Year 5/6 spent last week at The Great Aussie Bush Camp. Here are some recounts of their adventures.

**The Great Aussie Bush Camp**

The Great Aussie Bush Camp was great. We had five days full of fun and exciting activities with small activities such as Dodge Ball and Dragon Tail in-between. We also had snow cones for morning tea. Our bus trip both ways was good. When we got there we unloaded the bus and went and sat on logs. After our talk we had to take our stuff into our cabins and get ready for our activities that lay ahead.

After archery (which by the way our team won) we played Dragon Tail. That was only one of the things we did. We also did High Ropes, Commando, Giant Swing, Flying Fox, Canoeing, Sand Dunes etc. My 2 favourites were Commando and Challenge Night. Because they were really fun and challenging.

I think everyone had lots of fun.

By Harry Schneider

Last week year 5/6 from Ashford Central School went to The Great Aussie Bush Camp up in Tea Gardens near Newcastle. My favourite three things we did were Commando, The Giant Swing and Lost Island.

Firstly Commando: Commando was a game where you had to get a life token to Herbe, who was hiding somewhere in the bush (while teachers were finding you). You went around in groups of 3, I was with Geoff and Lukhye. We got two life tokens to Herbe before he moved somewhere else. In the end we completed Commando. Mrs Lewis got 18 life tokens.

Secondly, The Giant Swing: the class would pull you up 15m and then you would pull a cord and you would free fall and swing out and back again; you felt weightless.

Thirdly, Lost Island—AKA Mud World: we had to do heaps of obstacles through mud. My favourite obstacle was the short slide. It was really fun and cold. In Mud World we had to Moo the National Anthem! It was really funny.

In conclusion I had an awesome week. My favourite 3 things were, Commando, The Giant Swing and Mud World.

By Joe Luckett
**Great Aussie Bush Camp**

Whoo Whoo. On week 3 most of year 5/6 got up super early to go to Tea Gardens to a super exciting experience, Great Aussie Bush Camp. As the bus turned up the butterflies were bad. I packed my bag and said goodbye to dad. I went on the bus. I sat next to Cheyanne. Me and Cheyanne sat listening to music. I was so tired. Then we were gone. While I was listening to music I was thinking about the amazing stuff that was going to happen.

We were talking to Katie, every second she had a new lolly in her mouth. She gave us a lolly too. Then in 6 hours we were there. We got introduced to our three instructors: Lewy, Herbie and Simon. Then we went to move into our cabins.

My first favourite activity was the Lost Island. Even though it was cold it was still awesome because you got to go through tyres and stuff.

My second favourite activity was the Giant Swing. It was like falling then something catches you. It was so cool!

My third favourite was the dual flying fox because I got to go on with Cheyanne 2 times. That was cool.

My fourth favourite was Commando, because me, Cheyanne and Katie found the cove thing first. It was Awesome.

What was hard was we couldn’t say “But”, ”mine”, “and” and “then”. If we did we had to do ten push ups.

In the end it was an awesome experience. People who didn’t go—you missed out on a fantastic trip!

By Paige Williams

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**Bush Camp**

On Monday morning at 6.30am we left Ashford and were on our way to Bush Camp. When we arrived our first activity was low ropes. We did Archery and Giant Swing. The Giant Swing was one of my favourites. We got pulled up as high as we wanted, I went to the top. We had to pull a rope and we would swing through the air. It was 15metres high and we did it at night. The next day we did the following, Beach, Flying Fox, Fencing and Commando. The dual Flying Fox and Commando are also my favourites. On the dual flying fox I went in a group with Jess 1st, Dannica 2nd, Cheyanne 3rd. Cheyanne, Kali and I had a 4th go. I went with Kane. In Commando I was with Jess and Dannica. I got lost. I found Hannah and some other groups we hid behind a tree, they ran and got found. So then I found Kane, Harry and Jake. I fell in a puddle and fell in the next. I fell in every puddle. Jess and Dannica would say ‘there is a puddle there’ and I would say ‘where’ and then fall in. My other 2 favourites were the Sand Dunes and High Ropes. The Sand Dunes were really fun, when we ran down them. On High Ropes the red bouys were tricky. It was awesome and I would go back again.

By Josie Thompson

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**Bush Camp Fantastic**

Fun, amazing, fantastic and so many more crazy words.

But the disappointment was the 6 hour drive to bush camp and back. Bush camp is near Tea Gardens also close to Newcastle. The most loved events were Commando, Giant Swing also Archery, but I’ll tell you some events. Mungo Brush it was our rainforest walk. The wind was blowing swiftly through the air. The following event was sand dunes, but they were at the end of the week, I’ll tell you the beginning of the week.

The first event was Low Ropes I went in a group with Josie Thompson and Kali Lavender, they were so much fun. Next event that I remembered was the Giant Swing, magnificent! When you pull the rope it feels like it snaps, but it just over reacting.

Archery shot it bang! It hit the board, but the blue ring not the yellow. Joe and Kane were the only people in our class who hit the yellow bullseye. After all you hit black, red, blue and yellow.

After all the events there’s way more than you probably think, but after all the action it was time we had to head home.

OOOHHH and we stayed there for 5 days, sadly long trip home, when we got home it was 4.00 o’clock.

It was a long day for me!

By Dannica Charles
Studec Social

On Wednesday, 24th June, Studec held their fundraising event for Term 2 in the school hall from 3.30pm until 5pm for Infants and Primary, meal break from 5-6pm, then Secondary held their session from 6pm till 8.30 pm. Many thanks to the students who got into the spirit of fun and came fancy dressed for the event. Awards for Fancy Dress were judged and presented to the following students: Lillie-Ann Dell (K), Darcy Thompson (1), Tayla Batterbury (2), Frank McCosker (3), Sascha Howard (4), Taylah Williams (5), Dannica Charles (6); with overall best dressed going to Jack (the Minion) Foley. Secondary awards were: Summer Lavender (7), Patrick Irwin (8), Rachael Irwin (9), Claire Stevens (10), Bella Pintus (11); with overall best dressed going to Paul (007) Malinen.

Vouchers were donated by Studec for each year group to be spent at the school canteen. Many thanks to Denise Davis for her kind donation of Overall Best Dressed vouchers for each session; Michael Simpson for his assistance with the Music; Mr Alan Vickers for technical support; Mr Mario Pintus and Mr Jeremy Atkins for cooking the BBQ; Mrs Kristy Phillips and Mrs Leza Luckett (Studec teachers) and all supervising staff during each session for their assistance in the event running smoothly. It was a really great night and Studec raised $364.10 to go towards the secondary gazebo repairs.

Studec’s Out of Uniform Day on the last day of Term 2 raised $113.00 also going towards the repairs to the gazebo. Thank you to all who supported this event also.

Mrs Cathy Foelz – Studec Advisor.

GRIP Leadership Camp

Studec provided the opportunity for our school captains Bella Pintus and Dylan Corbett to attend a leadership camp in Sydney over the holidays. Studec funded their camp costs but both students had to provide their own transport there. We see this as a valuable asset to our school leadership program as it has been in past years.
Congratulations Samuel Bennett

Congratulations to Year 1 student Samuel Bennett who has completed his time on the Reading Recovery Program. Samuel has participated in this program on a daily basis for the past twenty weeks. During this time he has received intensive instruction to improve his reading and writing skills. Samuel participated confidently in this program and as a result his reading and writing skills have improved dramatically.

Congratulations Samuel and keep up the brilliant work.

Some more 5/6 Bush Camp Excursion
A special thank you to the Ashford community and school for making Alex most welcome during his stay here. His wishes are to return and be part of his Ashford community again soon. I would also like to offer my gratitude to those kind and generous members in the community who assisted Alex and myself, over the past 8 months, it is very much appreciated.

Grant Edwards

### PRIMARY SPORT

#### SCHOOL TREE DAY

Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 once again took part in our annual School Tree Day this year. Infants did a fantastic job cleaning out the garden of rubbish, dead wood and weeds. They then scattered manure (sheep poop) in the garden beds providing much needed nutrients for our plants and mulched the beds with bark chip. Primary students got to work planting herbs in the new garden bed which has been created in the area between the Home Science and Woodwork rooms, and other native plants were also added to the existing garden beds. Garden beds also got their yearly fertilizing and mulching. We wish to thank Tree Tenders Nursery who donated a Packham’s Triumph Pear Tree which is to be espaliered against the wall. A dwarf lemon has also been planted in the area. We hope that the Food Tech students will enjoy having the herbs available to use in their cooking lessons.

#### ZONE ATHLETICS

Nine athletes took part in the Zone Athletics Carnival in Inverell on Friday, 7 August. They were: Lukhye Vale, Joe Luckett, Tyson Lavender, Harry Schneider, Ryley Batterbury, Storm Lavender, Kali Lavender, Brittany Schneider and Paige Williams. All students performed well and did their best. Three athletes made it through to their respective 100m finals with Tyson coming 4th, Storm coming 2nd and Paige coming 6th. Lukhye came first in the Junior boys’ discus and shot put. Well done to all these athletes. More detailed results will be in next week’s newsletter.

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

Peter Stevens from NRL Development visited our school on Monday, 10 August, to run free NRL Development clinics for all students in Years K-6. Students had a great time showing off their skills and it was great to see how much they had remembered since last year’s sessions. The next development session will be on 31 August, where all participating students will receive a free footy ball.
Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most. We invite everyone to visit our Scholastic Book Fair to be held during Week 8 of this term. The theme for this year’s book fair is ‘Under the Sea”. All students are encouraged to embrace the theme and dress up for our traditional book fair parade. This theme allows for a wide array of dress-up opportunities including fish, coral, submarines, sharks and treasure. As the book fair draws closer, more events and the actual date of the parade will be advertised.

Giving children access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more and, like most acquired skills, the more children practise reading, the better they will achieve. Reading is vital to every child’s success and raising children as readers means getting involved while they are young. There will be a variety of books available for purchase this year accommodating all reading levels and interests. So please come along during Week 8 and peruse the collection on display.

So there is plenty of time to get your thinking caps on and think of some wonderful costumes and in the fine words of Dr Seuss:

The more that you read,

The more things you will know.

The more you learn,

The more places you’ll go!
EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS

Ashford Central School will present its Education Week Awards for 2015 at a special Principal’s Assembly at the Memorial Hall on Monday, 17th August.

The assembly will commence at 10.30am and should last about 40 minutes.

Parents and community members are invited to attend and congratulate the people receiving the awards for the Outstanding Student Award, Outstanding Contribution by a Community Member Award and Outstanding Contribution by a Staff Member Award.
Thought For The Week
My mind is like a steel trap - rusty and illegal in 37 states.

Ashford Bushfire Brigade
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9th September, 2015. 7.30pm at the fire station. All members are asked to attend.

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
16/8 1st round Matchplay
22/8 State of Origin - Ashford
31/8 Stableford Deepwater 4BBB
Saturday 5/9 State of Origin—Texas
13/9 Ashford Open
20/9 2nd round Matchplay

Ashford Community Church
Trevor Evans
Mobile: 0448 876141
Email: trev@ashfordact.org.au

Wendy Richards
Mobile: 0423 300132
Email: wright91@gmail.com

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 studies:
Wednesday 9.30am @ Sutherland Activity Room
Thursday 7.00pm @ Anglican Village

Youth Group:
Once a month on a Friday 6.30pm @ the Presbyterian Church
(Church School hours for details)

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ASHFORD MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB

Friday, 14th August, 2015
Lucky Members’ Draw $200 drawn 8.30pm
Progressive Members’ Draw starts 7.15pm @ $20. If not won increases by $10.00 every 15 minutes till 8.00pm
Meat tray raffles starting at 6.30pm.
MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

Wednesday’s Progressive Members’ draw starts at 6.30pm at $100. If not won drawn every 15 minutes till won. Last draw 7.00pm.

Happy Hour - Wednesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm
Thursdays 5.30pm—6.00pm
Euchre Saturday, 15th August, 2.00pm start
Social Bowls, Thursday 1.30pm 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 67254202

Ashford Medical Information

Doctors Visiting Ashford
Dr Abbas, from Texas, is at the Community Health Centre, Saturday 8.30am for blood tests and normal surgery from 9.00am to 3.30pm.
There is a hospital at Texas. The phone number for the Doctor on these days is:— (02) 67262000.
Phone Number for Dr at Texas Surgery is (07) 46531363.
To make appointments any other days call Campbell & Freebairn Chemists Ashford on 02 67254013.

CHEMIST
The Chemist is open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm and then 1.30pm to 5.00pm. Closed for lunch from 12.30 to 1.30. Saturdays 9.00am to 12.00pm.
If prescriptions are needed, they can be dropped at the chemist by 11.30am for the afternoon delivery, which is here by 2.30pm. Any scripts after that time won’t be out until the next afternoon. There is no delivery on Saturdays.

OTHER NECESSARY PHONE NUMBERS
Community Health Centre: (02) 67262000
H.A.C.C. Phone Number: (02) 67254479
Blood tests are done Thursday fortnightly. For enquiries call (02) 67262030

Ashford Roosters’ Next Game
15th August, 2015 Vs Glen Innes Magpies
At Ashford Sports Ground
First game - League Tag - kicks off at 11.00am
Under 18s @ 12.00pm
Reserve Grade @ 1.15pm
A Grade @ 2.30pm
Ashford Show Society

After the winter break the Ashford Show Society is back into the swing of things.

There will be a meeting on the 13th August, 7.30pm at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club. Everyone is more than welcome to attend.

Ashford Show Society Youth Ambassador Competition

Are you aged between the ages of 12—25 and would like to be involved with the Ashford Show Society? Are you interested in livestock, horses, wool, shearing, sheep, arts & crafts, activities, sewing or is there anything you’d like to see happen at the show? Well, the Ashford Show Society has created a new competition to allow this to happen; the Ashford Show Society Youth Ambassador Competition. Great prizes available and many contacts to be made. Please come to a meeting or contact Melissa Willcocks on 0427 615 002 if you are interested.

Ashford Show Society Inaugural Sheep Yard Dog and Cattle Dog Trials

10th & 11th October 2015, Ashford Show Grounds. Maiden, Novice, Open and Bush Trial Competition for both divisions. Full canteen, BBQ and bar operating. For further information contact Derrin Keane, Melissa Willcocks or David Thompson.

Save the Date
Saturday 7th November, 2015
Trivia Night @ Ashford Town Hall
$5 / table 6-8 people/table
BYO picnic tea and alcohol
Supper, tea & coffee will be provided
Great prizes & fun to be had by all
Ashford Roosters’
RLFC Meeting

The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held **Monday, 14th September 2015** at 6.00pm. The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

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**THE LIONS’ CORNER**

**LIONS: Meeting**

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

Please note: Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st September, 2015.

**LEOS**

We meet on the 11th August, 2015 in the Science Room at lunch time.

Please Leos remind each other when the meeting is on.

**BINGO**

HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. The next time will be 5th of August Eyes Down at 1.00pm. Cost is $5.00 a book of 20 games and $2.00 for a Jackpot Ticket. It is $35.00 in 53 calls. Be nice to win. We will also have a cuppa at half time. It is included FREE in the cost of your ticket purchases. Come and have some fun with us all.

**MINI LOTTO**

Is drawn every Friday night at the Bowling Club at 6.00pm. $1.00 a ticket. This gets you 2 games per ticket. The jackpot is $1,659.00 at the moment so it is well worth your while to take a ticket. Draw date 24/7/2015 and the winning numbers are 2, 3, 6, 12, 15, 17. We wish you the best of luck.

**RECYCLING**

Please do not forget to save all your postage stamps, ring pulls and bread clips for our Recycling Project. All monies raised go to good causes. You can drop them off at the R.T.C. for collection. This is what’s happening in the Lions’ DEN.

Lion Helen Hilton
President

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**PROPOSED ASHFORD J.R.L.F.C. 2016**

This club is coming together slowly but we still require more people to fill the following positions:

- # Committee members (Vice presidents x 2, general committee x4)
- # First Aid Officers (FAO) 3 required
- # Coaches for all age groups
- # Referees (3 required @ minimum. Minimum age 14 years)
- # League Safe (trainers/assistants/water boys) 5 required (minimum age 14 years)
- # Canteen helpers (for home games) at least 4 more required

**To help out with these positions you don’t have to have kids playing. Anybody who is interested in our community and kids is welcome to get involved.**

To have this club running and kids playing in 2016 we have until the end of September 2015 to establish a full committee, get the above volunteer positions filled and more player numbers so we can put together an application to enter Group 19 JRL and also obtain sponsorship.

Contact Craig 0407060669
Kat 0428198146
Markets in the Park

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LION LES COX
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The Ashford Roosters’ First Grade team has qualified for the semi finals of the Group 19 competition for the first time in the club’s history.
The Ashford Club has won premierships in the second division of Group 5 in the 1970s and 1980s, but has never made a semi final in a First Division competition.
The Second Division in the 1970s-2000s period was for small towns such as Ashford, Tingha, Bingara, Bundara, Emmaville, Warialda, Uralla etc. The First Division, which Ashford is competing in, is for the big towns such as Armidale, Inverell, Moree, Glen Innes, Guyra etc. For Ashford to make the semi finals in this competition is an outstanding achievement and one that could be only dreamed of achieving when it refounded just three years ago.
The Roosters qualified for the semis over the last two weekends with strong wins against Guyra 42-8 at Guyra.
The Roosters play Glen Innes in Ashford this Saturday and, no matter whether they win or lose, they will finish fourth and qualify for the minor semi final where they will play the Moree Boars, who will finish third. The minor semi final will be played at Moree unless Ashford can make up 60 points on the points differential this weekend which is unlikely. The minor semi will be played on Sunday 23/08/15.
Both these wins were outstanding whole team performances and all players should be congratulated.
The Ashford League Tag girls are also finals bound after beating Armidale 16-4 and Guyra 28-12. The Ashford girls will finish second and will play Glen Innes in the major semi final at Inverell on 30/08/15.
The girls have a semi final warm up against Glen Innes this Saturday. Glen Innes are undefeated in 2015, but the Ashford girls are a great defensive team and might just upset Glen Innes on Ashford home ground.
The Ashford Reserve Grade team can still make the semi finals if they beat Glen Innes on Saturday by a big margin and Armidale beat the Moree Boars by a big margin. It is a long shot, but you never know.
Ashford play their last home game of 2015 this Saturday, so come along and support the history-making Roosters. It would be great to see a big crowd at our last home game of the season.
The girls start at 11.00am, Under 18s at 12.00 noon, Reserves at 1.35pm and First Grade at 2.30pm.
For Design Survey & construction of earthworks.
Contact John & Maree 0267254116 or mobile 0427254116.
Ashford Roosters Junior Rugby League

- Upcoming Events

Thursday 20th August
3:30pm – 5:00pm @ School Playground
Kick around Footy Afternoon for all kids interested in playing Rugby League & League Tag next Year.

*Hot Dogs at conclusion.*

Thursday 3rd September
Father’s Day Raffle Drawn @ 4:30 pm
3:30pm – 5:00pm @ School Playground
Kick around Footy Afternoon for all kids interested in playing Rugby League & League Tag next Year.

*Hot Dogs or Sausage Sizzle at conclusion.*

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME ALONG TO SUPPORT THEIR KIDS & THE CLUB.
Weekly Ashford Visit

Wilshire & Co Texas would like to thank you for your continued support and in return we are now offering a weekly delivery service to the Ashford area.

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**Orders & Requests to:**

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Ashford Roosters
Junior Rugby League
Father’s Day Raffle

1st Prize: Fire Pit with Rotisserie (your choice of design) – Donated by Pete’s Custom Fire Pits Inverell

2nd Prize: 4x General Admission Tickets – Gold Coast Titans first home game 2016 (valued $100) – Donated by Gold Coast Titans NRL club

3rd Prize: $100 Supercheap Auto Gift card – Donated by Craig & Kat – CKT Mobile Welding & Maintenance Services

4th Prize: $50 Camping World gift voucher – Donated by Trevor Lavender & Simone Beveridge

5th Prize: $50 Bunnings gift card – Donated by Geoff & Lyn Beveridge

Tickets $2 each or 3 for $5
Tickets can be purchased from
Ashford RTC, Ashford Central School, Campbell & Freebairn Ashford, Craig & Kat Tulczyn, Simone Beveridge

TO BE DRAWN 3rd SEPTEMBER @ 4:30PM @ KICK AROUND AFTERNOON
WHAT’S ON!

Joblink plus

Wednesday 2nd September

#Vet

TBA

*Accountant

Thursday TBA

Ashford Business Council meeting

Thursday 13th August

AGM

Ashford Bowling Club 6pm

*Please contact Jeff Hannaford for appointments 07 46531155

#Please contact the Inverell Vet Clinic for bookings on 67210266

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