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.
SECONDAY SPORTS REPORT

CRICKET

Congratulations to Letitia Hartley who attended the NSWCHS Girls' Cricket Championships, representing North West. Letitia was an integral member of this team and her achievement is to be commended.

SWIMMING

After a successful evening of swimming at our school swimming carnival, Jesse Rollinson qualified for and attended the NW Regional Swimming Championships. Jesse received several 3rd and 4th places in his events and 2nd in the 100m backstroke. Congratulations Jesse!

TOUCH FOOTBALL


Darryl, Rahni & Dannica performed well on the day and were selected in the possibles vs probables team. The standard of players was extremely high and unfortunately our students did not gain further selection into the zone team, however, their achievement is to be commended.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 26TH MARCH — Girls' League Tag Gala Day in Inverell
- 24TH APRIL — School Cross Country Carnival
- 21ST & 22ND MAY — Central Schools’ Touch Regional Carnivals
- 28TH & 29TH MAY — Central Schools’ Netball & League Regional Carnivals
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.

School Dates 2015

24th-31st March - Year 12 Half Yearly exams
Thursday, 2nd April - Primary Zone touch trials
Thursday, 2nd April - Primary Easter Hat Parade 12.45 in the COLA
Thursday, 2nd April - Last day Term 1 school holidays begin
Monday, 20th April - School Development Day, Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 21st April - Students return first day Term 2
Friday, 24th April - School cross country
7th May - Zone Cross Country
21st May - 16s Central Schools’ touch football, Inverell
22nd May - Open Central Schools’ touch football, Inverell
28th May - 16s Central Schools’ netball & league, Inverell
29th May - Open Central Schools’ netball & league, Inverell

Ashford Anzac Day Ceremony 25th April, 2015

6.30am: Dawn Service at the War Memorial followed by a $5.00 cooked breakfast at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

10.15am: Assemble at flagpole at Ashford Central School.

10.30am: Unveiling of Memorial Garden for Centenary of Gallipoli Landing. Featuring the planting of a pine tree which is a descendant from a tree brought back from Gallipoli in 1915 by a local digger.

11.00am: Anzac March - Whole school and community march from school to Memorial Hall. March will be led by Bruce Fitzhannim who is 100 years old in November and served in WWII. He is believed to be the oldest participant in an Anzac Day march in Australia.

11.10am: Service held at Ashford Memorial Hall will be led by School Captains.

A display of war memorabilia from the local community will be in the Memorial Hall. School projects on the locals who fought in WW1 will be a feature.

Morning tea at the hall will be provided by the Student Representative Council and the P&C.

12.30pm: Catered lunch at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club. (Pre-bookings appreciated to assist with catering).

1.30pm: 2-up at the club.
PRIMARY SPORT

NW TRIALS
On Monday, 16 March, Joe Luckett and Lukhye Vale represented Inverell Zone at the Northern Rugby League Trials in Armidale. Josie Thompson, Harry Schneider and Geoffrey McCosker also played for the Zone Football (soccer) team at the Northern Trials in Inverell on Thursday, 19 March. Unfortunately, none of our players made it into the Northern team but we would nevertheless like to congratulate them for making it this far and for taking up this opportunity. Thanks to the parents for taking them to training and to the trials.

SMALL SCHOOLS’ PSSA SOCCER KNOCKOUT
This year we have signed up to compete in the Small Schools’ PSSA Soccer Knockout. Training and try outs will be held for the students in Years 5&6 who have signed up. A mixed team of 11 players plus 3 reserves will be chosen in the coming weeks.

TOUCH TRIALS
Next Thursday, seven girls will be trying out for the Inverell Zone Touch Team in Inverell. Good luck to Kali Lavender, Brittany Schneider, Josie Thompson, Dannica Charles, Hannah Drady, Amber Kliendienst and Paige Williams.

MINI ROOS FOOTBALL (SOCCER) FESTIVAL
On Tuesday, 28 April, Northern NSW Football is running a football festival in Inverell for students in Year 3&4. Teams will play 5 games and players will have the opportunity to take part in a juggling and penalty shootout competition. Permission notes need to be returned by Tuesday, 31 March so that teams can be finalised and entered.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on the first Friday back at school next term. Students are encouraged to start training.

Parents Please Note
Parents and students are reminded that supervision at school begins at 8.30am not before. Please do not send your children to school before this time. Students arriving earlier than 8.30am will not be supervised.

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.
**Thought For The Week**

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

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**Ashford Bushfire Brigade**

Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 8th April, 2015, 7.30pm**
at the fire station. All members are asked to attend.

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**Ashford Roosters’ RLFC Meeting**

The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held on **Monday, 13th April, 2015 at 6.30pm**.
The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

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**Inverell & District Soccer 2015 Season Registrations**

Registrations are open for the 2015 Junior Soccer season. Last year saw a massive increase in player numbers and it is looking like another fantastic 2015 season ahead. Registration and payment are to be made through myfootballclub.com.au before **Thursday, 2nd April, 2015**. **No late registrations will be accepted after this date due to the large increase in numbers the competition had last year.** Age group divisions are 5-6yrs $90, 7-8yrs $90, 9-10yrs $100, 11-12yrs $100 and Youth 13-18yrs $110. Teams will be advertised in the Inverell Times prior to competition starting on **Saturday, 2nd May, 2015**. For further information please contact inverelldistrictsoccer@gmail.com or Tammy Cabitza 0427 878 730 or Carl White 0427 774 019.

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**ASHFORD GOLF CLUB**

Membership fees now due $60.00 for members and associates, $30 for juniors. Monthly Meeting Tuesday, 31st March. 7.00pm. 29/3 Stableford 5/4 Stableford 11/4 Pony Club 3 person Ambrose.
ASHFORD MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB
Lucky Members Draw $380  WEDNESDAY, 25th March, 2015 between 7.00pm & 8.00pm
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, 28/3/15 Euchre 2.00pm start
Social Bowls: Saturday 28th 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.

New Items For Sale
(School Uniform)
Dry & Cosy Jacket size 16y Dark Navy $29.40
Polar Fleece Classic Jacket 16y Dark Navy $19.25
Polar Fleece Bomber Jacket Size 6 Dark Navy $22.38
Please ring Ashford Central School 67254101 or call into the front office.
Inverell & District

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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 7th April, 2015. The two Inverell Lions clubs have invited us to join them at the Graman Hotel on the 25th March for a social night, 6.00 for 6.30 pm, partners welcome.

LEOS

Our meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th May, 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 1st April, 2015, April Fools Day. We will have a few funny games for this day, just for fun. Cost of books $5.00 a book and the jackpot is $2.00 a sheet. Jackpot amount is $65.00 at the moment in 56 calls.

MINI LOTTO

Winning Numbers: 1, 6, 10, 13, 17, 19. Draw date 20/3/2015. JACKPOT is now up to $946.00. Keep your entries coming in, it is a long way to $10,000.00. Thank you to our loyal supporters. The Lions do appreciate your entries as this money we raise gets given back to the community at our changeover dinner.

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

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Ashford Community Church

Trevor Ewart
Mobile: 0448 876 861
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Warren Richards
Mobile: 0425 206 535
Email: sjrichteous@gmail.com

Church services:
First and third Sundays of the month 9:00am @ the Presbyterian Church
Second and fourth Sundays of the month 9:00am @ the Anglican Church

Bible Study:
Wednesday 9:30am @ Sanhaven Activity Room
Wednesday 7:00pm @ Anglican Vicarage

Youth Groups:
Once a month on a Friday 6:30pm @ the Presbyterian Church
Once a month on a Friday 6:30pm @ the Presbyterian Church

Friday Night Live Church Service:
Once a month on a Friday 6:30pm @ the Presbyterian Church
(Check School News for dates)

All are Welcome

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SWIMMING CLUB—Wednesday, 25th March.
Final Time Trials for the season. Starts 5.30pm, banger, sangers and water available as usual at the usual price. All members come and have your best times recorded.

Presentation Night TBA.
ASHFORD RURAL TRANSACTION CENTRE
30-32 Albury Street Ashford NSW 2361
Phone 67254455
Fax 67254445
Email ashfordrtc@ashfordonline.com.au

WHAT’S ON!

Joblink plus Wednesday 15th April
Ashford Business Council meeting Thursday, 9th April
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

Don’t forget that you can get your cash out or deposit at the Post Office.
New England Mutual, Commonwealth, NAB, Teachers Credit Union plus many more cards accepted.

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• Supply & Installation of LED Work Lights & Light Bars
• General Farm Maintenance

CALL US TODAY TO DISCUSS YOUR NEEDS
Craig - 0407060669  Facebook  Find us on Facebook  Kat – 0428198146
GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd April
Good Friday Dinner - 6.30pm
Join us for a casual family night at Goat Rock for a traditional Good Friday feast of BBQ fish and salad
COST: $20/adult, $12.50/child 5-12yrs, (under 5's free)

EASTER SATURDAY - 4th April
Pancake Brekkie - 2am
Enjoy a relaxing breakfast of delicious pancakes with all your favourite toppings plus more!
Tea & Coffee included - BYO juice etc.
COST: $10/person, under 5's FREE

Shindig at The Shed - 6pm
Spit Roast & Camp Oven Dinner plus Dessert
Live entertainment - Billy Pitt - 2014 Winner of the Troy Caesar-Daley Indigenous Scholarship for the Academy of Country Music
COST: $35/adult, $15/child 5-12yrs, under 5's FREE, Coverscharge (no meal) - $0

EASTER SUNDAY - 5th April
Easter Sunday Brunch - 9.30am
Join us at Goat Rock on Easter Sunday for a mouth-watering spread including Sausages, Bacon, Lamb Chops, Eggs, Baked Omelette, Corn Fritters, Toast, Cereal, Muffins, Fresh Fruit, Tea, Coffee, Juice and of course Easter Eggs!
COST: $22/Adult, $15/Child 5-12yrs, Under 5yrs Free
Shearing Demonstration - 2pm-Cost $5/person
Sunday Nite Get Together (Campers Only) - 6.30pm-Cost $15

Easter Camping/Meal Package Deals Available

Farm Animal Feeding Daily - 4pm Bookings Essential for all Meals
BYO Alcohol

Goat Rock Camping Ground & Tourist Park
07 4653 0999 or 0437 713 488
ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CANCER COUNCIL

6:00pm start
Names on board by 5:30pm
28th March

Phyllis Byrne Memorial
Charlile Minors Day
Currall Cup

Remembering Past Members of the Bowling Community
HAVE A NIGHT OFF
LIVE MUSIC
FRI 27 MARCH - NULLAMANNA HALL
LUKE O'SHEA AND SIMPLY BUSHED
PAUL GRIERSON & CHRIS RIEGER
6.30 - 7.00 PM BBQ
MUSIC STARTS 7.00

GUARDIAN

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE WALLANGRA WALKATHON
A FREE BUS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORT TO & FROM ASHFORD

5KM: 8AM AT SANDY CREEK, WALLANGRA RD
2KM: 8.30AM AT WIDGEE, WALLANGRA RD

BOTH WALKS WILL END AT WALLANGRA HALL WITH REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

ALL FUNDS RAISED TO BE DONATED TO AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND FOR RURAL MENTAL HEALTH

EMAIL: WALLANGRAFESTIVAL@HOTMAIL.COM
WWW.WALLANGRANSW.COM
Shindig at The Shed

Easter Saturday 4th April 2015
GOAT ROCK CAMPING GROUND & TOURIST PARK
TEXAS, QLD

Spit Roast Dinner & Dessert
LIVE Music by Billy Pitt

Winner of the 2014 Troy Cassar-Daley Indigenous Scholarship for the Academy of Country Music

COST
Adult ............... $35
Child 5-12yrs ...... $15
Covercharge
(no meal) ... $10

6pm Start
6.30pm Dinner
Music from
7.30pm - Late

Easter Camping Package Deals Available

BOOKINGS FOR MEALS ARE ESSENTIAL
ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS

PH: 07 4653 0999  OR PH: 0437 713 488
WEBSITE: WWW.GOATROCK.COM.AU
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GOATROCK

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

WHERE: Ashford Golf Club
WHEN: Saturday 11th April 2015
TIME: 10.00am start
COST: $20.00 per person (includes game & meal)

For those who aren’t the golfing enthusiasts, but would still like to support, can come out for a meal & drinks!
Meal Only - $10.00 adult, $5.00 kids

Hope to see you there ☺️

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WALLANGRA FESTIVAL PRESENTS
FREE ENTRY

NOT QUITE TED TALKS

ROBYN MOORE MC [The voice of binley hill]
MIKE MCCOSKER [For the love of farming]
TONY LOVELL [Putting carbon back where it belongs: in the soil]
PHOEBE MAROULIS [The role of nature in community wellbeing]
Dr Anna Carr, Meg Perceval, Alexander Dudley, Burnie Shakeshaft, Kelly Jones.

GRAMAN HALL MARCH 27TH 2015

Featuring 9 Key Speakers On Topics Of Rural Sustainability
Starts 1:45pm-7pm at Graman Hall, Graman.
The event is free to all with an optional $10 donation to continue the goodwill of future events in our community.
wallangrafestival.com
www.wallangransw.com

WALLANGRA RECREATION RESERVE TRUST PRESENTS

NOT QUITE BAROQUE AT WALLANGRA

28.03
A music concert

CLASSICAL FOLK OPERA ROCK POP CHOIR
SAT 28TH MARCH 6:30PM (FOOD/BBQ AVAILABLE FROM 5)
CONCERT AND SUPER FREE

INVERELL INFO CENTER 6728881 AWFORD INFO CENTER 67256455
BOOKINGS ONLINE WWW.WALLANGRANSW.COM
New England Mutual proudly supports Ashford Central School.

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