Hi! My name is Kirstie O’Brien and I am currently studying a Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood and Primary Education at the University of New England. I am in my final year of university and have thoroughly enjoyed studying this course, though I am most excited to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Which brings me to my final practicum at Ashford Central School in Years 1-2 with Miss Morris.

I have completed all of my schooling in Inverell and have become very involved in the Ashford community in the past couple of years, coaching the ladies’ league tag team with the Ashford Roosters. I have valued getting to know some of the local people and look forward to meeting more of the community in the near future.

As some would know, I also completed a three-week prac last year in Years 5-6 with Mrs. Lewis, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Ashford Central School is a very inclusive and pleasant community, which supports a wide range of learning and achievement for everyone, inspiring me to be a part of and complete my last prac with Ashford. I am in my final week. I have absolutely loved being with the Year 1 and Year 2 students, as well as meeting the rest of the primary students over the past 4 weeks. I look forward to seeing everyone again in the near future where I can prosper into my dream career as a primary school teacher and make a difference to the children of our future.

Kyle Hartley recently graduated with a Bachelor of Education. He completed his degree through Southern Cross University ay Coffs Harbour campus. Kyle, who completed all his schooling at ACS completed his HSC in 2010. He continues the proud tradition of success of our seniors’ program.
Rural Fire Service Demonstration

On Monday, 15th June, Years K, 1 and 2 had a visit from the Ashford Fire Brigade. During the visit, all students were able to explore the inside of the fire truck, listen to the sirens and look at the lights. We were all lucky enough to see the large hose used in big fires spurt out water across our oval, as well as holding onto the smaller hose, which had the same effect. We would like to thank Mr Henderson and Mr Knight for showing the infants around the truck and talking to us about fires and your emergency service.

Year 1 and 2 staging ‘Farmer Duck’ at the primary assembly on Friday, 12th June.

Congratulations Jesse

Congratulations to Jesse Rollinson for coming second at the State Cross Country Championships in Coolah last Friday. Jesse will now be competing at the State Championships on 17 July.

Good luck Jesse!
2015 information for parents and carers

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?

The aim of the national data collection is to collect better information about school students with disability in Australia.

This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

When implementing the national data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through the national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. The data will help schools to better support students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?

All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others (e.g. allied health professionals) to work together so that students with disability can participate in education. The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?

A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g. ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting class lessons) and at an individual student level (e.g. extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Every year your child’s school will collect the following information for each student with a disability:

- the student’s level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student’s level of adjustment
- the student’s broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and
programme improvement for students with disability.

WHO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the
DDA.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia
or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma,
that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

WHO WILL COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
Teachers and school staff will identify the number of students with disability in their school and the level
of reasonable adjustment they are provided based on:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team’s observations and professional judgements
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is
accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?
Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential. Personal
details such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or federal
education authorities.


IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?
All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect
and report information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of
adjustment provided to them.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is
available from your child’s school principal and the relevant education authority or association of
impedent schools.

Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, the school is still required to
provide support to your child with education needs.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection
of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may involve your child.


An e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for
the use of individuals, families and communities at http://resource.ice.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/.
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.

Library News

Library Class Times

Kindergarten: Tuesday, Year 1/2: Wednesday, Year 3/4: Wednesday, Year 5/6: Thursday. The library is also open during lunch time on a Tuesday and Friday. Students are more than welcome to return and borrow books during this time.

Overdue Books

Overdue notices will be distributed to students this week. There are many outstanding loans which need to be returned to the library for processing. Students must be aware that their borrowing privileges will be suspended and they will receive an invoice for payment of books if loans have not been returned for an extended period of time.

P & C News

The P & C would like to thank KIKI’s Café for supplying pies at a very reasonable price for the Flying Doctor Car Rally. The quality and variety was outstanding and the rally participants said it was the best meal they had had on the trip so far.

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
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.

Parents Please Note

Term 2
Hospitality and Food Technology FEES Are NOW DUE For Term 2.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Every Wednesday primary students are able to partake in rugby league (tackle) training sessions during lunch time. This is open for all students from Year 1 to Year 6. The ‘Permission to Play Rugby League notes, which have been handed to those who have shown interest, must be signed and returned to school before the student can play. Students can wear footy boots if they wish but MUST bring an old shirt or footy guernsey to play in. No shirt = No tackle. A mouth guard is recommended.

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday, Joe Luckett represented Zone at the Regional Cross Country Championships in Coolah. Joe came 33rd in the 11 Years 3km race out of a field of about 60. Thanks to his parents for travelling all that way so that Joe could have that experience. A great effort Joe!

Studec Social

Wednesday, 24th June
Infants and Primary 3:30 to 5:00pm
Dress-up as your favourite star
Dinner for K-12 is from 5pm to 6pm
Secondary 6:00 to 8:30pm
Fancy Dress
Entry $2
Cans $2
Single sausage $2
Double sausage $4
Snacks are available during each session.

Athletics Carnival

This Friday, the school will be holding the Annual Athletics Carnival at the Town Oval starting at 9.00am.

All students should assemble at school at 8.45 for the rolls to be marked. Any students travelling home by bus will be picked up at the Town Oval. School canteen will be operating on the day.
**Thought For The Week**

Holidays begins when Dad says, "I know a short cut."

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**CHEMISTS**

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**ASHFORD GOLF CLUB**

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

27/6 Sponsors’ Day
5/7 Stableford Delungra Open 4BBB
12/7 Stableford NEDGA Open 4BBB

Inverell

19/7 Foursomes Championships
26/7 1st Round Matchplay

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**Ashford Community Church**

Trevor East
Mobile: 0408 876141
Email: 47298761

Warren Richards
Mobile: 0407 100133
Email: trev@east.net.au

**Church services:**

First and third Sundays of the month @ 9.30am @ the Presbyterian Church
Second and fourth Sundays of the month @ 9.00am @ the Anglican Church

**Bible Study:**

Wednesday 9.30am @ Sunnylea Activity Room

Wednesday 9.00am @ Anglican Vicarage

**Youth Group:**

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

(Church School News for details)

**Friday Night Live Church Services:**

Once a month on a Friday 9.30pm @ the Presbyterian Church

(Church School News for details)

For more information give Trevor or Warren a call.

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**Ashford Bushfire Brigade**

Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 12th August, 2015,** 7.30pm at the fire station. All welcome.

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**CAR FOR SALE**

1983 Suzuki Sierra SJ40

Registration expires 3-9-2015 (CW54WB)

Light vehicle

Price $3,500.00

Enquiries phone 02 67254040.

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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 MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB

Lucky Members’ Draw $200  Friday, 19th June, 2015 between 7.15pm starting at $20.00. 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 up to 7.30pm.

Happy Hour - Wednesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm
Euchre Saturday, 20th June, 2015 2.00pm start
Social Bowls, Thursday 2.00pm start
Sunday 1.00pm start

CATERING ON FRIDAY NIGHT
6.00–8.00pm • Bookings desirable.
Phone 67254202
Catering available on alternative days for private functions. Minimum 20 people. Bookings essential.
Phone 67 254 202

Ashford Roosters Next Game

20th June, 2015 Vs GUYRA @ Ashford
First game - Under 18s - kicks off at 12.00 noon

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 3rd July, 2015.

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For Design Survey & construction of earthworks.
Contact John & Maree 0267254116 or mobile 0427254116.
The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held on Monday, 13th July 2015 at 6.00pm. The committee apologises for the bad timing of the last meeting. It appears everyone was away. When the date was set it was not noted that it was a long weekend. The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE  19th JUNE 2015

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30-32 Albury Street Ashford NSW 2361
Phone 67254455
Fax 67254445

WHAT’S ON!

Joblink plus Wednesday 8th July
Vet TBA
Accountant TBA
Ashford Business Council meeting Thursday 9th July

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
ASHFORD LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL
25 Albury Street, Ashford NSW 2361
Ph (02) 67254411  Fax (02) 67254422
Email: landcouncil@ashfordlc.com

‘SAVE THE SEVERN’ SUPERVISOR

Ashford Local Aboriginal Land Council are seeking to employ a Project Supervisor for the “Save the Severn” Project. This position is full time for 12 months initially funded by the Elsa Dixon Aboriginal Employment Program.

The “Save the Severn” is an on ground River Restoration and Rehabilitation project based on the Severn River between Pindari Dam and Kwiambal National Park. The mission of the project is to protect critical aquatic eco systems on the Severn River using a team of Aboriginal and non Aboriginal trainees to control weeds and feral animals, restore riparian vegetation and native habitat and stabilise stream banks to increase productivity of the surrounding land and reduce degradation of the river and its tributaries as well as create new employment opportunities.

The Supervisor will be responsible for leading a team of trainees who will deliver the on ground project works. This position comes with a high level of responsibility including safety, welfare and supervision of 4 trainees completing conservation and land management works. This is a 38 hour per week position with a level of flexibility with hours of work depending on the season, the works to be completed and the weather.

This is a unique opportunity to work on an innovative project that will have a critical impact on the restoration and rehabilitation of our precious natural resources.

Key responsibilities of the Supervisor include but are not limited to:
- Inspire, mentor, train and supervise all field staff;
- Work closely with the Project Manager to develop and deliver strategic plans and budgets;
- Provide timely information and reporting for key stakeholders;
- Ensure ground work is completed within budget and on time;
- Work in conjunction with the Project Manager and Administration Assistant to order materials and supplies;
- Ensure WHS compliance in line with management plans, policies and all legislative requirements;
- Communicate with key stakeholders including land holders to ensure the success of the project;
- Promote conservation and sustainability of NRM;
- Assist landholders in developing and implementing long term management plans for project area;
- Represent Ashford Local Aboriginal Land Council and the project in the general community by setting high standards of professional leadership and personal behaviour;
- Other duties as directed by the CEO or Project Manager.
Essential Criteria
   a) Aboriginality;
   b) Full drivers licence;
   c) Practical experience applying WHS plans and policies;
   d) Demonstrated experience inspiring, mentoring, training and supervising a team of staff;
   e) Demonstrated knowledge and experience delivering NRM projects;
   f) Excellent communication skills both oral and written;
   g) Experience in engaging team members in learning new skills and providing ongoing mentoring and support;
   h) Experience in developing and nurturing relationships with key stakeholders including government and non government, funding bodies, landholders etc;
   i) Experienced in formulating reports on time both written and oral;
   j) Solid record of effective organisation and prioritisation skills and ability to manage conflicting priorities to ensure the success of the project;
   k) Relevant certificates including: First Aid, White Card, Chainsaw Operation and Chemical Handling;
   l) Working with Childrens Check (or ability to obtain);
   m) Ability to obtain Federal Police Clearance.

Highly Desirable
   n) Senior or Remote First Aid;
   o) Certificate 4 in Training and Assessment;
   p) Certificates in Aboriginal Site Identification, Cultural Awareness, Indigenous or Conservation Land Management.

Applications close Friday, 3rd July 2015.

Please forward applications and enquiries to:
Pene Riggs | Chief Executive Officer | 02 6725 4411 | landcouncil@ashfordlalc.com.au

Applications must include the following:

1. Cover letter
2. Address of Selection Criteria
3. Resume with 2 recent work related references
4. Copy of Aboriginality Certificate
5. Copies of qualifications

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement of this position, exemption is claimed under section 14d of the Anti-discrimination Act NSW 1977.*
A farewell for Peter and Karen Squires will be held
On: 04.07.15
Time: 12.30pm
At: Ashford Show Ground
Cost: $20.00 per family
Lunch: BBQ lunch will be provided and a presentation will be made on behalf of the Community.
BYO drinks. Tea & coffee will be supplied.
RSVP: 26th June, 2015 to Kim and Roberta @ Sunhaven 0267254223.

PLEASE: To assist with catering and presentation costs, please RSVP and pay before the 26th of June.

PROPOSED ASHFORD

Parents,

We are proposing to start up an Ashford Roosters’ Minor League Club from next year. To begin this process we need to gauge what interest this generates within the Ashford community. Not only do we need numbers in the form of kids but also people keen to get involved in a new club i.e officials, coaches, referees and helpers at home games etc.

The Group L9 Minor League competition has teams in U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 for boys aged 6-16 & girls up to age 12 can also play alongside the boys. There is also league tag for the girls only being junior league tag (9-12) & senior league tag (13-15).

If numbers begin to look promising, we will hold a meeting for all interested people to attend to ask, answer questions, obtain more information etc.

This would be a great thing for our kids and the community so of course we would be encouraging all kids and parents to get behind this proposal and have ourselves a junior club from 2016 onwards.

To register you & your child’s interest please call, Craig 0407060669. Katherine 0428198146.

THE LIONS’ CORNER

LIONS: Meeting

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month
6.30pm for 7.00pm

Remember our next meeting is 7th July, 2015.
On the 21st July, 2015 we will be holding our Change Over and visit from our District Governor. Also on this night we will be announcing this year’s Citizen of the Year for 2015.

Remember we are still collecting ring pulls and plastic tabs off the bread. Stamps can be left at the RTC to be collected.

LEOS

We meet on the 21st July, 2015 in the Science Room at lunchtime. The District Governor will be visiting on that day so please all attend.

BINGO

Wednesday, 8th July, 2015, at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club. Cost of books $5.00 a book of 20 games and the jackpot is $2.00 a sheet. Jackpot amount is $55.00 at the moment in 50 calls.

MINI LOTTO

Winning numbers are 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 20. Jackpot is $1,338.00. Drawn 5th June, 2015.

DRIVER REVIVER:

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING
SO IF YOU WANT TO HELP GIVE ME A CALL.

67 254 204 leave a message if no one is home and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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

Lion Helen Hilton  President
Early last year we advertised in The Land for caretakers to live at a house on our property Mountain Valley and to do small jobs in exchange for rent. John & Mark (probably not their real names) arrived in April 2014. During their time they performed all jobs as requested and kept the house immaculate, however would disappear for up to 6 weeks at a time with no notification.

On Wednesday 29th April 2015 John and my husband, Ian, exchanged a few heated words over some electric fencing. The following day both John and Mark were missing along with both their vehicles (maroon and silver Nissan Navaras) and some of their gear.

Friday morning Ian returned to find their caravan missing along with some of our tools. Police were notified. With Ian away for a few days I went to Mountain Valley on Monday morning to find our brand new fences had been cut, bulls were in with heifers (we run a Hereford stud) and weaners were in the hay shed. All tyres on all vehicles had been drilled though, rendering them useless: 2 trucks, 2 round balers, 1 combine, 4 tractors, 1 grouper bin, 2 utes, 2 quad bikes and 2 lawn mowers – 72 tyres in total.

In addition a trailer, a 200ltr portable diesel fuel tank, new mig welder, generator/welder, brand new brushcutter, chainsaws, at least 500ltr diesel, and other tools were stolen. They cut the padlocks off the gun safe and stole 3 firearms.

Police were again notified and we have since found out that both Navaras and the caravan Mark and John “owned” were stolen.

Five weeks later, on 1st June, someone came to our house in the middle of the night, while my husband, my three children and I were sleeping. Again tyres were slashed on two vehicles and a lawnmower, and once again fences were cut. Another 30 fences were also cut on Mountain Valley on the same night.

This is what they are doing to us. From talking with police and other victims we believe they have been targeting and harassing rural people and communities for years, including arson, violence, malicious damage, and assault. They have allegedly left stock without water in a drought. Don’t think they won’t be in your area – we have reports from Queensland to Victoria.

Please help us find them. These are their photos. If you suspect you have seen them please contact police.
Roosters Thump Rams

The Ashford Roosters gave the Armidale Rams a football lesson on Armidale’s home ground on Saturday, 13th June, 2015. The Roosters first grade team recorded a 54-8 victory in an outstanding performance.

Armidale were in fourth position in the competition before the match and were hot favourites to continue their dominance over Ashford. Ashford have never beaten Armidale in our club’s history so for our boys to beat them 54 to 8 on their home ground was a major upset.

Ashford have now jumped Armidale on the competition table on percentages and are currently holding fourth place.

In the 10 try romp, all the Ashford players were outstanding. Club Best & Fairest points were given to Kyle Hartley, Kialu Brown and Brock Hobday. The Players’ Player was shared between Justin Gill and Tony Toleafoa. The truth is all 17 players deserved points.

Our Reserve grade team was beaten 40 - 24 after a tough tussle which Ashford came very close to winning.

Our Under 18s team was beaten 44 - 4 by a very classy Armidale outfit. Two of Ashford's best players were Dylan Corbett and Darryl Morgan.

The Ashford League Tag girls were outstanding. Armidale, who are running third in the competition was no match for the competition leading, undefeated Ashford girls.

The Ashford girls won 38-6 and completely outclassed the Armidale girls. Anna Akhurst-Berger was exceptional, scoring three tries. Nicole Williams played her best game of the season and Rahni Kelly was also very good in a match where all girls played well.

Ashford play Guyra at Ashford this Saturday. Matches start at 11.00am with our junior mixed League Tag.

At 12 noon Ashford plays the Moree Boars in Under 18s.

At 1.15pm Ashford plays Guyra in first grade.

At 3.00pm Ashford plays Guyra in League Tag.

The girls are playing the feature game in front of the biggest audience because they have been our most successful side for the club.
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