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This term all children at Ashfield Public School, from Kindergarten to Year 6, will complete an individual or group project focused on working mathematically. The project, tailored to the range of ages and abilities across the school, is about open ended thinking and mathematics in the real world.

Working mathematically in the 21st Century classroom is something that can be confusing to people who have been out of primary school for a while. Stepping into the classrooms of our past, working mathematically or mathematical thinking was often perceived as the ability to get a 100% correct on a test paper. Think the perfect page of long division that earned the gold star from the teacher. In this type of classroom, working mathematically was top heavy with precise mathematical strategies.

Mathematical strategies are still at the heart of teaching maths, but in 21st Century classrooms, working mathematically means much more. Working mathematically is about applying mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding in a broad range of contexts beyond the mathematics classroom, including science, HSIE, history and English.

Open ended maths tasks are a highly effective way of facilitating mathematical thinking. Open ended tasks engage students in genuine mathematical activity and are about developing the skills to become flexible and creative users of mathematics. An example of an open ended task is an activity where a student, as part of a project on global connections, applies their understanding of a calendar and 24 hour time to identify available international flights using the Qantas website.

Within open ended tasks, working mathematically involves effective communication. For example, not only might a child be taught how to create an accurate column graph, but then also learn how to communicate the information it contains. Perhaps data on how children come to school might form the basis of an article about bike racks which could then be published in the school newsletter.

Working mathematically within an open ended task typically also includes reasoning. This is about students analysing, proving, evaluating, explaining, inferring and justifying. It also includes problem solving and the ability to use digital technologies. Think for example of a student using an iPad to make a video recording as they explain how trading was used to complete a subtraction sum.

Our Term 3 open ended maths projects are based on the theme of ‘Here in our Garden’. They are about providing a snapshot to share with our community how, as a whole school, we are fulfilling the working mathematically requirements of the NSW Mathematics Syllabus. A selection of these projects will be on display later this term at the Garden Festival.

Damien Moran
Principal
Ashfield Public School
Principal’s Recognition

These students have been chosen by their teachers to share their best work or commitment to learning with the Principal.

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Welcome back to school everyone! Michael and I have started fresh for this term so that means there is still a chance for everyone to win. The winners for Weeks 1, 2 and 3 are…

**Week 1** 2/5Y
**Week 2** 2/5Y
**Week 3** 1T

We hope to see more hats on heads in morning lines and even though it’s winter the sun still shines, so always wear your hats.

**Class Hat Awards**
Early Stage 1 planted vegetables and herbs to make a green space in the courtyard. Kindergarten learnt about plants that grow on a vine, below the ground and above. They also learnt about seeds and seedlings. Please visit the courtyard to see Kindergarten measuring, working mathematically and observing the growth of the vegetables as part of the unit of work on Here in our Garden.
The Walk and Cook Program

Our parent helper Reiko Azuma has been visiting our class Wednesday mornings to teach us how to play the Ukulele.

We had fun playing “Old MacDonald” and “Are you sleeping?”

“Music expresses that which cannot be said, and which it is impossible to be silent” (Victor Hugo)

Support Unit 4/6A, 2-5Y & K/1D have begun daily morning fitness to coincide with the NSW Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge 2014.

Here are some of our photos:
Here in our Garden

Stage 1 are enjoying learning about and being part of our living gardens. 1T has written some excellent stories about their favourite gardens. We feel very excited about the unit of work, because we are lucky to have such significant and interesting gardens in our beautiful school. We cannot wait to show how much work we are doing Here in our Garden and look forward to celebrating at our garden festival.
Hi! My name is Arya and I am 9 years old. I attend Ashfield Public School (A.P.S).

This term, our subject is ‘Here in Our Garden’ which is basically a unit that is based on gardens. Did you know that fruits and veggies also come from gardens? Well, they do!

Gardens are a way of saving money. Do you know how? Well, it’s quite simple. When we buy vegetables we spend money but when we grow vegetables we don’t have to pay for it. Are you fond of fruits and veggies? Do you know how important they are for you? Carrots help you see in the dark, mandarins help your brain and so on.

Every fruit and every vegetable plays a role in your body.

Gardens don’t just have to have fruits or flowers. They can also be just some plain old fields full of grass. That can be a garden. Parks can be a garden. We’ve got quite a lot of parks in our Ashfield area. Ashfield Park, Pratten Park and maybe some parks that I might not know of.

I also have some questions for you to answer (I don’t know the answer).

• What are catchment areas?
• What are some native plants to the Ashfield area?

Please learn what gardens really are from this book.

Happy Adventuring!
Devices + Movie Making

In Stage Two lots of people brought their own personal devices to school to make movies and use the internet if they need information in a lesson.

Devices are not used for playing games. Students are not allowed to call, text their friends and they are also not allowed to take them outside without teacher’s permission.

Movie making is a great experience for students who have great imaginations and because we really like making movies. To make a movie, you need to write a script then get people to learn the script and make the movie. Devices are really useful when you need the internet because you don’t have to go all the way to the library to use the iPads or the computers. We hope our movies will be selected for the Garden Festival and Council.

By Oskar and Kritika 3-4P

Fun in Walgett

By Malachi Loader

In the holidays, I went to Walgett by train and bus with Jaylen, my brother Shane, my Nan and all my cousins. When I got to my Nan’s house I went outside to climb trees with my cousins. We played soccer and football. My dad made a goal-post and my cousin Jaden kicked the ball into the goal post and scored.

My Nan is a good cook. She makes shepherd’s pie which is my favourite food. After dinner we eat cake, custard and cream.

In the bedroom where I sleep there are nine people in the room, 8 boys and 1 girl. There are two trundle beds. We go to bed between 7:30pm and 8:30pm. We go straight to sleep.

I like going to Walgett because I miss my cousins and my dad.
Visit to Ashfield Library

On Wednesday 23rd July, Stage 3 went to Ashfield Library to learn more about gardens. We got time to browse and borrow some books. We also got a chance to see a worm farm and a few gardens. Some were vertical gardens and some were on the ground. We all had a great time and learned a lot.

Did you know you can use hair in compost? The staff at the council said that some people do. Some websites agree, with a well-known author at www.yahooanswers.com saying, “Surprisingly, human hair is an excellent compost material, and it adds significant structure to the surrounding soil. Some organic gardeners have hang-ups about using any human by-product in soil, but you can be rest assured that human hair is safe and pathogen-free compost material. Because it takes a long time to decompose roughly 1-2 years. It is a very slow release fertilizer and will gradually restore nitrates to your garden soil.”

By Brian and Dylan
THE NEWS ROOM

Website of the week

Snapseed
Snapseed is a photo editing application which enables you to edit photos via thousands of effects and it is free! It’s extremely convenient and effective. We are considering utilising this to help us in our garden project.

By Lakshya and Michael

Word of the week

Flittermice
It is an old fashioned term meaning bats.

By Jason

House Points

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Athletics Carnival

On Monday 28th July, we had our whole school Athletics Carnival. We arrived by bus to Campbell Oval, Ashbury. Once we arrived, we split into our houses. The first race was called at approximately 10:00am. At 11:00am, everyone ate their morning tea so that by 11:30am, we were ready for our field events. We then ate our lunch. Some people had ordered a sausage sizzle ran by the P&C. Afterwards, we did our relay and then we finished at 2:30 pm.

By: Kristan, Jia Qi & XiaoYan
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Dear Parents & Carers,

Ashfield Public School has commenced a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative. The initiative is about enabling students to access technology at any time throughout the school day, anywhere in the school. Examples include a student at a desk consulting an online dictionary or a student taking photographs of 3D shapes in the school playground.

As part of the BYOD initiative, students will be taught how to effectively use technology to support learning. This includes, for example, the whole school emphasis on developing critical thinking, on being able to write for sustained and appropriate periods of time, on public speaking, physical activity and being able to concentrate whilst learning.

Children who do not have access to a personal device will be able to share the school's devices which at this stage, consist of 10 iPads. All children will continue to have access to the PC’s in the library and throughout the school. This includes access to printing facilities.

Please read the attached extract from the School Handbook (available to download on the school website) for detailed information about the BYOD initiative.

Happy 21st Century Learning!

Congratulations to:
Ankit 3-4C
Vyom 3-4P

Birthdays

JULY
Prapimporn 1st  Jia Qi  20th
Joonseok 4th  Filip  20th
Ronak 4th  John  22nd
Zoe 6th  Anthony  23rd
Bhavya 7th  Kritika  25th
Xavier 7th  Arash  25th
Kylah 7th  Nick  26th
Smriti 8th  Siddharth  27th
Nirman 10th  Levi  27th
Heidi 10th  Emmett  28th
Eloise 12th  Junxian  28th
Hee 15th  Julian  29th
Frank 16th  William  31st
Ramadan is an Islamic month that commenced during the school holidays. Sadly came to an end on the 28th July. During Ramadan, Muslims do the following:

1. Wake up before sunrise, eat, drink and get ready for a day of fasting
2. Take an easy day and not work too hard to increase your need for food and water
3. Wait for the radio station to announce sunset time, which is around at 5:15pm, and then you may eat and settle for the day

That’s a Muslim’s day in Ramadan.
By: Yahya and Jason

PSSA Report

On the 18th July, the APS soccer teams versed with Concord Public School. The juniors lost by 5:0 and the seniors lost by 3:0. Everyone was happy because we got to get free soccer balls and practised with them. We hope to win more games and we always try our best.
By: Dylan and Michael

Here in our Garden Project

Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in a program called ‘Here in our Garden Project’. All students will receive a booklet that will tell them information about our local area. This program is child focused for the students to think about the garden. The Support Unit, Stage 1 and Early Stage 1 have been learning about gardening through hands-on activities including planting some plants in the garden, in the courtyard and making their own mini-greenhouses. While some Stage 2 and Stage 3 are designing their own garden, brochures, guide for plants, designing their blueprints for gardening drones, greenhouses, vertical gardens, sculptures and other interesting garden-inspired projects. When we finish our products, they will be displayed at the garden festival.

Julian and Zijian

Lost Property Report

Welcome back to the lost property report for Term 3. After the holidays we were surprised to find jackets still in the trolley. These jackets have not been claimed from last term. Please visit the trolley to check if any of these jackets belong to you.

By: Gena and Charlotte
NAIDOC

NAIDOC week was celebrated and held across Australia. This year’s NAIDOC theme honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of country. Each July, Australia celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

On Friday 11 July, I went to a NAIDOC Celebration in Redfern where all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders all gathered to celebrate at NCIE, National Centre of Indigenous Excellence on George St. We commemorate and celebrate this day for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia who fought in and out of Australia.

If you see the picture with the 3 men you can see in the waters reflection 3 Aboriginal men. NAIDOC is a special thing for everyone in Australia and I am very proud to be part of it.

By: Michael and Zikang

NAIDOC Day Activities

This year Ashfield Public School celebrated NAIDOC Day on Monday 21st July. Firstly, we separated into stages. All of the activities were based on Aboriginal themes with five activities for each group. Stages 2 & 3 had history, dust echoes, bush tucker foods, IT-iPads and the National Anthem (in Aboriginal language). Stage 1 & Early Stage 1’s activities were painting wooden snakes, Aboriginal objects, craft echidnas, dreaming stories and Indigenous art. Everyone had a wonderful day and we would like to thank the teachers and volunteers for their organisation and support on the day.

Chinese Term 3, Week 3 2014

第三周中文通讯

各位华人家长好，本周是第三学期的第三周，从本学期开始我会在早会上用中文翻译重要的宣布，请留意。本学期我们学校K-6都在研读有关花园的主题，在第九周我们会在9月13日星期六3点到7点在学校内举行花园节（Garden Festival）。当天每个不同文化的家长会准备不同的食物，需要很多的协助，请各位可以帮忙的家长联络刘老师或 Kelly Huang。

在本星期五（八月一日）早上周会之后，校长会再为中国家长开一个分析学生成绩的会议，欢迎家长出席，多了解学生的学习情况。谢谢。
 SRC Executive

The SRC Executives have introduced a new system to the house points. Every time the students donate a cent, gold coin or note, each cent is worth 1 house point. For example, 5 cents would equal 5 house points and one dollar is worth 100 house points. So start donating! Every classroom will have a box labelled LACLA. Remember, every cent helps a child's life.

Mieke, Sonia and Andy

Maths with Kevin

Algebra

Do you know what algebra is? If you don’t, I am going to explain it to you. Algebra is a sum involving 2 or more numbers

E.g. 10 X a = 20, a=2

In algebra one number has to be replaced by a sign or a letter.

Here are some more examples

5 X b = 15, b=3
18 X 10 = x, x= 180
18 X 8 = b, b=144

These are basic algebra sums.

Hopefully you guys have learnt what algebra is!

Math Projects

Stages 2 and 3 have been busy working on their Math projects. Stage 2 students have chosen a group or are working in pairs to solve problems about creating vegetable gardens, fruit orchards or some small farm animals. Stage 3 is focusing on data and graphs and collecting information and displaying it in graph form. Our projects are based on our ‘Here in our Garden’ topic for this term. Some students are measuring gardens, plants, looking at soil and green spaces. Some students are even monitoring the amount of sunlight exposure on certain areas in the garden at various times of the day. Most students are using their own device to record and document data.

Article by: Casper, James and Nicky.

Chinese Ambassador Report

The badminton competition Round 1 started last week. We started with the boy’s and girl’s single matches for Stages 2 and 3. They were really close matches! We were all really nervous, wondering who will win the competition for Round 1. Congratulations to the winners, they tried their best. For those people who tried and had a loss, we wish them better luck next time. Ms Yao will be assisting Mrs Lau to organise the badminton club from now on.

Jason and Olga
Playground Buddies

With the new term upon us most students are very excited to be back at school with their friends. Playground Buddies will continue to support all students in the playground at recess and lunch. Playground Buddies are kept very busy in the Wangal Playground doing the 2nd half of lunch duty. ES1 and S1 students are escorted into the courtyard by the playground buddies when they need to use the toilets.

Nina and Prapimporn

Library Report

Term 3 is always exciting in and around the Library. Book Week is coming up in Week 6 with the theme Connect to Reading. Many different activities are happening before and during Book Week.

- Every class has their especially selected Children’s Book Council recommended text to read and design a poster for the Hall in Book Week. The winners will be announced in August.
- On Monday 18th August, Stage 3 have been invited to Ashfield Public Library to meet the author, Anna Fienberg, who will be talking and signing copies of her novels including the Tashi series and many other novels she has written.
- On Tuesday 19th August, Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and the Support Unit classes will experience a show called Snake Tails. Questions such as ‘Can a turtle hear you if you speak to it while it is swimming?’ or ‘Can a lizard really sit on your head?’ will be answered.
- On Wednesday 20th August, Stages 2 and 3 will meet the author Mark Greenwood whose writing aims to encourage an appreciation of Australia’s unique myths and legends. His titles include The Legend of Moondyne Joe and The Legend of Lasseter’s Reef.
- On Friday 22nd August, we will have the Annual Book Character Parade. This great event gives students and teachers the opportunity to dress up in their favourite book character costumes and carry a copy of the book your character comes from. It is expected that everyone in the school will participate. Come to Library to get some ideas.
- Our wonderful parents will open the canteen at recess for hot chocolate and baked goodies.
- All students will participate in the Ashfield Library Book Week competition which is either to draw or write about their favourite place in the universe.

We would like to thank Ashfield Library for their continued support of our school.

A detailed note will go to students in Week 4 with reminders of events and costs.

We hope everyone will enjoy all these celebrations. Remember to complete your Premiers Reading Challenge by the end of August. Ankit is the first student in Year 4 to complete the Challenge. Well done!!
**NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge**

The NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge is a contest that the children of NSW public schools can participate in. You have to complete 20 minutes of sport to cross out one box on the card that you were given. There are 4 medals: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond. To get a bronze medal, you need to do 200 mins/week which means 30 mins per day. To get a silver medal you need to do 320 minutes/week which mean 45 mins per day. To get a gold medal, you need to do 420 mins/week which means 60 mins per day. To get a diamond medal, you need to do 560 mins/week which means 80 mins per day.

By Hriday and Tapish

**Triple E Math Lessons**

In the Stage 3 Triple E class, we’re writing a script for a news video that we’re going to play at the Garden Festival. The news video that we’re going to show will have a garden theme and the class will split into small groups to film their own news report. We will let you know more as we progress.

Vania and Weng Si

**Joke of the Week**

Are you ready for more belly laughs? Well, if you’re not, get ready because here comes the joke of the week.

**Q. Why did the music teacher need a ladder?**

**A. So she could reach the high notes!**

Yahya
BYOD Survey

A new term has started and everybody is ready for some garden excitement. One of the things that we are being introduced to this term is: Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). Students don’t bring their device to school to play with, it’s actually used for:

1. Creating a film or taking photographs as part of a school project
2. Composing text including note taking
3. Interacting with an education app

And some of the student’s comments were:

1. We’re excited about BOYD
2. My friends and I are going to bring our phone
3. It’s something new to experience
4. I wish that BOYD follows on next year
5. I think it is improving my education
6. Sometimes it’s annoying because internet doesn’t always work – but there is now a new password
7. The year six photographers for the newsletter are looking forward to taking photos for each edition!

We hope that A.P.S is enjoying BYOD to school and that it helps them with their education.

By: Sonia, Zijian, Prachi and Isha

The day I walked the Principal’s dog by Rosie

On Thursday, during the last week of the school holidays I walked the Principal’s dog. Her name is Coco. Coco is a house dog. She went for a walk with Sam (Heidi’s dog). My mum and I took Sam and Coco to the dog park. They played there for a bit. Soon, some big dogs came to the dog park so we went home. I think Coco had a lot of fun and I did too.

This is Coco
**P&C NEWS ROOM**

**Book Week**
Homemade biscuits, hot chocolate and pod coffee for adults following book character parade

**Athletics Carnival**
The BBQ at the Athletics Carnival raised $526.20 for our school. Thank you to all involved in planning, running and supporting on the day!

Website: ashfieldpandc.com
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Get Involved
To get involved at any level, please check the website for details or send us an email.
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CHILDREN’S WORK

Rhea

Jayden

Kylah

Sofhia

Katie
Anubhav

I watered my seed and saw a plant coming out of the seed in my friend’s seed it was so cool and beautiful.

Luca

In the holidays I went to Queen Victoria building to have coffee. We went to Westfield. My mum says, ‘Wow!’

Fantastic.

Axel

Can shrunk our class! The spider and cockroach and my dad. But they will not eat people. I will give them a paper to beat the sun. It is very hot. I gonna die if I get sunburns. If I get stamp on me I will die. When I will die I will be picked up by the sky.
**Rose**

Date: 15/7/14

**Planting the sunflower seed**

**Equipment needed:**

- seed
- pot
- soil
- shovel

I put soil in my pot.
I planted a sunflower seed then I watered it.

**Sunidhi**

Hey, guys,

I'm Sunidhi Maroo. This book tells us about healthy food, gardening, fruits, and vegetables.

My grandparents have a garden in their home. They have a small garden. I have picked up a fruit and tasted it. It is pink in color and I really don't know what it is called in English, but I know it is called, in my mother tongue, Malayalam. It is called "Iashika" in my mother tongue (jai - m - ba - ka). It is sour. I have collected its seeds and planted it. I am waiting for my own tree to be grown so that I can pluck the fruits and eat them.

I had a rose plant in my home. But it died because there was no sunlight. I also had a native Indian plant but that also died in the same condition.

**Raksha**

Wednesday, 23/7/14

My favorite garden is the Harmony garden because it has some fruit and lovely flowers. So, some plants are interesting. The garden has rocks and some flowers and plants smell but some don't smell at all. I like the strawberries, flowers, and bananas.
In the holidays I went to the snow and it snowed very well. I played with snowballs and a snowman.

James

On Monday we had NAIDOC celebration. I liked to paint a wooden rainbow because it was fun.

Eloise

In the holidays I went to Canberra and I went to the snow. I built a snowman.

Violet
Iron Cove Subcatchment

The Iron Cove Subcatchment is divided in two sections:
- via Dobroyd Canal (formally Iron Cove Creek)
- via Hawthorne Canal (formally Long Cove Creek)

Date: 15/7/14

Planting the Sunflower Seed

Equipment needed:
- Novel Pot Soil

I put soil in my pot.
I planted a Sunflower seed then I watered it.

Bella

Ahem marshmallows.
Choir at Ashfield Mall
29 July 2014
COMMUNITY NEWS

Homework help
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?

The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions.

Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Homework and multi-tasking
Somewhere along the line we seemed to have absorbed the idea that teenagers can multi-task perfectly because they’re digital natives. Can kids really do their homework and multi-task?


When lunch comes home again – uneaten
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds.

But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain

Help with English
Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.

Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english

Maths
Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child.

Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics
My Time Peer Support Group

My Time is a local support group for parents and carers of young children with a disability or chronic medical condition. My Time is a peer support group for parents and carers, including mums, dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles. This group has a relaxed and unstructured feel, and there is a huge range of indoor and outdoor activities for the children to use if they want.

The My Time group at The Infants’ Home is set up in a child care centre/setting. It is facilitated by an early childhood professional/teacher and a child care educator.

The group offers parents the opportunity to:
- meet others in similar circumstances
- find out about available community supports and services
- talk to other parents/carers and form supportive networks
- make time for themselves while children play with the play helper

A healthy and nutritious lunch is provided. We have children’s bathrooms and nappy change facilities. A cot or bed can be made available if children need a sleep. Siblings are welcome and encouraged.

My Time is currently held every second Saturday between 12.00 am - 2.00pm. See attached calendar.

For more information please contact Emma Stanton on 9799 4844 or email: estanton@theinfantshome.org

Families can register or find out more at www.mytime.net.au.
## Playgroup days and times...

- **Red Bug Playgroup** Monday 10-12noon
- **Wangal Playgroup** Wednesday 9:30-11:30
- **Croydon Park Playgroup** Friday 9:30-11:30
- **Fathers Playgroup** Saturdays 12-2:00
- **My Time Peer Support** Saturdays 9:00-11:00 (for families with children with a disability)
- **School Holidays**

### Playgroup dates and times for The Infants Home Playgroups 2014

**March ‘14**
- Su: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- M: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- Tu: 2, 9, 16, 23
- W: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- Th: 4, 11, 18, 25
- F: 5, 12, 19, 26
- Sa: 1, 8, 15, 22
- Sa: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**April ‘14**
- Su: 6, 13, 20, 27
- M: 7, 14, 21, 28
- Tu: 8, 15, 22, 29
- W: 9, 16, 23, 30
- Th: 10, 17, 24, 31
- F: 11, 18, 25
- Sa: 12, 19
- Sa: 1, 8, 15, 22

**May ‘14**
- Su: 1, 8, 15, 22
- M: 2, 9, 16, 23
- Tu: 3, 10, 17, 24
- W: 4, 11, 18, 25
- Th: 5, 12, 19, 26
- F: 6, 13, 20
- Sa: 7, 14, 21
- Sa: 8, 15, 22, 29

**June ‘14**
- Su: 1, 8, 15, 22
- M: 2, 9, 16, 23
- Tu: 3, 10, 17, 24
- W: 4, 11, 18, 25
- Th: 5, 12, 19, 26
- F: 6, 13, 20
- Sa: 7, 14, 21
- Sa: 8, 15, 22

**July ‘14**
- Su: 1, 8, 15, 22
- M: 2, 9, 16, 23
- Tu: 3, 10, 17, 24
- W: 4, 11, 18, 25
- Th: 5, 12, 19, 26
- F: 6, 13, 20
- Sa: 7, 14, 21
- Sa: 8, 15, 22, 29

**August ‘14**
- Su: 1, 8, 15, 22
- M: 2, 9, 16, 23
- Tu: 3, 10, 17, 24
- W: 4, 11, 18, 25
- Th: 5, 12, 19, 26
- F: 6, 13, 20
- Sa: 7, 14, 21
- Sa: 8, 15, 22

**September ‘14**
- Su: 1, 8, 15, 22
- M: 2, 9, 16, 23
- Tu: 3, 10, 17, 24
- W: 4, 11, 18, 25
- Th: 5, 12, 19, 26
- F: 6, 13, 20
- Sa: 7, 14, 21
- Sa: 8, 15, 22

**October ‘14**
- Su: 2, 9, 16, 23
- M: 3, 10, 17, 24
- Tu: 4, 11, 18, 25
- W: 5, 12, 19, 26
- Th: 6, 13, 20, 27
- F: 7, 14, 21
- Sa: 8, 15, 22
- Sa: 9, 16, 23

**November ‘14**
- Su: 2, 9, 16, 23
- M: 3, 10, 17, 24
- Tu: 4, 11, 18, 25
- W: 5, 12, 19, 26
- Th: 6, 13, 20, 27
- F: 7, 14, 21
- Sa: 8, 15, 22
- Sa: 9, 16, 23

**December ‘14**
- Su: 2, 9, 16, 23
- M: 3, 10, 17, 24
- Tu: 4, 11, 18, 25
- W: 5, 12, 19, 26
- Th: 6, 13, 20, 27
- F: 7, 14, 21
- Sa: 8, 15, 22
- Sa: 9, 16, 23
We are not babysitters!
All children must be accompanied by an adult the entire time.

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We invite everyone in our local community to join us at Canterbury Public School for this event. We have plenty of room in our school grounds, so book your space and start planning. This is your chance to recycle or create, declutter your house and make a bit of cash. Or just come and browse for bargains, buy a cake, have lunch, run around the playground and hang out in the sunshine.

What can you sell?
- Do a household cleanup and decide what you need to get rid of – books, clothes, household goods, toys
- Bring some produce from your garden – fruit & veg, eggs, flowers
- Make some jams, preserves or pickles
- Make some crafts

What you need to know
- $20 per car pre-booked ($30 on the day)
- Entry is free for shoppers
- You will be able to park your car on the school grounds and can use the space in front of your boot to set up one table to display goods for sale
- Cars can enter from 9am via Church St, and must be parked by 10am
- Children must be taken to the play enclosure until all cars are parked
- The car gates will be closed until the sale finishes at 2pm
- You will need to take all your unsold goods home with you – no rubbish to be left on school grounds
- There will be food, drinks, coffee and cakes for sale
- There is plenty of space to picnic in our playgrounds and room for the children to run and explore

What to do now if you are interested
- Book your car spot here: www.canterburypublicschoolpnc.org.au/events
Upcoming FREE Parenting Workshops

Parenting Between Cultures

This 3 session course is for parents from culturally and linguistically diverse communities. It looks at topics such as keeping our culture, what happens at school and why, maintaining harmony in the family and how to get support.

**When:** 3 Tuesdays 15, 22 & 29 July 2014, 10am-12pm  
**Where:** Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Rd. Ashfield

Bookings are essential on Eventbrite:


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- **31 July** Raising Confident Children
- **7 August** Raising Resilient Children

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