Voluntary School Contribution

In an effort to simplify the payment of money to the school for visiting performances, books and school contributions, the school introduced a system of a one-off payment for all costs for the year. This system was introduced in 1995 with the support of the P & C and AECG. The big advantage to parents is that they get a considerable saving by paying the one-off levy.

The advantage to the school is the reduction of interruption to teaching time and more effective use of clerical time.

The school benefits from Equity Funding and many programs in the school are subsidised. The Voluntary School Contribution does not cover the cost of excursions during the year.

The contribution for each class is as follows: Kindergarten to Year 6 is $40.00 per year, Year 7 to Year 12 is $40.00 per year.

Secondary Subject Contribution:


There is a family discount for families with more than two children attending Ashford Central School. No family pays more than their eldest 2 children's levies. The levy can be paid off on a term basis if you wish. If there is genuine hardship and families cannot pay their voluntary contribution, they are asked to contact the Principal for an interview.

The contribution covers free ambulance, books, paper supplies, art and craft materials, text books, visiting performances (three per year), PSSA and CHS fees, Life Saving Awards and Life Education Van.

At the P&C meeting at the end of 2007, a parent reported hearing a number of parents discussing voluntary school contribution. They were saying it was cheaper to pay for the visiting performers at the time of the show.

This is in fact true, but, if you choose to do this you are making no contribution for books, paper supplies, art and craft materials, text books, Life Education van, PSSA/CHS fees etc. In 2014, the school spent $121,972 on such items or about $753 per student.

Asking parents to contribute $40 per student does not appear unreasonable and represents exceptional value for money. Payments can be made at the office at any time. Several parents have already made payments for 2015.
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LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

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Download on the App Store
Premier’s Reading Challenge

Students from Ashford Central School are again being encouraged to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9. Participation by students is voluntary.

The challenge aims to encourage, in students, a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The PRC is an initiative of the NSW State Government with principle support from the Dymocks’ Literacy Foundation, OPSM and media partner, The Sun-Herald. All students who enter and successfully complete the challenge will receive a PRC certificate for that year and their name will be published on an honour roll. This is a condition of entry and any parents who object to this should contact the school.

The challenge ends on September 1 this year. The PRC website has all the rules and book lists and students are able to enter their books online from home or school using their school username and password. Students who don’t have internet access will of course be able to enter books at school. Teachers will also provide paper record sheets for students to keep track of their reading. This is a good idea for all students as computer systems have been known to crash occasionally!

Parents and teachers may help students to read books which they find challenging and books which teachers read with the whole class may also be counted. Students in K-2 need to read 30 books, of which 25 must come from the PRC list and 5 can be personal choice. Students in the 3-4, 5-6 and 7-9 challenges read 20 books of which 15 must be PRC and 5 can be personal choice. Good readers in any class may read from the next level challenge if they are able to.

Miss Kent is able to help students choose books from the Library which are on the PRC lists.

We look forward to lots of students completing the challenge this year. Students can start to register their reading from the beginning of March. The easiest way to access the website from home is to google: premier’s reading challenge. Once you are there, log in with the student’s school internet user name and password.

Happy reading!
Student Absences - New Text Message System

Starting on 18th February, ACS will be implementing a new system for student absences. Once the morning roll has been marked, parents will receive a text message if their child was away. By simply replying to this message, the explanation for the absence can be sent directly to the school record system. This system provides parents with a very convenient way of reporting absences to the school. It is important that the message is replied to promptly to avoid your child receiving an unexplained absence on their record. An unexplained absence will be recorded if you have not responded within 5 days of receiving the message.

Of course, you may still advise of your child’s absence by telephoning the school or by sending a written note. It is important that you wait for the text message from the school before sending your reply. The text message will include the date your child was away. Separate messages will be sent if you have several children away on the same day. Please reply to each message separately.

Primary Sport

NW Swimming Carnival
On Tuesday, 3rd March, Hannah Drady, Kali Lavender and Storm Lavender represented Inverell Zone at the NW Swimming Carnival in Armidale. Results were unknown at the time of printing.

Winter Zone Trials
A number of students will be trying out for Zone teams in netball, rugby league and football (soccer) at the Winter Zone Trials in Inverell on Friday, 6th March. Good luck to Jessica Harvey, Josie Thompson, Brittany Schneider, Cheyanne Walsh, Amber Kliendienst and Dannica Charles who will be trying out for netball, Harry Schneider, Geoffrey McCosker and Kali Lavender for football, Lukhye Vale for 11s rugby league and Joe Luckett for the open rugby league team.

NRL Captain’s Cup and Girls’ League Tag
On Wednesday, 11th March, Years 3&4 students will be travelling to Inverell to play in the NRL Captain’s Cup (boys tackle) and Girls’ League Tag. Two girls’ teams and one boys’ team have been entered in the competition. They will be playing at Kamilaroi Oval between 10 am and 2 pm. Parents are encouraged to come along to watch and offer support and encouragement.

Swimming
Although we have not had a lucky start (weatherwise) for swimming to go ahead during our Friday Sport sessions, we nevertheless still plan to go swimming in the weeks ahead. Students must still please bring their swimmers and $2.00 pool entry money to school on Fridays.

School Photos 2015
Students have received their individual photo envelopes. Family envelopes can be collected from the office. The date for the Ashford Central School photos is Friday, 13th March, 2015. Please wear school uniform.

If you would like your child’s or family photos taken, please return your envelopes with payment to the front office by Monday, 9th March, 2015. Please return all envelopes even if you do not wish to order. Late orders will not be accepted by the photographer.
100 Years of ANZAC

CAN YOU HELP?

As part of 100 years of Anzacs celebrations, Ashford Central School is gathering photos and stories about each of the Anzacs on the Honour Roll in the Memorial Hall. If you have any old photos or stories to assist, could you please bring them to the school office or contact the school on 67254101.

Food Technology Fees

Dear Parents / Guardians

Your child / children have elected to take Food Technology in 2015. The students have a practical lesson each week where they learn valuable cooking and nutrition skills and enjoy eating their meal afterwards.

Due to administration and purchasing requirements in Food Technology, cooking fees will be required to be paid in advance, each term. A discount will be offered if this fee is paid by Week 2 of each term. Fees must be set at a fixed rate as ingredients need to be purchased in advance. These subjects are elective subjects and students are required to pay for the ingredients that are used. This fee is also subsidised by the school. Students need to bring a container each week.

The fees for 9/10 Food Technology for each term are as follows: $25.00

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Total for the year $100.00

Total for the year with the discount $90.00

Book requirements

Students require a folder with lined paper and plastic sleeves. This folder may be used for other subjects as well.

A display folder to present assignments.

Please let me know if you have any difficulties with the fees.

Mrs Luckett

School Dates 2015

Friday, 6th March - Primary Winter Zone trials, rugby league, soccer, netball, hockey
Wednesday, 11th March - NRL Captain’s Cup Yrs 3/4
Friday, 13th March - School Photos - Please wear school uniform. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
Thursday, 2nd April - Primary Zone touch trials
Thought For The Week
Nothing is fool proof to a sufficiently talented fool.

Ashford Bushfire Brigade
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th March, 2015, 7.30pm at the fire station. All members are asked to attend.

Ashford Roosters’ RLFC Meeting
The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held Wednesday, 18th March, 2015 at 6.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

Bun Bun Playgroup
Ashford Bun Bun Playgroup is a supported playgroup for parents/ grandparents/carers with 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.

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 GOLF CLUB
Membership fees now due $60.00 for members and associates, $30 for juniors.
Working Bee Saturday, 14th March, 9.00am start all welcome.
ASHFORD MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB

Lucky Members Draw $320  WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 2015 between 7.00pm & 8.00pm
FRIDAY, 6th March, 2015.
Lucky Member’s Draw, drawn 8:30pm.
Progressive Members’ Draw starts 7.30pm @ $20. If not won increases by $10.00 every 15 minutes till 8:00pm. Meat tray raffles starting at 6:30pm.

Saturday, 7/3/15 Euchre 2.00pm start
Social Bowls: Saturday 7th March, 2015. 6.00pm
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.
Phone 67 254 202

Second Hand School Clothing

The school has a number of second hand items of school clothing available for secondary students to purchase.

3 x blue school shirts size S $10 each.
1 pair soccer boots size 9 US good condition. $20
1 long sleeved white linen shirt Small (38) - $10.00.
1 senior girl’s skirt Size 12.

For more information please contact the front office.

FOR SALE

One single bed, frame and mattress
$100
Phone 0412714293

FREE to a good home

1 black male kitten
1 female tabby kitten
4 months old. Phone 0400389202

Ashford Common Meeting

Ashford Bowling Club. 12th March 2015.
6.30pm

WANTED

9kg obsolete gas bottle for a school project.
Please call Jarred on 67254138.
The Lions’ Corner

LIONS
Our Lions’ meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Bowling Club 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start. Next meeting is 3rd March, 2015 but it will be held at the Driver Reviver for March meeting.

LEOS
Our meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th March, 2015 in the Science room at lunch time. Please come along to the meeting.

BINGO
Held at the Bowling Club: first Wednesday of the month. Our next day is 4th March, 2015. Cost of books $5.00 a book and the jackpot is $2.00 a sheet. Jackpot amount is $60.00 at the moment.

MINI LOTTO
Winning Numbers: 2, 7, 11, 12, 14, 18. Draw date 27/2/2015. JACKPOT is now up to $858.00. Keep your entries coming in, it is a long way to $10,000.00.

DRIVER REVIVER
JUST A REMINDER The next lot of school holidays is 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.

Yours from The DEN
Lion Helen Hilton President
WHAT’S ON!

Joblink plus       Wednesday 18th March
Accountant        Thursday 19th March
Ashford Business Council meeting  Thursday, 12th March
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

Come in and see the new range of very affordable stationery available.
Special thanks to the stewards, judges, assistants and all who helped in the Pavilion at Ashford Show over the weekend. To Warren and Lorraine, collectors, presenting a great display of items. To Marlene who didn’t stop from Friday through to Sunday afternoon. To Pam and Brian, helping when and where ever they could all weekend. To Bob and Val, what would we do without you! Thanks to all of you from, Veronica, Chief Steward, Pavilion

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World Day of Prayer
The World Day of Prayer is on again. Friday, 6th March, 2015 starting at 9.30am for a cuppa then service at 10.00am in St Marks Anglican Church. Our three churches welcome you to come. This year we join the World Day of Prayer in study and prayer for the Bahamas, the home of the pink flamingo. Like all countries, the Bahamas, consisting of many islands, need your prayer.

For Sale
Size 9 Blue Fila soccer boots. $10.00
Phone 67254109

Bonshaw CWA
The next meeting of the Bonshaw CWA will be held at the Bonshaw Memorial Hall starting at 10.00am on the 11th March, 2015. All welcome.

Kelpie Pups
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Two female Kelpie pups, six weeks old.
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Make great pets or working dogs.
Contact Mick Lewis 67254017 or Mobile 0427254102.

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March 27th 2015

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