Belated Welcome to Ashford Central

This year the school has welcomed 2 new teachers.

Mr Jeremy Atkins has transferred from Oaklands Central School in the Riverina where he was an English / History teacher and acting Head Teacher. Before that he spent a year at Riverstone High School in Blacktown and a year as a senior Education Officer with the Department in Sydney.

Mr Atkins was raised in Boomi and is very happy to be teaching in a country school.

Mr Kyle Hartley completed his Education degree at Southern Cross University in Coffs Harbour in 2014. He has been employed at Ashford Central School as a junior secondary Science and Maths teacher. Mr Hartley completed all his schooling at Ashford and completed his HSC here in 2010.

We are delighted to welcome home a very successful student from our seniors’ program.
Mr Mathew Lewis

Mr Mathew Lewis has been appointed as a Geography/Primary Industries teacher. Mat completed an Urban & Regional Planning degree and Graduate Diploma in Education through UNE, Armidale.

Mat worked as a town planner with Inverell Shire Council for two years before taking up a career in teaching. Mat taught at the Karabar Distance Education campus in Queanbeyan for a year.

In 2014 he was employed as a tutor for senior Aboriginal students under the Department’s Norta Norta program.

Mat completed his schooling at Ashford Central School, completing his HSC in the first HSC class of 2004.

Stephanie Press

We welcome ex-student Stephanie Press back to Ashford Central School.

Steph is undertaking a four week practicum with Mr Pintus.

Steph completed her HSC in 2012 and is in her third year of a Bachelor of Mathematics / Bachelor of Teaching degree at UNE, Armidale.

She gained a UNE Equity Teaching Scholarship for rural students to assist with her studies.

She has completed two other pracs at Toorminah High School near Sawtell and St John’s College, Woodlawn in Lismore.
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 Bomber Jacket size 6 Dark Navy $22.38
Please ring Ashford Central School 67254101 or call into the front office.

Australian Mathematics Competition 2015
The Australian Mathematics Competition is to be held on Thursday, 30th July, 2015. Entry fee is $6.00 per student and must be paid at the front office by the 7th May, 2015. It is open to students from Year 3 to Year 12.
No late entries will be accepted after the 7th May. So please be prompt.
Mr Pintus.

Science Competition
Students from Year 3 to Year 12 are invited to participate.
When: June 3rd, 2015.
Cost: $8.00 per student
No late entries accepted after this date.
School Dates 2015

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

PRIMARY SPORT

CROSS COUNTRY

Ashford Central School will be hosting the Zone Cross Country again this year. The event will take place at the Ashford Showground on the 7th May. This is an ideal opportunity for us to showcase our town and show everyone just what we have got! Our P&C will be running the canteen as well as selling raffle tickets to raise funds to support the students of our school.

Sixteen primary students have been selected to try out for the Zone team at the event. They are Montannah Fomiatti, Summer Morley, Storm Lavender, Alivia Turner, Rachael Krauss, Paige Williams, Dannica Charles, Amber Kliendienst, Katie Rees, Leroy Dedula, Mitchell Garrett, Mackenzie Fomiatti, Kane Morley, Geoffrey McCosker, Harry Schneider and Joe Luckett. We wish them all the best of luck.

LEAGUE AND LEAGUE TAG

The NRL Legends (boys’ tackle and girls’ league tag) competition will be held at the Ashford Town Oval on Friday, 22nd May. This event is for Years 5 and 6 students who will receive permission notes this week. They are to be returned by 11th May.
**Thought For The Week**

I don't have a solution, but I do admire the problem.

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**Ashford Bushfire Brigade**

Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 13th May, 2015, 7.30pm** at the fire station. This is the AGM. 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 **Monday, 11th May, 2015 at 6.00pm**. The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

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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**

Membership fees now due $60.00 for members and associates, $30 for juniors.

- 3/5 Stableford
- 10/5 Championships
- 17/5 Championships
- 21/5 Monthly meeting 7.00pm all welcome
- 24/5 Stableford Inverell Open 4BBB
- 31/5 Stableford

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**2015 SEASON TICKETS**

$50 GETS YOU ENTRY FOR ALL HOME GAMES.

Available from the school office.
ASHFORD MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB

Lucky Members Draw $500  Friday, 1st May, 2015 between 7.15pm starting at $20.00. If not won increases by $10.00 every 15 minutes till 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.

No members draw on Wednesdays
Happy Hour - Wednesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm
Euchre Saturday, 2nd May, 2015 2.00pm start

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

WANTED
9kg obsolete gas bottle for a school project.
Please call Jarred on 67254138.

Bonshaw CWA

The May meeting of the Bonshaw CWA will be held on Wednesday, 13th May, 2015 at 10.00am in the Bonshaw Memorial Hall.
All welcome.

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NITS/HEADLICE

Dear Parents,

We have been notified of several cases of head lice this week.

PLEASE CHECK ALL CHILDREN’S HAIR TONIGHT.
If nits are present they must be treated with the appropriate solution (available from the chemist) and can return to school as soon as they are clear.

Everyone in the house should be treated.

PLEASE NOTE:
Headlice are not choosy. Anyone can get them and it is definitely not a sign of uncleanliness.
CALL US TODAY TO DISCUSS YOUR NEEDS

Craig - 0407060669  Find us on Facebook  Kat – 0428198146

FUNDRAISER

Long Time Coming is kindly hosting a family fun-filled night of live entertainment to raise funds for the Ashford District Pony Club.

WHERE: Ashford Town Hall
WHEN: Saturday 9th May 2015
TIME: 6.00pm – 12.00pm
COST: $5.00 each or $20.00 family

Raffles will be held and drawn on the night!!

Hope to see you there 😊
**Ashford Pony Club**

Ashford Pony Club would like to apologise to the community for not making it in time to participate in the march on ANZAC Day.

The time that was advertised differed greatly to the actual time the march commenced.

Our young riders did form a guard of honour just as the last community members were making their way into the hall. We would like to congratulate all our riders for their pride and enthusiasm in wishing to take part in such an important event.

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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 5th May, 2015.

**LEOS**

Our meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th May, 2015 in the Science room at lunch time. Please come along to the meeting.

The four Lions who travelled to Warialda on the 18th April, 2015 for the information day had a great day and we learnt a lot about Lions and the way we do things in the organisation.

Remember that our time is 6.30 for 7.00 now daylight saving has ended.

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**BINGO**

Held at the Bowling Club first Wednesday of the month. Our next day is 5th May, 2015. 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.

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**MINI LOTTO**

Winning numbers: 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 18. Draw date 24/4/2015. JACKPOT is now up to $1075.00. WOW, we have kicked over to the thousands now so let us play hard to get it up to a high amount. 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.

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**DRIVER REVIVER**

THANK YOU to my volunteers once again for your help running the Reviver these holidays and for the NEW ones. WELCOME to our TEAM!

Yours from the DEN
Lion Helen Hilton President

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**Ashford Show Society**

**Annual General Meeting**

Thursday, 14th May, 2015
7.30pm Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

Nominations are invited from the community. Come along and help our show be fantastic for 2016.

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**Ashford Common**

Next meeting of the Ashford Common will be held on the 14th May, 2015 at 6.30pm at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club. All invited to attend.

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**POSITIONS VACANT**

Sunhaven Hostel calls for applications for the following position:

1. Casual Care Support Worker

The prospective employee will carry out tasks under supervision and will assist a higher grade Care Support Worker in attending to the personal needs of the Residents.

The prospective employee will be offered training in all aspects of personal care and documentation.

This position has the capacity to become a permanent part time position in the future.

For application forms and further information, please contact office staff on 0267 254 223.

Applications close on 20th May, 2015.

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Ashford Memorial Bowling Club
SCHOOL ZONE PARKING

Earlier this year Inverell Police were inundated with complaints relating to motorists disobeying the “Bus Zone”, “No Parking” and “No Stopping” signs that surround the Inverell schools. One week into this school term and concerns have again been raised about the number of motorists who continually defy these parking rules. This topic alone has recently received wide media attention, especially with the large number of accidents occurring around schools throughout the State.

The rules are simple and state;

No Stopping –

A driver must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a No Stopping sign applies.

This definition is clear. Between the times mentioned, motorist who park between the no stopping signs will be issued with a traffic infringement notice totalling $311.00 and two demerit points. This includes stopping and dropping off/picking up your children in these zones. You cannot stop in these zones for any reason (except for a medical emergency)

No Parking –

A driver of a vehicle must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a No Parking sign applies unless the driver is;

a) dropping off, or picking up passengers or goods
b) does not leave the vehicle unattended (vehicle unattended means that the driver can leave the vehicle however the driver cannot be any more than 3 metres from the closest point of the vehicle)
c) completes the dropping off or picking up of passengers or goods, and drives on as soon as possible (generally in a 2 minute time frame)

The No Parking rule is simple. Between the time mentioned, drivers cannot leave their vehicles in these zones and walk into the school to collect their children. If you
park in these zones between the times listed, you must remain in or near your vehicle (within 3 metres). Motorists detected breaching these road rule signs will be issued with a traffic infringement notice totalling $311.00 and two demerit points.

**Bus Zone –**

A driver must not stop in a bus zone between the mentioned times. The dropping off and picking up of children in these zones during the mentioned time is prohibited. A fine of $311.00 and two demerit points apply.

I am fully aware that several parents have already been spoken to about these issues. It appears that some continue to defy these laws.

Over the coming months an on going Police Blitz will be carried out targeting school zones. The operation will include marked and unmarked vehicles, uniform police and police in plain clothes. The blitz will be random, not even the school will know when police are present and watching. Any motorists found breaching the road rules relating to the school signs will be fined.

Please be mindful that drivers do not have to be spoken to by police at the time of the offence. Police can record the offending vehicles details and post an infringement notice to the registered owner of the offending vehicle. This option is sometimes chosen when running an operation however on most occasions the offending driver will be spoken to about their actions.

Know when you can and can’t park around the school. The Police Blitz has already commenced. My advice is – BE TAUGHT OR GET CAUGHT.

Heath Roberts  
Senior Constable  
Inverell HWP  
23rd April 2015.

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**Thank You**

A big and heartfelt thank you to all who helped with the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Ian Long, Warren Julius, Corporal Robert Beard, RAAF Leading Air Craftsman Steven Akhurst, Pastor Warren Richards and the office staff at Ashford Central School for their work on the programs and to all who laid a wreath in remembrance. It was truly amazing to see such a large crowd. A conservative estimate would be in excess of 250 people. A great show of pride and respect to our ANZACs.

The 2up players raised $80.00 which was donated to LEGACY.

Thanks again. Mark Thorn

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**Thank You**

To all those who supported and spoke to Bruce Fitzhammin on ANZAC Day - many thanks. It certainly made it a memorable day for him. Gilbert Fitzhammin
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Ashford Roosters
WHAT’S ON!

Joblink plus 

Wednesday 13th May

Ashford Business Council meeting 

Thursday 14th May
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

ANNE FOLEY

Will be at the RTC on Friday
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With gift ideas for Mother’s Day

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