life of Logan Rollinson and came together as a community to support our friends in their struggle at this hard time. We all wore something red, his favourite colour, in Logan’s honour and a frangipani to represent Neuroblastoma, the cancer that he sadly lost his battle to.

I’d like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the family, to thank everyone! The bands on the night, Evilution, travelled all the way from Toowoomba! Long Time Coming, Breanna Krauss and let’s not forget the band that started the ball rolling, Mr M. I must also thank Mossy for our slogan, Rock’n 4 Rollo. You all have donated your time and effort into both successful nights! Also to the countless businesses, and other associations that have contributed in either time, money and/or fundraising, your efforts have been inspiring!

Logan’s family would like to thank all the family and friends who have been a continued support throughout this time, it has been very much appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Last but not least, the community! Without you, these nights and our fundraising efforts simply wouldn’t happen. You all have been very generous, compassionate and have always kept Logan in your thoughts. I for one can vouch for the amount of people on a daily basis enquiring on everyone’s wellbeing, it is overwhelming! Just goes to show it doesn’t matter how small a community is, it is still capable of enormous things!

Brodie Irwin, I am so very proud you! Shaving your head is such a brave and selfless thing to do. Not only are you showing me, but you are showing all your family, friends & community how big a heart you have! You are a very special, beautiful girl and don’t you forget it!

I’d like to thank Jay Halloran for donating the fat lambs for our raffle, Ellie Halloran & Mark Brabant were the lucky winners! David Hadley for donating the chair for auction, Clyde Halloran is the proud new owner, and Fatty Boom Stitch, aka Desley Moss for donating our dress up prizes for the kids! The winners were Blaize Cisek - Best dressed boy, Cobi-Lee Short - Best dressed girl & Arya Green - Most creative. A big thanks to all the kids who participated in our dress up competition! You all looked great! A big thanks to all the parents, you all put a lot of time and effort into their costumes! Logan loved to watch movies, which was our inspiration for the dress up competition. Once again a huge thank you for your contributions, they are greatly appreciated and have contributed greatly to our fundraising efforts.

Love you big Logie, miss you heaps! You will be forever in our hearts!

Many thanks!
Yvette Irwin
Drought-Reach for the NSW Agricultural Industry

Knowledge, skills and recognition to prepare for and manage drought and climate change

Drought Reach is a NSW wide tailored project developed and funded by NSW Government, to up-skill and empower NSW Agriculture workforce with learning and knowledge building focus on drought, drought preparation, sustainability, climate change, financial and farm management, future proofing and more.

Developed to help those currently in drought or that may face drought in the future, manage and re-orient after drought, whilst rebuilding more sustainable and viable agriculture businesses.

30 x places for a FULLY FUNDED Diploma of Agriculture starting 7/4/14

DROUGHT MANAGEMENT/CLIMATE FOCUS: Based on sound industry consultation from farming representatives, and thanks to Rural Skills Australia and TAFE New England, the diploma incorporates:

- Flexibility for learners to work around high demand times on the land
- An opportunity to gain skills to develop on and off farm income diversification
- Self-esteem, self-worth and positive diversion of focus during difficult times
- Recognition of current skills and experience, by industry experienced trainers and assessors
- Up-skilling and future proofing your land to help better plan for times of drought and climate risk
- Exposure to new technologies, opportunities and future articulation into a degree in Agriculture
- Front row opportunity for exposure to industry experts and specialists as part of the learning
- If sufficient interest generated, there will be consideration also for a Drought Reach Horticulture focused diploma

Livestock focused Diploma of Agriculture or Cropping focused Diploma of Agriculture:

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WHO IS DELIVERING THE TRAINING AND WHY? TAFE New England - NSW wide, and in addition to financial compassion, they also are providing drought compassionate trainers and experts in the areas of sustainability, management and farm financial management, online and paddock learning close to home, and on-farm assessment to save you as the learner travel and time away from the land.

WHO CAN APPLY: All rural regions of NSW/NSW residents can apply for a place regardless of in drought or if they want to strategically plan for future drought. For more info or to apply for a place see below:

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