MYALL CREEK EXCURSION

On the 19th May, Year 8 along with Miss Kennedy, Mr Boney, Miss Ellis and Mrs Baker attended a Site Study to Myall Creek Massacre Memorial site.

The Myall Creek Massacre Memorial Walk is a tribute to the group of 28 unarmed Aboriginal people killed by a gang of stockmen on 10th June, 1838.

The walkway at the memorial has a symbolic representation for Aboriginal people. The winding path – the Creator Rainbow Serpent which wandered across the earth, forming the features of the landscape. The Memorial Rock is surrounded by crushed white granite, white being the colour of mourning for Aboriginal people. The red granite walkway reminds us of the blood that was shed in the massacre.

The experience and close connection with the space encouraged the students to acknowledge and understand further the particular issues and events which affected Aboriginal people’s lives and the impact of colonisation in Australian History. It was a very worthwhile excursion and the students felt very privileged to be able to visit such a historical sacred site. It is a moving place which symbolises the commitment of each of us to truth telling and reconciliation.

Thank you to Miss Kennedy, Mr Boney, Miss Ellis and Mrs Baker.
School Dates - Term 2
30th May - NRL Legends of League Years 5/6 Ashford
2nd - 6th June - Dubbo Residential
3rd June - Emergency Lock Down
5th June - Zone Athletics
11-12th June - Regional Central Schools netball
carnival in Bowraville
12th June - Under13 and Under 16 BABE Country Cup

Central Schools’ Netball

This year the central schools’ netball regional carnivals are to be held in Bowraville on the 22nd and 23rd of June. This will require two teams to travel to Bowraville, stay 2 nights in accommodation and buy food whilst they are away. Therefore, it is going to cost each student quite a bit of money to participate in this event.

As a school, we do not wish to disadvantage any student from attending the carnival, so we will be fundraising in money in order to reduce the costs for each student. The fundraising has already begun and the netball teams are running 100 clubs. Tickets (or boxes) in the 100 club are $2 each and the winner will receive $100 prize money. The winner will be drawn once all of the 100 numbers have been sold and will then be contacted by the school to inform them of their winnings and their name will be published in the school newsletter.

Please help these students to reduce the costs of this excursion by purchasing a numbered box in the 100 club. You can purchase them at the front office at the school.

P&C Zone Cross Country

Ashford P&C organised the catering and raffle at the Zone Cross Country held at Ashford Show Ground last Friday.

The P&C would like to thank Helen McCosker for organising the raffle, and also the following people for cooking cakes and soup: Julie Martinez, Cynthia Burbury, Kristy Agnew, Kim Guest, Helen McCosker. Thank you to the P&C members and students Bella Pintus and Tayla Warwick for their assistance running the canteen. The P&C raised approximately $1400 on the day, including catering and raffles.

We had tremendous interest in our raffle and would like to thank everyone for their participation on the day. We appreciate the generous sponsorship from SPORTSPOWER for their donation towards the first prize.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their contributions to the prizes:
FDB's - The loom band specialists
Hair by Stacey
Smooth Beauty
Campbell & Freebairn
Magnolia
Revisiting Nature (online organic food)
Tree Tenders and
Out the Back Cafe.

The prize winners were:
$100 Sportspower Voucher - Jesse Kliendienst from Ashford Central School.
$80 Body and Soul Pamper Packs - Jane O'Brien and Leila Cruickshank both from Ross Hill School
The Loom Band prizes went to Will Johnston from Bingara Central School, Darcy Thompson, Bailey Foelz and Kane Morley all from Ashford.

Congratulations to all the winners.
Athletics Excellence

Already this year Ashford Central School has seen wonderful support for the sports carnivals and the athletics carnival was no different. On behalf of the school, many thanks to Mr Terry Stieger and the Shire for the preparation of the grounds, Denise and the school canteen for catering and running the canteen, the parents and staff who supported and helped out and last, but not least, the students who participated. It was very pleasing to see so many students having a go, whether they received a place or not.

Congratulations to the champions. They are as follows:

**GIRLS**
- Minor Primary – Montannah Fomiatti
- Junior Primary – Hannah Drady
- Senior Primary – Maddison Morgan
- Junior Secondary – Josie-Lee Morley
- Senior Secondary – Renae Brown
- Open Secondary – Letitia Hartley

**BOYS**
- Minor Primary – Jack Agnew
- Junior Primary – Harry Schneider
- Senior Primary – Roroy Nenadic
- Junior Secondary – Aaron Beveridge
- Senior Secondary – Dylan Corbett
- Open Secondary – Jesse Rollinson

**RECORDS BROKEN**

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**Zone Carnival**

Secondary zone carnival is to be held on Thursday, 5th June at Armidale High School. Primary zone athletics is not until Term 3. Therefore, more information will be provided closer to the date.

**Winning House**

This year saw Severn take out the winning house for the athletics carnival. Severn won with 640 points, followed by Fraser with 509 points and Macintyre with 412 points.

Once again, congratulations to the age champions and all the new record holders and good luck to those students who are attending the zone athletics carnival.
Primary Industries

On Sunday, 18th May Year 11 Primary Industries students travelled to Dubbo to do a Safe Tractor course at Dubbo TAFE. While we were there we learnt new skills and safe ways to operate tractors. We stayed at a hostel in Dubbo with seven other students from different schools. We spent every day at the TAFE doing tractor work. We were taught how to hook up and unhook implements, how to operate tractors properly and use machinery. We learnt how to hook up a front end loader, pick up dirt and move it, we also used the forklifts to move stuff. We also learnt to plough and sow seed.

They were long days as we started at 8.00am and knocked off at 4.30pm most days. The course lasted for four days and we finished early on the Thursday so we could travel home to Ashford. We would recommend the course to any student wishing to study Primary Industries in the future.

We would like to thank Mr Smith for driving the school car and putting up with our music and terrible singing the whole way. We would also like to thank the Dubbo teachers for organising the course with TAFE.

Tegen Lavender & Phoebe Beveridge
Thought For The Week

There are two kinds of pedestrians -- the quick and the dead.

Ashford Bushfire Brigade

Next meeting will be the AGM held on Wednesday, 11th June, 2014, 7.30pm at the fire station.
All members are asked to attend.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Phone 67254372 or 0428147135

Ashford Roosters’ RLFC
General Meeting

The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held on MONDAY, 2nd June, 2014 at 7.00pm.
The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

ASHFORD GOLF CLUB

1st June - Stroke
8th June - Stroke
15th June - Stroke Bundarra 4BBB
22nd June - Stroke
27th/28th June - Sponsors’ Weekend
6th July - Stroke Delungra Open
13th July - 4somes Championships
(note date change)
20th July - Stroke Tenterfield 4BBB
27th July - 1st round Matchplay
3rd August - Stroke Texas Open
10th August - Stroke Glen Innes 4BBB
Sat 16th August - State of Origin Ashford
17th August - Stroke
24th August - 2nd round Matchplay

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 MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB
FRIDAY, 30th May, 2014.
Lucky Member’s Draw $220 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, 31st May, Euchre 2.00pm start
Social Bowls: Wednesday & Sunday, 2.00pm start
Happy Hour: Fridays 8.30 - 9.30pm
Position Vacant
Casual catering position at the Ashford Bowling Club
Enquiries phone 67254202
CATERING ON FRIDAY NIGHT
6.00–8.00pm • Bookings desirable.
This week’s special - Roast Beef $11.00
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 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Our next meeting is 3rd June, 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, 18th June, 2014 in the Science Room at lunch time. Please try to attend so we can work out our next fundraiser.
BINGO
Held at the Bowling Club, on the first Wednesday of the month. STARTING TIME: 1.00 pm. Our next day is the 11th June, 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 $70.00. Starting time eyes down at 1.00 pm.
MINI - LOTTO
Winning numbers: 3, 7, 9, 15, 18, 19. Draw Date 16/5/2014. JACKPOT is more than $6,279.00. We are getting closer to our magic $10,000 so let us try to get there quicker by buying more tickets each week.
LIONS’ CHANGE OVER
The Lions’ Changeover is going to be held on the 26th July, 2014 at the Ashford Bowling Club. 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 Citizen of The Year. You can nominate a deserving person by sending a letter to: The Lions Club, PO BOX 79, Ashford by the 14th July so put your thinking caps on.
RED SHIELD APPEAL
THANK YOU to my LEOS Letitia Hartley, Dannica Smith, Laura Burbury, Chloe Schneider and a special thanks to Shayla McClellan. Lions Sue Buchanan and Nicky White for collecting on Sunday. Great job, we raised over $600.00 for the Salvation Army.

That is all from The DEN
Yours in Lionism,
Lion Helen
The Ashford Roosters had a great start in the match against the Goondiwindi Boars at Ashford on Saturday, 24th May.

The Ashford first grade team played tough grinding rugby league for the first 63 minutes and were the better team for this period. After 63 minutes the scores were locked at 22 all, but the Roosters had had the better of the game even though the scores were even.

In the last 17 minutes, Goondiwindi scored four converted tries to win 46-22 but this score didn’t reflect the closeness of the contest. Goondiwindi have signed a new player from the Toowoomba Clydesdales who has played in the Queensland Cup (this is one level below the NRL competition) in the week before the match against Ashford. That player is Brendan McGrady, who had an outstanding last 20 minutes and was involved in all four tries. He was the difference between the two teams.

Ashford players who had outstanding games were Steven Akhurst, Mark Lewis, Richard Murphy, Kerrod Sampson, Corey Baker and Buster Chard. The absence of a couple of first grade players was difficult to overcome. If the Ashford team can field the same team for a few weeks in a row, the wins will come. Kerrod was awarded Players’ Player, Best and Fairest went to: 3 points Steven Akhurst, 2 points Mark Lewis, 1 point Buster Chard and Richard Murphy.

The Ashford reserve grade team was beaten 46-16 in an entertaining match. Best players for the reserves were: 3 points Todd Cleal, 2 points Daniel Boney and 1 point Mathew Cutmore.

The highlight of the day for the Ashford club was the convincing 64-4 win by the League Tag girls. Vannessa Alexander and Kirsty O’Brien scored three tries each and Letitia Hartley kicked 10 conversions from 11 attempts. It was an outstanding all round effort from an impressive team.

Well done girls. The Players’ Player was won by Kirsty O’Brien, Best and Fairest were: 3 points Ashleigh Falconer, 2 points Rahni Kelly and 1 point to Letitia Hartley.

Ashford play Inverell at Varley Oval on Saturday 1st June. Ashford’s next home game is against the Moree Boomerangs on Saturday, 14th June, 12.00 noon kick off for the League Tag.
Lions’ Citizen Of The Year

Ashford Lions are calling for nominations for Citizen of the Year to be presented at the Annual Changeover dinner. Ashford has some very good citizens who do a lot for this community so let’s recognise them. Nominations to be in writing and posted to PO Box 79 or given to a Lions’ member. Nominations close on Saturday, 12th July, 2014.

Community Meeting to Discuss Changes to New England Mutual Operations

As of Monday, 21st July, 2014 the Ashford branch of New England Mutual will cease trading in its current mode.

Most of the Ashford community are aware of this decision but may not be aware of the new mode of delivery that will apply at Ashford.

The Ashford Business Council and Inverell Shire Council, who both contribute to the labour costs at the Rural Transaction Centre and own the building, will continue to operate the business including the Post Office, Rural Transaction Centre and the modified Community Mutual services. We believe the business is sustainable if the community continues to support its operation and maintains accounts with New England Mutual.

The Ashford Business Council has called a public meeting to be held at the Ashford Bowling Club at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 4th June. Everyone is invited to attend and hear about the new plan to supply services to the community and perhaps make suggestions about the future of the business. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the New England Mutual decision, get accurate facts about the decision and perhaps protest the decision.

Hope to see you there.

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Ashford Memorial Bowling Club
Winter Trading Hours
Monday 2.00pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday 2.00pm - 9.00pm
Wednesday 2.00pm - 10.00pm
Thursday 2.00pm - 10.00pm
Friday 12noon - 11.00pm
Saturday 10.00am - 10.00pm
Sunday 10.30am - 8.00pm
Opening and closing times are flexible, depending on functions and number of customers.
$5000 IN PRIZES!

**Severn River Gala Golf Weekend**

**AT ASHFORDS CHALLENGING 18 HOLE SANDGREEN COURSE**

**SATURDAY 28th JUNE 2014 10.30am:**
- RELAXED 2 PERSON AMBROSE
- **$25 EACH INCLUDES SAUSAGE SIZZLE**
- PRIZES TO THE VALUE OF $1500
- MAX INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP -27

**SUNDAY 29th JUNE 2014 9am:**
- THE BIG ONE!
- 4BBB MEDLEY- A & B DIVISIONS (DETERMINED ON THE DAY)
- GOLF LINK HANDICAPS REQUIRED
- **$30 PER PERSON INCLUDES HOT LUNCH & DESSERT**
- PRIZES TO THE VALUE OF $3500

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
PH: ALAN BEVERIDGE
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