Student Free Day - 3rd December 2015

Thursday, 3rd December 2015 will be a Student Free Day for our staff to be able to undertake some compulsory training.

Only minimal supervision will be available for children who attend school on that day. To make up for this School Development Day, the students’ last day of school for the year will become Thursday, 17th December instead of Wednesday, 16th December.

Returning Dates for 2016

Staff will be returning to school on Wednesday, 3rd February 2016

Students Years 1 – 12 will return on Thursday, 4th February 2016

And Kindergarten will start on Friday, 5th February 2016

To comply with the Department of Education’s WHS policy, all parents who wish to see their child/ren during school hours are asked to sign in at the front office.

Please note playground supervision does NOT start until 8.30am.
PRIMARY SPORT – SWIMMING

Pupils in Years K-6 will be swimming every Friday during sport. All pupils, except season ticket holders, are to bring in $2.50 each week for entry to the pool. Pupils must please bring their swimmers to school in a plastic or waterproof bag. ALL clothing and towels must also be labelled.

If your child is not going to swim on the day, they must have a note to excuse them from participating in swimming.

A permission note is also required for pupils in Years 3-6 who wish to stay at the pool after sport.

Intensive swimming, where students swim for an hour every day for two weeks, will be held in Weeks 8 and 9. Lessons will therefore be from 23th November to 4th December. Pool entry has been reduced to $2.00 for these sessions.

Please note that the front office will NOT be ringing home for any forgotten swimming items.
Kindergarten Orientation Days

Children who are beginning Kindergarten in 2016 are invited to the school to participate in our orientation days. During these visits, the children will participate in gross motor activities with K-2 students, have recess, work on literacy and numeracy tasks with Mrs Watters in the Kindergarten room, followed by a library lesson and then stay for lunch and play time.

These children will also visit the school on Wednesday lunch time to eat their lunch and play.

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- 19th October Week 3  
- 26th October Week 4  
- 2nd November Week 5  
- 9th November Week 6  
- 16th November Week 7 | 10.00am-2.05pm |
| **Wednesday (Term 4)**
- 21st October Week 3  
- 28th October Week 4  
- 4th November Week 5  
- 11th November Week 6  
- 18th November Week 7  
- 25th November Week 8  
- 2nd December Week 9  
- 9th December Week 10 | 1.05pm-2.05pm |

We look forward to meeting the children starting school in 2016 during these orientation visits. For more information, contact the front office on 67254101.
Monday 16th - Friday 20th November, 2015
Open all lunch times and all day on Thursday 19th November
Dress up as your favourite book character on
Thursday 19th November
No parade or prizes, just a fun dress up day!

Secondary Sport - Intensive Swimming
Students are required to bring their swimwear on Thursdays for Compulsory Intensive Swimming.
The lessons they receive may save a life one day. At this stage only about 50% of students are bringing the required equipment (swimmers, money $2.50 and towel). Not difficult. Hopefully, this selectiveness is not evident when somebody’s life or their own, is in the balance in the future!

P & C

Expressions of Interest are being sort to operate the school’s canteen in 2016.
If you are interested, please collect an application pack from the school’s front office.
The pack will be available to collect from the front office from Friday, 20th November.
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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Denise and Jesse would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone for their support at the Ashford School Canteen.

We have had a great time and will miss you all.

Any canteen vouchers from Denise will need to be used by the 27th November, that is our last day.

We wish the P & C good luck till the end of the year and to whoever takes on the canteen next year.

You will enjoy it!

Kind Regards

Denise and Jesse

Ashford Central School P & C Meeting

Wednesday, 18th November, after school @ school

**Ashford Central School P & C**

Will be holding a Lorraine Lea Linen Party on Monday, 23rd November, in the school’s Library after school, 3.15pm

Everyone is welcome to come and join us!
**Thought For The Week**

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

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**Ashford Bushfire Brigade**

Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 10th February, 2016**, 7.30pm at the fire station. Unless notified otherwise. 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 of children aged 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 0427227660 or like us on Facebook. All welcome.

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**ASHFORD GOLF CLUB**

- Sat 14th Nov  
  - Tfield open  
  - Stableford
- Sun 15th Nov  
  - Stableford
- Sun 22nd Nov  
  - Stableford
- Sun 29th Nov  
  - Stableford

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**GARAGE SALE**

Sunday, 22nd November, 2015

83 Ely Street

NOT before 8am!
ASHFORD MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB

Friday, 20th November, 2015

Lucky Members’ Draw $340 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.

Wednesday’s Progressive Members’ draw starts at
6.30pm at $100. If not won drawn every 15 minutes
till won. Last draw 7.00pm.

Happy Hour - Wednesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm
Thursdays 5.00pm—6.00pm

Euchre - Saturday, 21st November,
2.00pm start

Social Bowls - Thursday, 3.30pm start
Saturdays 5.30pm start

CATERING ON FRIDAY NIGHT
6.30–8.30pm • Bookings desirable.
Phone 67254202

Catering available on alternative days for private
Phone 67 254 202

Ashford Memorial Bowling Club
Position Vacant
Casual Bar Person
For more information contact Kevin Stoessel Ph: 0428 254 094

Ashford Medical Centre Information

Doctors Visiting Ashford
Dr Abbas, from Texas, is at the Community Health Centre, Saturday 8.00am for blood tests and normal surgery from 9.00am to 5.00pm.
There is a hospital at Texas. The phone number for the Doctor on these days is:- (02) 67262000.
Phone Number for Dr at Texas Surgery is (07) 46531363.
To make appointments any other days call Campbell & Freebairn Chemists Ashford on 02 67254013.

CHEMIST
The Chemist is open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm and then 1.30pm to 5.00pm. Closed for lunch from 12.30 to 1.30. Saturdays 9.00am to 12.00pm.
If prescriptions are needed, they can be dropped at the chemist by 11.30am for the afternoon delivery, which is here by 2.30pm. Any scripts after that time won’t be out until the next afternoon. There is no delivery on Saturdays.

OTHER NECESSARY PHONE NUMBERS
Community Health Centre: (02) 67262000
H.A.C.C. Phone Number: (02) 67254479
Blood tests are done Thursday fortnightly. For enquiries call (02) 67262030

Ashford Show Society

Ashford Show Society Rubbish Removal -
Expressions of Interest
Expressions of interest are sort for removal of rubbish from Ashford Show Grounds accumulated during the Ashford Show 20th-21st February 2016.
Duties include - Pick up loose rubbish and empty all bins on Sunday morning 21st February 2016 and remove waste from the grounds. To be completed by 8am.
Pick up loose rubbish and empty all bins on Monday morning 22nd February 2016 and remove waste from the grounds. To be completed by 2pm.
Please provide a written quote addressed to:- The Secretary, Ashford Show Society, PO Box 20, Ashford NSW 2361.
**THE LIONS’ CORNER**

**LIONS: Meeting**

*We meet on the first Tuesday of each month*

**7.00pm for 7.30pm**

Our next meeting will be held 1st December, 2015, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Please note the new daylight saving time. Don’t forget to nominate your Junior Citizen of the Year ready to be announced on our Australia Day BBQ Breakfast and Fun Day at the Town Oval.

**LEOS**

We meet Wednesday, 1st December in the Science Room at lunch time. Please try and remind each other to attend. It is our Christmas Party so make sure you all come so DO NOT bring any lunch. We will have food for you.

**BINGO**

HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. The next time will be 2nd December. It is our XMAS Bingo! Eyes Down at 1.00pm. Cost is $5.00 a book of 20 games and $2.00 for a Jackpot Ticket. It is $45.00 in 55 calls. Be nice to win. We will also have a cuppa at half time. It is included FREE in the cost of your ticket purchases. Come and have some fun with us all.

**MINI LOTTO**

Is drawn every Friday night at the Bowling Club at 6.00pm. $1.00 a ticket. This gets you 2 games per ticket. The jackpot is $2084.00 at the moment so it is well worth your while to take a ticket. Draw date 13/11/2015 and the winning numbers were 2, 3, 6, 10, 16, 20. We wish you the best of luck.

**RECYCLING**

Please do not forget to save all your postage stamps, ring pulls and bread clips for our Recycling Project. All monies raised go to good causes. You can drop them off at the R.T.C. for collection.

This is what’s happening in the Lions’ DEN.

Lion Helen Hilton

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**Ashford Roosters’ RLFC Meeting**

The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held **Monday, 14th December 2015** at 6.00pm.

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

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**Ashford Community Church**

**Presbyterian Parish Office**

Warren Richards

Ph: 0267 210 511 Mobile 0425 200 555

Email: wjrichards40@gmail.com

**Church services:**

Alternate Sundays 9.00am @ the Presbyterian or Anglican Church. Service held at Sunhaven Activity Room Bi-Monthly

**Bible Study:**

Wednesday 7.00pm @ Anglican Vicarage

**Youth Group:**

Once a month on a Friday 6.30pm @ the Presbyterian Church

*(Check School News for dates)*

**Friday Night Live Church Service:**

Once a month on a Friday 6.30pm @ the Presbyterian Church

*(Check School News for dates)*

For more information give Warren a call.
Three Sisters Eco Farm

On behalf of Three Sisters Eco Farm, Coolatai - we would like to wish a hand-on-heart-hearty acknowledgment to the community members who have lent their time, skills and sheets of corrugate to the making of our free-range community venue. Have the happiest Christmas and New Year.

It has been our privilege to watch individuals, friends and families come together from all walks of life and from all areas of the region to contribute to the idea of people loving people in an environment that is playful, creative and smart. This year has seen the development of the Community Supported Egg Shop, the Workshop Kitchen, the Cottage Garden and the beginnings of our new micro pirate, vagabond petting farm “Knowers Arc”. Taking care of beloved community pets that need rehousing.

This is a movement not for economic profit or cultural change or social politics (that’s mostly kept in the chicken coop), this is a movement of the heart. A simple notion that money may be an illusion and the real economy is in people power. People power and endless cups of tea. People power, endless cups of tea and grandma blankets. We can’t wait to see what next year brings.

In 2016 we ask you….. What Is It? After all, it is your imaginations that are building a future by design. Recycled, salvaged, donated and sourced from the ground. A future that is unlimited and ripe with hearty potential. Get involved: www.threesisterecofarm.com

Happy Christmas to all our friends (and future friends) in Coolatai, Wallangra, Ashford, Warialda, Bingara, Gravesend, Moree, Inverell, Yetman and the broader region. It is our privilege to be in the shire and surrounded by some of the most masterful minds we have ever come across. Go the bush!

Big Love
Kelly Jones + Three Sisters Eco Farm
Expression of Interest

The Texas Races are on the 12th December, 2015.

There is the possibility of running a bus from Inverell if we can get the numbers.

A 24 seater will cost $30 each, or a 57 seater will cost $15 each. Inverell Bus Service are happy to advertise around Inverell to fill the larger bus if needed.

Pick up will be at Ashford at 11.00am on the day and can pick up on the way to Texas. Remember day light saving so we will get there in plenty of time.

The bus will leave around 6.00pm depending on the last race.

Please contact Roberta on 02 67 254 223 (work: Mon, Tues, Wed) and home (at night) on 02 67 258 722.

RSVP: As soon as possible so that we can make the booking.

Ashford Show Society Canteen - Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are called, from interested parties, for provision of canteen services at the Ashford Show 20th-21st February, 2016.

Below are listed the basic conditions of tender.

**Meals to be provided on Saturday**
Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch (must not be BBQ), Afternoon Tea & Dinner (must not be BBQ)

**Meals to be provided on Sunday**
Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch (must not be BBQ) & Afternoon Tea

10% of the profit to be paid to the Ashford Show Society.

**Applications in writing should include:**
Name, Address, Phone Number, Organisation you are supporting if charity, Previous experience & Referee(s)

Please send your application to:
The Secretary
Ashford Show Society
Po Box 20 Ashford NSW 2361
ASHFORD LIONS CLUB
CLAIMING THE DATE
26TH JANUARY, 2016

For our Australia Day B.B.Q. breakfast and fun day.

To be held at the town Sports Oval.

It is that time of the year we have to nominate a person to receive the Junior Citizen of the Year for 2016.

If you know anyone who you think is deserving of this great award, please write a letter of nomination to P.O. Box 79 Ashford or give it to a Lion to hand in at the meeting.

The entry closes on the 10th January, 2016.

The winner will be presented with the award on Australia Day, 26th January 2016, during our BBQ Breakfast and Family Fun Day. We hope you will all come along and have a fun time with us all!
ASHFORD LIONS CLUB

AUSTRALIA DAY B.B.Q. BREAKFAST AND JUNIOR CITIZEN of THE YEAR FOLLOWED BY FLAG CEREMONY AND THEN THE FAMILY FUN DAY WITH GAMES AND THE B.B.Q. GOING ALL DAY

WHERE: ASHFORD TOWN SPORTS OVAL
WHEN: 26TH JANUARY 2016 STARTING TIME 8.00 A.M.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS ADULT EVENTS
Tag a Fish Nail Driving
Lollyman Chase Horse Shoe Pegging
Best Decorated Bike Lip Stick & Tie Race
Balloon & Water Race Wheelbarrow Rescue
Three Legged Race Gumboot Toss

Egg Catching & SO MUCH MORE FUN FOR EVERYONE !!!

The Money raised on the day will go back into The Community which is given out at The Changeover each year plus Our Administration Account for the running expenses of The Ashford Lions Club

FREE ASHFORD EXERCISE CLASS

COMMENCING WEDNESDAY - 11TH NOVEMBER
EVERY SECOND WEEK 10AM TO 11AM
THE LANDS COUNCIL BUILDING, ALBURY STREET

Morning Tea provided
Wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle
Aboriginal & Non-Aboriginal clients welcome

For more information
Phone Chris Connor
0429 046 691

HealthWISE
NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST
For Design Survey & construction of earthworks.
Contact John & Maree 0267254116 or mobile 0427254116.
Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive Lessons

Learning to swim is great fun with Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program.

Sport and Recreation delivers Royal Life Saving Society’s national Swim and Survive initiative and operates throughout regional NSW in communities where limited learn to swim opportunities exist.

Our classes offer multiple grades across preschool and school aged categories. Children progress through these skill grades dependent on their age and ability.

Classes are delivered by nationally-qualified instructors and normally run for eight or nine consecutive weekdays.

For more information on lessons near you, or to book, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive information pamphlets are available from the front office at Ashford Central School.
WHAT’S ON!

Joblink plus Wednesday 25th November

#Vet TBA

*Accountant Thursday TBA

Ashford Business Council meeting Thursday 3rd December
RTC Meeting Room 6pm

*Please contact Jeff Hannafor for appointments 07 46531155
#Please contact the Inverell Vet Clinic for bookings on 67210266

SANTA PHOTOS

Santa will be at the Ashford RTC and Post Office this Saturday

21st November 2015 from 1pm onwards for family Christmas photos.

To book in please see Leeanne Vickers at the Post office or phone
67254455 or 0428254058
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