2015 Cross Country Champions
Cross Country Success

On Friday, 24th April, 2015 the Ashford Central School Cross Country Carnival was held. There was great enthusiasm and potential shown by many runners and it was encouraging to see so many students wearing their house colours.

The champions for the 2015 Cross Country were as follows:

Primary Minor Girl Champion  Charlotte McCosker
Primary Minor Boy Champion  Jack Baker
Primary Junior Girl Champion  Alivia Turner
Primary Junior Boy Champion  Mitchell Garrett
Primary Senior Girl Champion  Amber Kliendienst
Primary Senior Boy Champion  Joe Luckett
Secondary Junior Girl Champion  Lana Howard
Secondary Junior Boy Champion  Jamie Kliendienst
Secondary Senior Girl Champion  Rahni Kelly
Secondary Senior Boy Champion  Fred Gillon
Secondary Open Girls’ Champion  Letitia Hartley
Secondary Open Boys’ Champion  Jesse Rollinson

Congratulations to these champions and to all the other students who participated in the event and contributed to their houses’ championship points, with this year’s winning house being Severn on 121 points closely followed by Fraser on 103 and Macintyre on 93 respectively.

The placings for each event on the day were as follows:

**PRIMARY**

5 year olds
GIRLS: 1. Izabella Williams  2. Alexis Austin  3. Mikesha Lavender

6 year olds

7 year olds

8 year olds

9 year olds
10 year olds

11 year olds

12/13 year olds

SECONDARY
12/13 year olds

14 year olds
GIRLS: 1. Emika Denzel  2. Christina McCarron

15 year olds

16 year olds
GIRLS: 1. Rahni Kelly  2. Chloe Schneider

17 year olds

18 year olds
BOYS:  1. Jesse Rollinson  2. Dean Bentley

RECORDS
There was 1 record broken on the day at the carnival:

This is an outstanding achievement. Jesse’s new time equates to less than 4min/km, which is an extremely competitive race pace. Jesse will attend the regional Cross Country Trials to be held in Coolah on 12th June, 2015. Finally, there are many thank yous to make to people for the time, effort and support that went in to organising and running such a wonderful carnival. Firstly, to Trevor Smith, Terry Steiger, & Mr Mat Lewis and the students who assisted in preparing the venue for the event. Denise and her canteen staff for providing food and drinks. Margaret Mell and the Ashford Show Trust, for the use of the grounds. To all the staff at Ashford Central School for their effort and support in the organisation and running of the carnival. To all the parents and community members for their support of the event and to all the students for their participation and effort. Without just one of these individuals or groups of people, we would not be able to conduct these types of events. Once again, thank you to you all, your help is much appreciated and congratulations to those successful students.
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.

Pictured above and left: more action from the school Cross Country races.
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.

WANTED

For winter interest group. Any leftover wool. We are going to learn to knit and crochet. So we would appreciate if any leftover wool you may have could be donated for this activity.

Thank you

Mrs Lewis
Ashford Commemorates ANZAC Day

The Ashford community commemorated ANZAC Day, 2015, with a series of very well attended ceremonies in the community on Saturday, 25th April. This was a special ANZAC day being the 100th anniversary of the landing of the Anzac troops on the beach at Gallipoli.

The significance of the 100th anniversary saw record attendances at all services conducted.

At the Dawn Service, at the memorial at the swimming pool, about 200 people attended. Wreaths were laid by many community groups and individuals as part of a very moving ceremony.

At 10.15am the school unveiled its Memorial Garden at the school and planted a “Lone Pine” near the flag pole by our school captains, Bella Pintus and Dylan Corbett. About 300 people attended this ceremony.

The memorial garden was constructed by Mr Michael Simpson and primary students. Gary and Cathy Foelz helped with the construction of the timber edging. Mr David Simpson, of Simpson’s Smash Repairs, built the roof over the memorial garden. Thank you to those people.

Following the unveiling of the memorial garden, returned servicemen, families of returned servicemen and Ashford Central School students marched to the Memorial Hall for the service. Leading the march was Corporal Robert Beard of the Royal Australian Air Force and Flight Technician Steven Akhurst also of the Royal Australian Air Force. Both these young men are former students of Ashford Central School.

The march also featured 99 year old veteran, Mr Bruce Fitzhammin, who is believed to be the oldest ex-serviceman participating in the march anywhere in Australia. Bruce will turn 100 years old in November, 2015.

The march featured about 120 students from Ashford Central School. About 12 students were also riding horses with the Pony Club. In a timing error, the march started without the Pony Club but the horses did arrive at the Memorial Hall just at the finish of the march. The horses certainly added to the impressive spectacle of the march.

At the hall, school captains Bella Pintus and Dylan Corbett led a very moving service. Steven Akhurst gave a speech on the importance of the Gallipoli Campaign to Australia. Robert Beard led the audience in a prayer. Pastor Richards gave an address on the religious aspects of ANZAC Day. The school choir was a feature of the service with Mr Simpson and Mrs Murray leading the choir in a number of songs.

One of the unique features of the 2015 ANZAC Day service was the display in the hall. Staff and students prepared a display featuring all the 143 men from the Ashford district who enlisted in World War 1. Many local families had forgotten relatives displayed on the walls of the hall and they were moved to hear the stories of the men.

There was also a display of memorabilia from WW1 provided by local collectors. After the service was completed about 12.15pm, the P&C provided a morning tea. People stayed at the hall viewing the impressive display until 3.00pm and many were brought to tears. Thank you to Allison Mackay for the many hours of work in researching and preparing the display in the hall.

Thank you to Leeanne Vickers, Glen Stevens, Andrew Baker, the Sharpe family, Laurel Thompson, Mal Allen and Sandra Cox for the donation of items for the display.

Thank you to John McFadden and Laurel Thompson for assistance with the honour board.

Thank you to Margaret, Bill and Andrew Baker for their research and local knowledge which were invaluable. If we missed your contribution, please accept our thanks.

Thanks to the many community members, staff and students who cooked so many Anzac biscuits, raising $230.00. This plus the $322.85 from the Legacy bucket means Legacy received a donation of $552.85 from the Ashford community.
Thought For The Week
A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

Ashford Bushfire Brigade
Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 13**th May, 2015, 7.30pm at the fire station. This is the AGM. All members are asked to attend.

Ashford Roosters’ RLFC Meeting
The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held **Monday, 11**th May, 2015 at 6.00pm. 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 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.

ASHFORD GOLF CLUB
Membership fees now due. $60.00 for members and associates, $30 for juniors.
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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**Ashford Golf Club**
Membership fees now due. $60.00 for members and associates, $30 for juniors.
- 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 $520 Friday, 8th May, 2015 between 7.15pm starting at $20.00. If not won increases by $10.00 every 15 minutes till 8.00pm.

Wednesday: 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.

Members’ draw on Wednesdays $100 drawn 6.30pm, 6.45pm and 7.00pm if not won earlier.

Happy Hour - Wednesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm
Euchre Saturday, 2nd May, 2015 2.00pm start

CATERING ON FRIDAY NIGHT
6.00–8.30pm • Bookings desirable.
Phone 67254202

Catering available on alternative days for private functions. Minimum 20 people. Bookings essential.
Phone 67 254 202

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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Ashford District Pony Club Inc.

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 😊

Ray Smith
HANDYMAN
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0437 772077 smith67y7@mail.com
THE LIONS’ CORNER

LIONS

Our Lions’ meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Bowling Club, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start. Next meeting is 2nd June, 2015.

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.

LEOS

Our meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th May, 2015 in the Science room at lunch time. Please come along to the meeting.

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

BINGO

Held at the Bowling Club first Wednesday of the month. Our next day is 6th 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.

MINI LOTTO

Winning numbers: 2, 6, 7, 11, 17, 18. Draw date 1/5/2015. JACKPOT is now up to $1,110.00. WOW, we have kicked over to the thousands now so let us play hard to get it up to a high amount.

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

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.

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.

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.
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 –**

![No Stopping Sign]

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 –**

![No Parking Sign]

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;

- dropping off, or picking up passengers or goods
- 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)
- 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.

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Heath Roberts
Senior Constable
Inverell HWP
23rd April 2015.

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**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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Dams, contours, stick raking, pipe laying, any earthworks.
Contact John 0267254116 or mobile 0427254116
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Opposite the Commercial Hotel
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ASHFORD
Tuesday, 12 May 2015
10 am to 4 pm

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.
DURING A STORM

- Never enter or travel through floodwater
- Stay indoors, clear of windows
- Stay away from creeks, drains, causeways, gutters, streams, fallen trees, power lines and damaged buildings
- If driving, put your hazard lights on and pull over to the side of the road
- Listen to your local radio station and other media for information, updates and advice

AFTER A STORM

- Keep listening to your local radio station for information, updates and advice
- Check your house or property for damage
- Stay clear of creeks, drains, causeways, gutters, streams, fallen trees, power lines and any damaged buildings
- Check to see if your neighbours need help
- Do not go sightseeing as this may hinder recovery efforts or put yourself and others at risk

FOR EMERGENCY HELP IN FLOODS AND STORMS CALL

132 500

NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE
Well, the past several weeks have been eventful around NSW with substantial flood and storm activity. Whilst we locally had a few hiccups, there are many of our coastal neighbours that have experienced significantly worse! Several of Ashford’s SES Unit members received unofficial reports of damage to local buildings, prompting us to send out this reminder.

Whilst it is wonderful to see most people self-sufficiently able to clean up any storm damage around their property – please remember that we are available to come and lend a hand also. Telling us about it after you’ve already done the hard yards doesn’t help us help you!

Please keep the information sheet handy for the next time there is storm activity around.

Remember, if you want more information or want to join your local SES Unit, come along Wednesday evenings from 1730hrs at our new Unit building, 14 Semmes St.
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 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
8th May 2015
With gift ideas for Mother’s Day

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