PRIMARY SPORT

ZONE SWIMMING

Last Friday, 19th February, 7 students participated in the Zone Trials in Inverell. All swimmers swam exceptionally well, many improving on the times they swam at the school carnival.

Congratulations to Storm Lavender for making it into the Zone team in 10 yrs freestyle and backstroke, Rachael Krauss in 11 yrs butterfly and Harry Schneider in 12/13 yrs backstroke. These swimmers will represent Zone at the North West Trials to be held in Armidale on Monday, 7th March. We wish them the best of luck.

Results at the Zone Trials were as follows:

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WINTER ZONE TRIALS

A number of students in Year 5&6 will receive permission notes this week to participate in the Winter Zone Trials to be held at the Inverell Sports Complex on Friday, 11th March. These notes need to be in, together with any money, by Monday, 7th March, so that transport can be finalised.
Staffing Changes For 2016

With the retirement of Carel Ballam, Alice Watters and Annette Murray at the end of 2015, a number of staffing changes have occurred for 2016. There have also been a number of teachers change their role for 2016.

Carel Ballam will continue teaching 3 days per week as a Temporary Teacher for the next 12 months to help cover a shortage of English teachers in NSW, even though she has retired from her permanent position.

Neisha Sargeant has returned from maternity leave and is teaching Science, HSIE & Careers.

An additional Primary class was established at the beginning of the year based on expected enrolment numbers which were submitted to the Department Of Education in September, 2015.

Unfortunately, a number of families with Primary age students have left the district and that class will disappear after the end of Term 1. Year 5 and Year 6 will become a composite class again, as it has been for many years.

Below is a list of staff at Ashford Central School for 2016 and their roles in the school.

**Executive Staff**

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<td>Julie Morris</td>
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<td>Simon Smith</td>
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**Primary Staff**

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**Secondary Staff**

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<td>Michael Simpson</td>
<td>Music &amp; LOTE/Reading Recovery</td>
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<td>Mathew Lewis</td>
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<td>Vannessa Alexander</td>
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<td>Petula Jerrard</td>
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<td>Alan Vickers</td>
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<td>Cameron Toomey</td>
<td>- Teachers Aide</td>
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School Ties
School ties are available for the Year 11 & 12 students from Mrs Foelz or Mrs Luckett.
Thank you to Kerry Julius for helping us to make the ties.

Cost: $5.00 (This will be refunded on the completion of the students’ schooling at Ashford Central School)
Mrs Foelz & Mrs Luckett (Studec Co-ordinators)
Last year, Ashford Central participated in a trial program with the Primary Music Institute. Our students were able to work through the piano program with well known Sydney music tutors via connected classrooms. This term we will be commencing the program and there will be limited places during school times. If you wish for your child to learn the piano in the program, the cost will be $14.50 per student per lesson. This is a fantastic opportunity for Ashford kids! The school is assisting students by providing text books and keyboards. Enrolment details are available in the office at school. First in best dressed!

Michael Simpson
Dates for 2016

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Preschool
Please note that the preschool will be closed this Thursday 25th February, 2016.

SWIMMING
Infants and Primary swimming started on Friday, 19 February. Pool entry costs $2.50 unless the student has a season pass.
Students will need to bring swimmers, a towel and HAT. Please make sure ALL clothes and towels are labelled for easy identification. Students must please bring their swimmers to school in a plastic or waterproof bag.
If your child is not going to swim on the day, they must have a note to excuse them from participating in swimming. A permission note is also required for those in Years 3-6 who wish to stay at the pool after sport.

Middle School Term 1, 2016

Middle School is a program that makes the transition between primary and secondary school an easier process for our students. All students in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 are involved in this program. There are four Middle School groups. The groups complete a different elective each term.

This year the following electives are being offered:

- **Cooking (Mrs Luckett)** Year 5/6 Girls (Tuesday)
  The students will be cooking 7-8 times and practising other food related skills. Students are required to pay for the ingredients that are used. This fee is also subsidised by the school. Students need to bring a container each week.
  The fees for Middle School Cooking are: $20.00

- **Shine Girls Program (Mrs Luckett and Mrs Harvey)** Year 5/6 Girls (Wednesday)
  Shine Girls is a program that aims to strengthen teenage girls in their everyday life. The program teaches the girls that they hold great worth, have within them strength to make informed decisions and that they have a great future ahead of them. It is a program that builds on the strengths of the girls and develops emotional resilience.

- **Art (Mrs McIntyre)** Year 5/6 Boys (Tuesday and Wednesday)
  The art activities enable students to develop and enjoy practical skills and techniques within their abilities. The students will be using a range of strategies to explore different artmaking methods to make artworks.

- **Music (Mr Simpson)** Year 7/8 Boys (Tuesday and Wednesday)
  Students will be learning to play the harmonica this term. There will be a small cost if the students wish to purchase their harmonicas.

- **Sport (Mr Luckett)** Year 7/8 Girls (Tuesday)
  Students will be participating in a variety of sport related activities.

- **Science and Computer Activities (Mrs Sargeant)** (Wednesday)
  Students will be participating in a variety of Science, Computer based activities and challenges.
**Thought For The Week**

If you think you're a person of some influence, try ordering somebody else's dog around.

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**Ashford Bushfire Brigade**

Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 9th March, 2016**,
7.30pm at the fire station.
Unless notified otherwise.
All members are asked to attend.

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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 now due $70.00

**February**

Sunday 21st  Stroke 10am
Sunday 29th  Stroke 10am

**March**

Sunday 6th  Stoke 10am
Saturday 12th  Emmaville Medley 4BBB
Sunday 13th  Emmaville Open
ASHFORD MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB

Friday, 19th February, 2015
Lucky Members’ Draw $460.00 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.

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 5.00pm—6.00pm
Euchre - Saturday,
2.00pm start
Social Bowls- Thursday, 5.30pm start
Sunday 3.30pm start
CATERING ON FRIDAY NIGHT
6.30–8.30pm • Bookings desirable.
Phone 67254202

Catering available on alternative days
Ashford Roosters’ RLFC Meeting

The next meeting of the Ashford Roosters’ Rugby League Football Club will be held Wednesday, 16th March 2015 at 6.00pm. The meeting will be held at the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club.

Ashford Community Church
Presbyterian Parish Office Warren Richards
Ph: 0267 210 511 Mobile 0425 200 555
Email: wjrichards40@gmail.com

Church services:
Alternate Sundays 9.00am @ the Presbyterian or Anglican Church. Service held at Sunhaven Activity Room Bi-Monthly

Bible Study:
Wednesday 7.00pm @ Anglican Vicarage

Youth Group:
Once a month on a Friday 6.30pm @ the Presbyterian Church
(Check School News for dates)

Friday Night Live Church Service:
Once a month on a Friday 6.30pm @ the Presbyterian Church
(Check School News for dates)
For more information give Warren a call.

Ashford Common Trust Meeting 25.02.16
Ashford Memorial Bowling Club At 5.30pm
All those wishing to become ‘commoners’ in the town limits please attend.

Preschool
The Preschool will be closed this Thursday 25th February, 2016.

THE LIONS’ CORNER

LIONS: Meeting
We meet on the first Tuesday of each month
7.00pm for 7.30pm

Our next meeting will be held 1st March, 2016, 7.00pm for 7.30pm at the Ashford Bowling Club.

LEOS
We meet Tuesday 1st March 2016 in the Science room at lunchtime. Please try and remind each other to attend girls. I would like to thank my Leos for doing a good job running the gate at the show. We had a lot of fun among the dust.

BINGO
HELD THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. The next time will be 2nd March 2016, eyes down at 1.00pm. Cost is $5.00 a book of 20 games and $2.00 for a Jackpot Ticket. It is $55.00 in 57 calls. Would be nice to win. We 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 $2395.00 at the moment so it is well worth your while to take a ticket. Draw date 19/02/2016 and the winning numbers were 1, 3, 9, 11, 14, 16. 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
Change of Date

Please note that we have had a change of closing date for any newsletter items!

From now on it will be 9.00am Friday mornings.

Thank you so much for your co-operation

Bonshaw C.W.A

March meeting will be held at the Bonsahw Memorial Hall at 10am on Wednesday 9th March 2016.

All welcome to come along.
Ashford Medical Centre Information

Doctors Visiting Ashford
Dr Abbas, from Texas, is at the Community Health Centre, Saturday 8.00am for blood tests and normal surgery from 9.00am to 5.00pm. 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

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Or Craig 0407 060 669

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Darryl Cameron's Retirement Evening
At the Ashford Memorial Bowling Club Saturday
12th March, 2016
Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm
Dinner: $12.00 (steak & salad)
RSVP: 07/03/16
(for dinner)
Live entertainment
Hearing Clinic - Ashford Community Health

Friday 26th February 2016

If you would like a hearing check or have a child going to school this year this clinic may be of interest to you.

Kirsty Biddle – Audiology Nurse from Inverell Community Health Centre will be in Ashford on Friday 26th February 2016 to conduct hearing tests.

There is no charge for this service.

Bookings essential: Please ring Inverell Community Health (02) 67219 600 to book your appointment time.

Only six appointment times are available on the day.
Dresses Wanted

Dear Community,

I currently reside at Earle Page College whilst studying at UNE Armidale. In 2016 I have obtained a position on the College’s Coast Run Committee which raises funds for the CMRI Sydney (Children’s Medical Research Institute). Since the commencement of this committee there has been over $400,000 raised for the institution.

Each year a member of the Committee organises a fundraising event known as Fashion Parade which involves college residents parading clothing from local Armidale stores. All clothing is carefully maintained and returned to participating stores once the event has ended. A particular routine which ends the night is bridal, this routine parades bridal wear including bride and bridesmaid gowns.

As Fashion Parade Coordinator for 2016 I am hoping to use vintage gowns as a way to present fashions of the past. However such an idea would require the generosity of individuals willing to lend their gown/s for the event.

I understand the priceless nature of these items and would ensure all gowns are not placed at risk of damage, that they are worn with care, and returned to their respective owner the weekend following the event. All gowns will be kept in my care at all times in a locked room and will not be altered in any way.

To accommodate for rehearsals and study I would like to have all gowns at least two weeks prior to the event if possible. Currently the event is set to take place on the 7th May 2016 therefore all dresses will be returned on the 14th May.

If you are interested in lending a gown/s for this event and would like additional information I can be contacted on 0437 626 441. Alternatively, I can be contacted via email at ebeverid@myune.edu.au.

Kind Regards,

Eden Beveridge
‘Claverton Park’
4861 Ashford Road
BUKKULLA NSW 2360

Inverell Auskick is holding two ‘Come & Try’ sessions. The first is this Friday (26th Feb) at McCosker Oval from 6-7pm. Girls and boys are welcome, ages 5 – 12. Second ‘Come & Try’ clinic is 4/3 – same venue & time. BBQ tea after the sessions.

The emphasis is on fun, fitness and skill development. Very reasonable cost is $50 for the first child and only $30 for siblings. Includes a backpack full of AFL goodies & 10 Auskick sessions, plus inert town games & matches at the Seniors’ AFL half time.

Any further enquiries – check the Inverell Auskick Facebook page or ring Warwick Bedford (Auskick Coordinator) on 0414 650 837.
For Design Survey & construction of earthworks.
Contact John & Maree 0267254116 or mobile 0427254116.
Ashford Roosters Junior Rugby League

Registration Days
@ Ashford Town Oval

- **Wednesday 3rd Feb** 4pm – 6pm
- **Sunday 7th Feb** 9am – 11am
- **Wednesday 17th Feb** 4pm – 6pm
- **Wednesday 24th Feb** 4pm – 6pm

Go to [www.playnrl.com/register](http://www.playnrl.com/register) and register online. Come along to one of the registration days with Birth Certificate and completed Medical Advice Form to have them sighted.

(If you have trouble registering online please come to the registration day and we can assist you).

Further info contact us at [ashfordjrl@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordjrl@gmail.com)

Or [Ashford Roosters Junior Rugby League](http://www.playnrl.com/register)

Or call 0428198146.
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 16th March

#Vet TBA

Ashford Business Council meeting Thursday 3rd March
RTC Meeting Room 6pm

*Please contact Jeff Hannaford for appointments 07 46531155
#Please contact the Inverell Vet Clinic for bookings on 67210266

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