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Big Week Out Events

YEAR 8 & YEAR 11 SNOW TRIP

Each year ABHS celebrates the Big Week Out, a series of excursions, presentations and enrichment days. On Tuesday, 9 August Asquith Boys Years 8 and 11 set out to the ice-cold destination of Canberra. We travelled for two and a half hours until we stopped at McDonalds for breakfast. The boys sleepily had their meals and got back on the bus.

Four long but interesting hours later we arrived in Mount Ainslie where we could see all of glorious Canberra. The next stop was the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). There we got to meet some Australians in training and discover how Australia's top athletes train and live everyday.

After the AIS the boys were very keen to set off to the next destination; Berridale where they discovered their cabins and settled into their accommodation. The boys got the choice of a 4, 6 or an 8 room cabin. After an hour or so the boys went down to the ski hire reception to order their skis, poles, boots and parka. Shortly after the ski hire, dinner was served and the boys went back to their cabins to relax and then go to bed.



In the morning the boys got on their warmest gear and prepared to have the first day of skiing. The teachers recommended at least four layers of clothing as we were going to a very harsh and cold environment. For the first day the boys started off with lessons and then gradually got into free skiing. We had a full six hours of skiing before we had to return to our cabins. That night the boys had a karaoke night where everybody had a go at their favourite songs in their cabin groups. The PDHPE staff presented their interpretation of YMCA while Mr Moscos shared mellow tones with such classics as Ka San.





The next day was much the same except some of the boys were really having a go at the slopes and some even discovered new trails. At lunch we had the same meal of sausage rolls, meat pies or salad rolls. Getting back out on the slopes the sun came out and the boys had a much warmer ski than before when it was raining and snowing. When it was time to go the boys did so with despair on their faces as many had found a new passion with skiing.



The next day the boys were extra tired after their two exciting days of skiing and were happy to pack their belongings and head back to Canberra for Questacon and the route home. The boys completed their worksheets at Questacon and then enjoyed the rest of Questacon exploring the exhibitions.



On the long way home many boys fell asleep after the lunch stop at Lake George where we had salad sandwiches, water and apples. When the boys got off the bus there was a torrent of relatives and friends to greet them back from the excursion.

The snow excursion was a major success with only one boy being severely injured. Zach Smith sadly crashed on his second last run down the mountain and snapped the major cord through his knee. Get well soon Zach!

All of the boys enjoyed the excursion.

Jacob Hamilton (Year 8)



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

ABHS Community Day

On Sunday, September 11, the P & C will be running a Community Day at the school from 10am to 4:30pm. Many activities are planned, including: the official opening of the 50th anniversary pavers pathway; various soccer matches between current students and old boys (for the Moscos Cup and Blackwood Shield); many musical performances (including the ABHS Stage Band, and several other local school bands); various stalls, food and coffee; and the sale of raffle tickets with a range of tremendous prizes. The P & C hopes to make this an annual fund raising event for the school. A lot of preparation has been done by members of the P & C and staff. Please come along and be part of an enjoyable day.



SASS Staff

A few weeks ago it was SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Recognition Week. The SAS staff include the office staff, reception, print room, library assistant, science lab assistant, kitchen assistants as well as the General Assistant and the Learning Support Staff. At Asquith Boys we are blessed with a very talented and dedicated SAS staff. They are a vital part of our school community and the school could not function without their expertise and commitment. In this edition of *Backchat* you will find a feature about all of our individual SAS staff and the duties that they perform.

Big Week Out

Once again, the staff of Asquith Boys provided students with an exciting range of learning activities during our recent annual Big Week Out. While Year 12 sat their Trial HSC and Year 10 were on work experience, the other Years were engaged in many activities including the opportunity to go on the snow trip for students in Years 8 and 11. This event takes many months to prepare and we have already begun a process of evaluation for 2012. I congratulate all students who attended and participated in Big Week Out activities and thank the staff for their preparation and supervision, especially Mr Bolger as the overall co-ordinator.

Education Tax Refund

Included in this *Backchat* is some information from the federal government on what items can be claimed in the 2011-2012 financial year as educational tax deductions. From July, 2011, parents should keep receipts for school items including school uniform. A refund of up to \$794 can be claimed for secondary school students. This is a very significant saving. I encourage all parents to take advantage of this new initiative.

Terry Griffiths, Principal



Two Asquith boys, Rishi Halkhoree and Jeff Rodrick, attended the annual **SRC Student Leadership Conference** 2011 at the Zenith Theatre in Chatswood. The theme of the conference was "Feel the Vibe" and they learned new ways to approach leadership, not only in the school setting but also in an environmental setting. Good work boys!

The 40 Hour Famine fund raiser to help disadvantaged kids has just passed, but if you were still interested in completing the famine - doesn't have to be food you give up; could be the use of your mobile, the internet, facebook, TV etc - you can still participate. See Ms Mashman for a donation booklet.

SRC meeting in the DEM every Monday, first half of lunch.

Laura Mashman, SCR Coordinator

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ABHS - SAS STAFF

As already mentioned the SAS staff are a vital part of the daily running of any school and here at Asquith Boys High school we have an incredible team led by Karen Ronald the SAM (School Administration Manager). Here is a list of the various duties the SAS staff perform and the people who fill those positions:

School Administration Manager - Karen Ronald

Her duties include all of the school finances, getting the fees out, paying all the bills and excursions, placing orders and invoicing and generally keeping an eye on making sure that the school is able to run with the budget that is set out by the Finance Committee. She also manages all the SAS staffing needs.

Reception– Joan Wilson

She is at the hub of the school, knows most of the boys by name and lots of the parents as well. Besides the general reception duties she is our First Aid Officer and our Postie where she's in charge of all in and out going mail. There are the constant phone calls to answer, faxes to be sent, messages to pass on, appointments to be made and most of all many boys to look after when they come down to the Office for help.



Cashier – Pam Noulton, Debbie Seifert, Julie Polson & Vanessa Machon

These multi tasking ladies help out at reception and are specifically in charge of receiving and processing any money that comes to the school. When the boys have to pay for excursions or parents pay the school contribution and subject fees these ladies are more than happy to take your money!

Print Room & Attendance – Debbie Seifert & Vanessa Machon



Every day the rolls are marked and SMS messages sent out to parents if their son is not at school. All of this as well as early leavers, late arrivals and uniform notes are processed in the print room as part of the Attendance job. Besides that the efficient print room ladies are also busy with any photocopying that needs to be done; work booklets to be printed and bound, laminating to be done to the printing of exams. They also deal with lost and 2nd hand uniforms.

Library Assistants – Pam Noulton & Kirsten Dudley

The Librarian would be at a loss without their assistance. These ladies are on their feet dealing with enquiries, handling the book loans, covering books, recording programs and of course the never ending shelving of books, as well as generally assisting the Librarian.

Science Assistant – Thelma Hughes

In her white coat Ms Hughes is in charge of the Science Prep Room making sure that all the practical components for the classes are ready for the teachers and their lessons. Besides chemicals and equipment she needs to get the occasional kidneys, hearts and eyes from the local butcher.

Kitchen Assistants – Kerrie Booth & Vanessa Machon



No cooking classes would be possible without someone doing the shopping!!! But that is only part of their daily responsibility in the Prep Kitchen. Here recipes are collated, shopping lists made, orders sent and received and then all ingredients & equipment is set out for the teachers and their demonstration lessons as well as for the boys when they have their practical lessons. And then there is the never ending cleaning...

Back Office Administration – Lauren Simms & Inez Beckerleg

As enrolment officer Ms Simms is in charge of the enrolment process for new as well as leaving students. Printing and collating all the school reports, handling all the travel pass procedures for all the boys are just some of her many tasks.

Mrs Beckerleg covers several administration jobs in her daily duties; they include the weekly staff bulletin, typing of various meeting minutes, certificate printing for assemblies and presentations, any promotional material that needs to be done for the school and recently producing the monthly *Backchat*.



General Assistant – Steve Sonter

The school would be at a loss without our reliable and dedicated GA who is in demand every day & all day for all kinds of jobs big & small that needs to be done around the school. It's not often that he actually gets to sit down, even if it is on the ride on mower!

School Learning Support Staff – Michelle Anthonisz, Carol Barlow, Cassandra Batey, Katrina Gilbert, Robin McGowen & Irene Michas

BIG WEEK OUT – YEAR 7

52 SUBURBS EXHIBITION & PHOTO SHOOT OF THE ROCKS

Someone from above smiled down upon us for the BWO. The weather forecast for both the Monday and the Tuesday predicted showers and rain. I awoke on the Monday morning to a glorious day, perfect for photographing our beautiful city. Cameras, worksheets and rolls at the ready, I was ready to embark. Never fear, Cooke is here! I didn't forget the rest of the staff and Year 7. The boys were excited.

We arrived in the city and split into our two groups. Ms Mashman and myself wandered the city streets, with our boys in tow, up to the Museum of Sydney - "MOS" for those in the know! "MOS" is situated on the site of the original Government House. Arthur Phillip could have looked down upon his minions from the top of the hill, "lording" it over the land. The forecourt of the museum shows the patterning of the original foundations. The boys were also given another perspective, that of the Indigenous people. They were shown the installation art work, *Edge of the Trees* by artists Fiona Foley and Janet Laurence. The work evokes the "cultural and physical" history of the site. The boys were fascinated by the interactive nature of the work. They were able to walk through the work and experience the textures and sounds. The next work was by artist, Gordon Bennett. He is a contemporary Indigenous artist. His artwork, *Possession Island*, elicited amazing responses from the boys. They recognised dot painting, the appropriation of another work and action painting (Pollock). Michael Bennett was even able to articulate how Pollock developed action painting. Both the guide and myself were exceptionally impressed! We then visited the Gordon Syron artwork, *Invasion 1*. Again the boys were able to provide incredible responses that showed their understanding and empathy of the events depicted in the painting.



We finally made our way to the 52 Suburbs Exhibition. The boys absorbed the images and were very busy answering the questions to their work sheet in preparation of their report. Their understanding of Louise Hawson's work was evident on their Visual Arts artmaking enrichment day the following Thursday. They were able to transform their own images of The Rocks into brilliant diptychs. On our way to The Rocks we had a quick stop at McDonalds. The boys had been perfectly behaved as well as fantastic learners. It was only right that they be rewarded. During our quick lunch break the boys learnt of the audacity of the local seagulls. We guarded our lunch!



Our journey through The Rocks took us to the end of George Street, down under the Harbour Bridge and along the foreshore of Sydney Harbour. The following day we took a different route; up Argyle Cut past the Garrison Church and back down George Street again. We were able to document the architecture, streetscapes and people. Ms Mashman and I were delighted to show the boys a variety of interesting places to photograph and to teach the boys how to view and compose their photographs.

Thursday's Art Enrichment Day saw the boys creating their diptychs using Photoshop. They were also all involved in a collaborative artwork. Each of the boys was provided with a section of a photograph and a piece of card. They were instructed on a variety of painting and drawing techniques. The sections will be joined together to create one image. It should be interesting to see what happens with that. Keep an eye open for it at the artshow.

All in all we had a fabulous couple of days. It goes without saying; I finished each day with a cup of tea with my feet up on my recliner!

Ms Cooke, Visual Arts



diptych - Ms Cooke
...at the end of the excursion



Diptych – Chris Sexton



Diptych – Michael Bennett



Diptych – Ben Adams



Diptych – Cooper Thiel

D I P T Y C H



Diptych - Jon



Diptych - Lachlan Anderson



Diptych - Cameron Hanna



Diptych - Zac Jackson

S A M P L E S

BIG WEEK OUT - YEAR 7

CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES DAY

During Big Week Out, Year 7 participated in Celebrating Differences Day. The aim of this day was for the students to explore how different our society is and how individual's differences are to be valued.

The students participated in a variety of activities including

- Blind line drawing with Ms Cooke
- African Drumming Workshop with Ms Lorrae
- Hearing from Barbara, a blind lady, about life with her Guide Dog
- Workshops to learn about the different backgrounds of people in their class.

Many thanks to all the staff who ran sessions on this day!

J. Hurwitz (ESL)

Feedback from the students included:



"My favourite activity was the drumming because it was fun and we learned something new" – Geoffrey 7A

"The activity that I enjoyed the most was drumming because we played some entertaining music and we were learning about African music" – Jack 7E



"I enjoyed Barbara and Nara's story because I didn't know that there were lots of blind people in NSW" – Jeff 7A

"My favourite part of the day was when Barbara talked to us about how it is being vision impaired because it was a good insight into how people who are different to me live" – Griffin 7E

"Today was a great day and I had lots of fun" – John 7E

"I learnt lots about different students in my class" – Zac 7E



BIG WEEK OUT – YEAR 9

WOLLONGONG STEELWORKS EXCURSION

92 Year 9 students were treated to a fantastic day out to visit the **Port Kembla Steelworks** and **Wollongong Science Centre**. The day started with a very cold morning but had warmed up by the time we had morning tea at Stuart Park at the beachside at Wollongong. After morning tea one group headed to BlueScope Steel at Port Kembla for a 2 hour tour where the boys donned their safety gear and headed to the main smelter for a chance to see hot (and I mean very, very hot) slabs of steel being poured and cut to size before being sent to the rollers to be made into sheet metal. The boys witnessed the steel being rolled to various thicknesses and packaged up to be sent to customers.



The second group spent some time in the Science Centre run by the University of Wollongong. The boys watched a star show in the planetarium followed by some hands on activities including a radar gun to measure the speed of a baseball throw, a bicycle that produces electricity and a strength machine where the students couldn't quite match the teachers. The visit culminated with a Liquid Nitrogen show which was very cool! (literally).

The excursion was long with quite a bit of travelling but the behaviour of the boys was excellent and on behalf of the Science Staff I would like to congratulate all the students on their positive conduct.

GREAT NORTH WALK

On Friday of the Big Week Out, 70 boys set out on the Great North Walk between Hornsby and Thornleigh. The walk was run by Sport and Recreation TAFE students and we split into 4 groups with 3 trainees per group. The walk was about 10 km long and meandered through the wet sclerophyll forest of Old Man Gully, along the creek to Fishponds and the along the dry ridgetops to Thornleigh. Plenty of flora and fauna was seen along the way including kookaburras and lizards.



Although the weather was not great the boys were positive and asked plenty of questions along the way. The most common questions were about how long to go and if you could get mobile reception in the bottom of the gully. But seriously all the boys enjoyed a day out of the classroom and their conduct in the company of guests was excellent. The trainee guides provided a great lunch and

enjoyed the boys company.

Thank you to Daniel Kelton from TAFE his trainee guides for a great day out and well done to all the students who completed the walk in wet and cold conditions with a smile on their faces.



Mr Robertson
Head Teacher Science

ENRICHMENT DAY - YEAR 9 CAPA STUDENTS

After a huge week of activities CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) teachers finished off with a day of enrichment for their elective classes. While the rest of the year went walking on the Great North Walk, CAPA students were exposed to forms of enlightenment that only Asquith artisans can provide!

ELECTIVE MUSIC

Year 9 Elective Music travelled into the city to the Australian Institute of Music otherwise known as AIM. We were given a tour of the facilities and studios. The institute provided the students with some background information about the types of courses that are available to them after they leave school.

The boys were impressed with the performance course and also the audio engineering course. Students have attended several of their productions in 2011; Best of Aussie Rock and the Woodstock Experience. These shows have enlightened the boys as to some of the music options that are available. They were very excited to experience a behind the scenes tour.

After our AIM tour was finished we made our way to IMAX where we saw Antarctica. The 3D film provided, not only, magnificent vistas but a music score that reached crescendos that complemented the scenery. The music was written by an Australian composer which is core topic for stage 5 Music. As always one of the highlights was a visit to McDonalds on the way home.

ELECTIVE DRAMA

During the Big Week Out, a group of Year 9 Drama boys attended a workshop at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) with Ms Mashman. They were given a tour of the facilities, including performance spaces and the four theatres.

The day started off with a two hour improvisation workshop, in which all students eagerly participated. They learned new ways to develop a scene and make a character more engaging and interesting to an audience. Improvisation games included space jump, show us ya face, how do you walk, the guard and the thief, status hats and alien egg. These improvisation games taught the boys how to accept and extend offers made in a performance. They took the opportunity to extend and excel at the games and proved to be quite the entertainment.

As always one of the highlights was a visit to McDonalds during their lunch break. The boys enjoyed a day out in the city showcasing their dramatic talents.

ELECTIVE PDM

Students in PDM (Photography Digital Media) are currently experiencing the photographic joys that the suburb of Asquith has to offer. As is so often the case, we find places that we are unfamiliar with fascinating while totally ignoring our immediate environment. Year 9 students were given the opportunity to wander the streets of Asquith and document the environment with their camera. Students examined the suburb through new eyes with Ms Cooke providing enthusiastic tutorage, pointing and gasping as she discovered something new to photograph.

We passed the famous "ABC", marvelling at the architecture, greens and ramshackle buildings at the rear. The group moved on through Storey Park and met up with a group of local council workers. They were more than happy to be photographed. This was followed with a stroll down Old Berowra Road where we met an elderly gentleman in a motorised wheel chair.

Craig Belcastro discovered his grandfather's house on the corner of Amor Street.

We continued to explore and made our way to the



ABHS Photographers absorbing the Asquith ambiance

commercial hub of the suburb. All the shop keepers were very happy to pose for photos as were some of the local shoppers. The boys proved to be very shy when meeting with members of the community.

Ms Cooke was an old hand at asking people if they would mind having their photo taken- with many cooperative models! In fact during our adventure we only had one rejection! The boys plucked up the guts and asked the lovely lady at the dance shop if they could take her photo and she was more than happy to join the documentary. It turned out that the boys knew her! After a quick trip to Coles (and a few more pics) we headed back to school. The afternoon session was spent loading and editing images. Our intention is to pick the best for a book called *The Asquithians: A Documentary of the Community*. All in all we had a fabulous time not only learning about photography but developing good relationships with one another.

ELECTIVE VISUAL ARTS

At the end of 2010, Hornsby Council provided Ms Holder with three poles that were erected at the edge of the Old Pacific Hwy car park.

People have walked past these poles and wondered about them all year.

Year 9 Visual Arts students painted each of the poles a different colour and started to work on designs. The designs were based on Australian flora and fauna that reflect the local environment. They then started to draft the designs onto the poles.

On the day, the weather looked a little unpredictable. This would not deter Ms Holder. Her family contacts meant that she was able to provide the top of the range tarpaulin over the site. The boys were exceptionally impressed, especially since she also knew how to construct the thing! Out came the paints and the brushes. Painting began. The boys have represented owls, frogs and Rainbow Lorikeets. Integrated in the work are words that form the patterned background.

The works are due to be judged by an indigenous member of the community and will also be sealed to preserve the work for generations of Asquith Boys to come.



Ms Cooke, Ms Holder, Ms Mashman and Mr Williamson **CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS**



BIG WEEK OUT - YEAR 10

WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 work experience was a great success for the many students who enjoyed and benefited from their week long exposure to the world of work. Placements were arranged across a whole range of occupations.

To mention a few: Alastair Powell and Cameron Nicolas experienced an exciting week of activities at HMAS Albatross with the Navy Fleet Air Arm, Matthew Douglas gained an insight in the aircraft maintenance depot at Qantas Air Base, Ben Gibson, Kyle Jenkins and James Bellamy resided at the Broken Bay Sport & Recreation Centre and worked as recreation officers for the small primary schools who attended and Andrew Neller had a fantastic week at Taronga Zoo.

I am impressed by the number of employers who praised the boys' efforts and said they were a credit to their parents and the school.

Jan Fry, Careers



Aaron Clarke & Nick Andrews
at K-mart



Zach Waddell at Odyssey
Capital PL



Tamaunga Flavell at Bakers
Delight



Mitchell Koellner at Telstra



Kader Woodman at K-mart



William Fleet at K-mart



Matthew Douglas at Qantas
Maintenance Depot



Lachlan Kelly at Brisbane
Waters Private Hospital



Jarrad Jones at Gosford Music
Centre



Zack May at Darrin Trigg
Automotive



Damian Neal at Bayview Hotel
Woy Woy

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Sunday 11th September, 10am-4.30pm

Due to the success of last year's 50th Anniversary celebrations, Asquith Boys High School has decided to hold an annual event incorporating a community fun day with food, live music, market stalls and football, finishing with the Moscos Cup.

We'll be running a BBQ, with cakes and espresso coffee from Whitham's Coffee also available. There will be a variety of market stalls including Funtatts, Kranky Kids, Pudding Lane as well as school and 50th Anniversary souvenirs from the Old Boys Clubs, a perfect opportunity to start Christmas shopping.

Music will be a highlight of the day with band performances from Asquith Boys High School as well as

- Asquith Girls High School Stage Band
- Wideview Primary Rock Band "Evolution"
- Hornsby Heights Primary School Stage Band
- Hornsby North Primary School Band
- Waitara Public School Band

Solo performances will also be presented.

Soccer will be running from 12pm with the Asquith Boys High School Year 7 Team competing against Hornsby North Primary School. The "Invitational Touring Squad" will front up against the "Old Asquithians" for the Blackwood Shield. The day will finish with the inaugural Moscos Cup, a competition between the "Elite Touring Squad" and the "New Old Boys".

The 50th Anniversary **commemorative pathway** and upgraded grandstand will be unveiled along with the new score board donated by 2010 Yr. 12 students.

Raffle tickets will be available on the day.

Prizes include: Plane tickets to the Gold Coast, gym memberships, movie passes, river cruises, restaurant vouchers, climbing gym vouchers, The Bridge Climb and much more.

A hand crafted quilt is being raffled to raise funds for a new grand piano.

Come and join us for a fun day at Asquith Boys High School on Sunday 11th September.

Eat, drink or just catch up with friends with upbeat music and great sport to make the day special.

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

COMMUNITY DAY – Sunday 11 September 10am – 4.30pm

Come join us for a fun day at Asquith Boys - eat, drink and catch up with friends.



FOOD

BBQ, Barista, Hospitality

LIVE MUSIC

Rock bands, solo & stage bands

MARKET STALLS

Get in early for Christmas

FOOTBALL

Primary, Current & Past Students



WIN great prizes in our RAFFLE

Rock Climbing, River Cruisers, Gym Memberships
Restaurant Vouchers, Movie Passes and much more.



A special thank you to our sponsors for donating such wonderful prizes for our Community Day

Raffle to be drawn on Sunday 11 September 2011.

Tickets can be purchased from the school and on the day @ \$1 each or 3 for \$2.

We have vouchers for return tickets to the Gold Coast, restaurants, clothing, gym memberships, rock climbing, lazer tag, movie passes, a river cruise, car service, bridge climb, hair care treatment and products, ski hire, family passes and a wonderful handmade quilt.

We wish to thank the following businesses for their generous donations:

Lowes
Premium Holidays
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Macquarie Princess Cruises
Millennium Health Club
Rock House
The Edge Rock Climbing
Extreme Playzone
Zig Zag Railway
Vision Hair Team
Cake it Away
The Cheesecake Shop
Asquith Rugby Leagues Club
Asquith Bowling Club

Hardeeps
Loong Cheong Chinese Restaurant
Crofty's
Rice Thai
Thai Tables
Hornsby Odeon
Handmade Quilt by Kirsty Berryman
Family ski hire
Greater Union/ Events Cinemas



Blazen The Green

Asquith Boys Prefects



Leadership Day

On Friday 24 June, the Year 11 and 12 Prefects ran their second annual leadership day for the Year 7 Students and once again the day was a huge success!

The aim of the day was to encourage the Year 7 boys to think about leadership and teamwork in a team, school and community context. The boys worked in groups of 11 or 12 and were presented with 5 different challenges throughout the day. The themes of these challenges were:



- Leadership is about group problem solving
- Leadership is about sharing knowledge
- Leadership is about team decision making
- Leadership is about trust and perseverance

All the boys got a buzz out of the day, including us.

From my point of view, as a Games Master, it was fantastic to see so many of the Year 7s engaged with the activity at hand. I know I definitely saw some future leaders of the school as did the Year 7 adviser, Ms Foster. These boys were presented with a special mention at the end of the day to highlight their achievements. The winning team enjoyed a movie ticket as their prize – as well as being first in line for the BBQ at the end of the day!

A big thank you must be made to Mr Laing, Ms Foster and Ms Aime Liiband (parent of an ex-student, specialising in facilitating leadership and team building activities) who all gave up a lot of their time in preparation for the day!

This will definitely be a tradition at Asquith Boys and will only get bigger, better and even more successful each year! I wish the best of luck to both the current Year 11 Prefects and the new Prefects who will be running the day next year.

Stephen Wilson - School Captain



Leadership Day

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Day of Trivia



On a cold morning at Asquith Boys High School, the Year7 group were ready for a day of FUN and LEADERSHIP. They were split into several groups and were rotated around activities that were designed to create leaders and encourage cooperation, with Prefects as the game masters. Scott Guy and I were part of the Trivia Quiz, asking all sorts of questions that left the groups exhilarated and satisfied.

The Trivia Quiz went like this: There were two teams. One was the Independents, the other was the Team. The Independents were each given a piece of paper to answer the question without talking to their classmates. The other team was the opposite; they were allowed to talk to each other and work together to reach a consensus on an answer and write on the paper. This sometimes was not easy for the groups as they kept on shouting out the answer. The plan was for us to take the papers, mark them and tell which team got the highest points, but we didn't have enough time. So we went on with the next part of the activity. We switched roles of the two teams, making the Independents as the Team and vice versa with the other. Then we gave out questions and the process would start again. When the activity was finished, Scott and I would go to different teams and ask them different sort of questions for example; 'What part of the activity did you find easy, as an Independent or a Team?' or 'As a Team, how did you reach an agreement or an answer?'



This activity encouraged cooperation, communication and agreement between classmates. It also encouraged people to become leaders. There were leaders in some of the groups, some were creating an agreement process during the Trivia and others that held the group together to concentrate on the task. Throughout the day, the antics that Scott and I received from the groups were pretty amusing. Whenever Scott or I gave out a question; the two teams would yell out comments such as; 'Ooh', 'I know that' or my favourite; 'Give us an easy one!' The activity was fun for the groups and especially for Scott and I. The only problem was that time was limited and we had to skip some of the questions; other than that, it went pretty well and everyone appeared to have had a great time.

Marcus Limbert Year 11 Prefect

Some outstanding writing from emerging Asquith poets !

Mother

He has never been the same since the war.
Anger and emptiness
both of them
just behind his eyes.
He is always going to the pub.
Night after night,
drinking,
with his mates
right until closing.
I've tried to talk to him,
but he wouldn't listen
and goes off again
into the night.
Then staggering back,
he comes,
The smell of alcohol
Filling the room
I'm always complaining
He's always ignorant

Then there are the kids
Larry...
Going to end up like his father,
drinking,
and he thinks I don't know.
I don't tell Albert.
I don't want him having something else
to think about.
Eddie...
Not being allowed
to do the things he wants.
I wish Albert would allow him.
I wish I could act.

By Oscar Duretto
Characters & ideas inspired from
Steven Herrick's novel "Cold Skin"

A School for Young Knights

By Aran Dennis, Brendan Hooghuis and David Mays (7H)

At the school for young knights a student must learn,
that hiding is an important skill all must earn.
Students will learn to retreat and disappear
Without a dragon knowing they're here.
Then they will jump out and make them fly away in fear.

In hitting knights learn how to take a swing with a sword,
How to punch and to kick and defend from being clawed.
They also learn how to tackle a dragon,
With nothing more than a wheel off a wagon.

In hunting they learn how to throw spears
At fire breathing dragons and to conquer their fears.
At the school for young knights the three main lessons are
Hitting, hunting and hiding
and we're sorry for any bad rhyming.



A School for Young Knights

By Matthew Fitzsimmons & Luke Paemaa (7H)

At the school for young knights there are six lessons to learn
Hitting, hunting and hiding
Slishing, slashing and sliding.

As you can see
When you're facing a dragon
It is not as easy as can be
If you have to pee.

When you see the fire
You might catch alight
So if it does touch you
You're in for a fright.

But just remember our main motto is
If you are not polite
Then you are not a knight.

National Tree Day is Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event. Since 1996, more than 2.5 million volunteers have planted over 16 million native trees and shrubs across the country.

Students at Asquith Boys High School have planted 100 trees, kindly donated by Hornsby Shire Council nursery, in the school grounds. They are asking that you sponsor one of those trees at \$2 each to offset your carbon emissions for 2 weeks. You will receive a certificate advising of the species planted and this contribution to greenhouse gas abatement.

Please pay at the front office before the end of Term 3.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Yates' Horticulture Class



Youth Environmental Forum

The 2011 Youth Environmental Forum was an incredibly enjoyable experience.

There were various fascinating courses on Enviro-nomics, tree care and various charity and environmental saving organizations, we all benefited greatly (some of us benefited more than others, wink wink, nudge nudge, you-know-what-I-mean).

There were representatives from at least thirty different schools and we learned that some of them had travelled as far as five hours just to attend this forum, we truly felt at home among our fellow eco-warriors.

As well as meeting many fantastic people we also got the chance to become involved with many noble organizations there, my personal favourite and one that I now attend weekly was an organization called the "Barrier Reef for Life" Program, a group of people who have dedicated their life's to saving the Great Barrier Reef. You see one of the greatest threats to the Reef is Global Warming, as the Ozone layer continues to degrade and the world gets hotter as a result the ice caps are melting merrily away and because of this the world ocean levels are slowly but surely rising. Now you may be asking yourself: "How does this affect the reef?" the answer is simple, The Great Barrier Reef is



made up of thousands of species of coral and each of these needs a very specific amount of sunlight to survive, as a result of this the Reef has grown so that specific corals reside in specific depths of the water and there is a very careful balance. Because the water levels are rising in the waters of the Reef, that balance is being upset and millions of corals are dying. It has already been estimated that nearly 5% of the coral has been lost forever, there is however a way to stop it. (For more information see Austin Carey)

All in all the Environmental Forum was immensely satisfying and fun.

Austin Carey, Year 10

Win a Digital Camera

The Quest

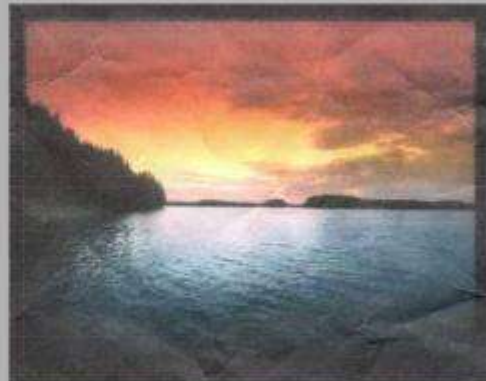
Take a photo of something relating to one of the categories below during the Walkathon. Next send it into abhsphotocomp@gmail.com before Saturday 10th September.

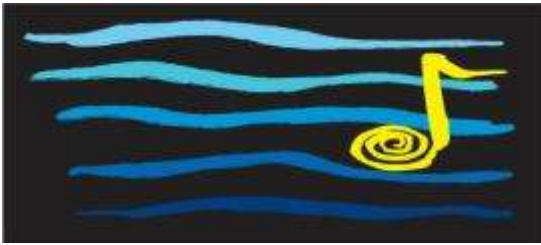
The Reward

The winner from each category will have their photo framed. There will also be an overall winner who will receive a digital camera

The Categories

- 1) Landscape shot
- 2) Freestyle shot (NOT man-made)
- 3) Geology—rocks
- 4) Flora and Fauna





ArtsNorth Secondary Music Festival

23 June 2011, Sydney Town Hall

Twenty two students from Asquith Boys High School participated in the 2011 ArtsNorth Secondary Music Festival.

The repertoire ranged from Classical, Gospel, Musical and Australian to Contemporary and Indigenous. A diverse program featured outstanding festival ensembles and individual items from a large range of schools in the Sydney North Region.

All students from 7E and two Year 9 boys (Jackson Besley & Will O'Donohue) practised the works over Terms 1&2. Many works featured the combined Choir with an array of orchestral ensembles and/or piano accompaniment.

The Sydney Town Hall was a fitting venue with its special acoustic environment. Simultaneously broadcast upon giant screens above the stage were works from the Northern Sydney Region ARTEXPRESS which featured our own Simon Heggie.

Many thanks to the parents who attended and supported their sons' endeavours. It truly was a substantial learning curve to practise a huge repertoire of material and be able to perform from memory in front of a large audience.

The Chatswood High School Jazz Combo, which featured in the program, has accepted an invitation to perform at our 2012 Variety Show as well as their Stage Band.

Well done guys, bravissimo!

Michael Williamson
per Cath Holder H/T CAPA



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THE WORD FROM ENGLISH

Recent Highlights: Hope you enjoyed on the previous pages some outstanding writing from emerging Asquith poets!

Student of the Month: Well done to George Blackwood in Year 9 for his consistent effort and gentlemanly behaviour in class. Daemon Stewart of 8A has also been noted for this solid work ethic.

What's Happening Around the Classes:

Year 7: Students in Year 7 are involved an exciting unit on the Mythology on Dragons. This is a focused film study where students will be required to write a critical response analysing film techniques.

Year 8: Students are still delving deep in a close study of a novel. They will be writing a letter to the Deputy Principal about the merits of their book. I've got an agreement from Mr Collins that he will personally mark these letters. Students are now feeling the pressure!

Year 9 are enjoying the Australian author Steven Herrick. He is a very popular author with many students as his work deals with everyday issues that affect most teenagers. The final assessment for this will be an essay that focuses on his ability to create images through his writing.

Year 10 are studying an Aboriginal drama, *Dead Heart* by playwright Nick Parsons. It deal with the clash of white and black cultures and values. This text will be part of their Trial School Certificate Exam. The Advanced class are studying Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra*.

Year 11: Students in the Standard and Advanced Courses are preparing their speeches for their final assessment. The core text being analysed for Standard is the film *The Truman Show*, this will also be compared with a related text. In the Advanced Course boys are comparing study of Shakespeare's *Othello* and the post modern film 'O'. Stand tall boys, speaking publicly is a life skill.

Year 12: The clock is ticking... the HSC is looming. Courses are coming to a close and their final assessment task is on Thursday, 1st September. Markers value the quality of your writing and quality comes from practise and refining your writing. I think I'm stating the obvious- practise, practise, practise!

Mrs N. Bodley
Head Teacher English



SCIENCE

Our **Recent Highlights** have been covered in the articles about Year 9's Big Week out events to The Port Kembla Steelworks, the Wollongong Science Centre as well as the Great North Walk excursion.

Mr S. Robertson
Head Teacher Science



MATHS

Year 12 have received their Trial papers back from marking. It is very important that students go through their papers thoroughly and learn from any mistakes or fill gaps in their knowledge. Each student has been provided with solutions to help with this process and teachers are available to assist with any concerns or uncertainties. Late last term we advertised books of past HSC papers which some students bought. These are very worthwhile in helping to familiarise students with the style of questions they can expect. The next few weeks until the HSC exams are vital preparation time and we often find that students make huge leaps in their knowledge of their courses during this time.

Year 11 have exams at the end of Term 3. It is the culmination of the assessment program for General Maths, Mathematics and Extension 1. It is not quite the end of the course since there will be more content to cover early in Term 4. Students should be aware that all preliminary content is also examinable in the HSC, so there is nothing that can be left behind as irrelevant.

Year 10 have Trial School Certificate exams coming up at the end of the term. The exam for Mathematics will be similar in style to the Board of Studies exam in November. Year 10 have been practising on last year's paper during roll call.

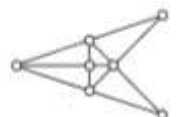
Problem of the month

A victorious football team return to their home city as world champions. Their 1km long entourage moves at a rate of 1km/hour through the crowded streets. How long will it take to pass completely through the 1km long main square?

First to me with an answer wins a prize. Parents/friends welcome to participate.

Answer to the problem in June Backchat:

How can you arrange seven coins in six rows so that there will be exactly three coins in each row?



Mr D. Arblaster
Head Teacher Mathematics



CAREERS

Year 10 work experience was a great success – see the main article for detailed information.

Year 12 Careers Information evening was held at Cherrybrook Technology High Hall on Wednesday 24th August focusing on University Options.

Coming Events

1. **Free Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo** will be held on **Tuesday 13th September** 4-8pm at the PCYC Arts Centre, Cnr Edgeworth David Ave and Waitara Ave, Waitara for Young people aged 15 and older. Parents are welcome to attend. Organised by the Hills Schools Industry partnership. Students can meet training organisations and employers. Please bring several copies of your resume and a pen. For more information please contact Rachele Elphick on 0439 041 020
2. There an opportunity for students to attend an **Army careers day held at Victoria Barracks during the school holidays on 6th October**. This will include a tour of Victoria Barracks, demonstrations, presentations and activities from a variety of Army Units including Army Band, Medical Corps, Physical Training Instructors, Military Police, Engineers, Infantry, Signalmen, Ordnance Corps, Artillery, Armoured Corps, Aviation Corps and a talk from Defence Force Recruiting.

This would be a good opportunity for students who are interested in joining the Army to gain a better understanding of the careers available through the Army, and also an insight into the Military lifestyle and working environment.

If any students are interested they must complete an agreement form and return it to Mrs Fry no later than 6th September. Forms received after this date will not be accepted. Students must be over 15 years of age at 6th October to participate.

Important Information

University Open Days are being held throughout NSW and ACT during August and September. Year 12 students in particular should be attending these events.

UNSW is coming up on 3rd September and Macquarie Uni on 11th September.

Reminder that **university applications** should be made by the 30th September 2011 and applications for **TAFE High Demand courses** should be made by 28th October 2011.

Enrolments days for most TAFE courses next year are Tuesday 24th January and Wednesday 25th January 2012 from 12pm (midday) and 7pm. My advice is to be there at noon!

Apprenticeship Opportunities

1. Trivett Apprentice Recruitment Program 2012

Trivett is seeking to recruit 21 first year apprentices in Light Vehicle, Motorcycle and Sales (Specialising in Parts Interpretation). Applications close on Sunday 18th September 2011. Applicants must apply through website www.trivet.com.au/apprenticeships

2. **Vantage Automotive – Modern apprenticeship Program**. Students need to look at the Manufacturers and Dealerships listed on the website www.vantageautomotive.com. go to “apply Now” choosing which Dealer they wish to apply to. Dealerships involved are Landrover, Audi, Mazda, Volvo, Volkswagen, and Subaru. See Mrs Fry for more information

3. **AutoHause North Shore, Hornsby is seeking a 1stYear apprentice for 2012**. Interested leavers in Years 10 and 12 please see Mrs Fry

Mhs Careers Website

Each year there is so much career information that you need to be informed about. A reminder to visit this website for important information on career activities: www.mhscareers.com. Login with “student” or “parent” and the password is *health*. To view the news, calendar and schools pages click on NEWS/EVENTS/SCHOOLS.

Jobs

Go to <http://www.indeed.com.au/> and type apprenticeship or traineeship in the “what” box.

Or try other searches from <http://www.mhscareers.com/JobSearch.html>.

Jan Fry, Careers Adviser

P & C Association

Parents and Citizens working together for our School

Hello ABHS community,

Your P&C, in conjunction with the ABHS Old Boys, are planning a major community day on Sunday 11th September.

We are building the day around the commencement of an annual "Festival of Football", where we will play several games of Soccer. This is a continuation of the great day we had on the 50th Anniversary weekend and will become an annual event.

The Soccer games will feature current and former elite players from our school, as well as "Old Boys", current & former staff members, and selections from our "feeder" Primary Schools. The games will culminate with the presentation of the "Moscos Cup" for Football Excellence.

We are also planning heaps of food, activities, entertainment & fun!

Details are available on the school website.

Please come along.

Thanks,

John Koellner

ABHS P&C President

The next P&C meeting 8:00pm
Tuesday 20 September

President: John Koellner
Vice President: Margaret Gibson & Jacqui Taylor
Secretary: Kim Pinnock
Treasurer: Nicole Cunningham
Ground Maintenance: John Koellner
School Council Reps: Marg Gibson, Leanne Dalziel, Kerry Limbert, Jenny Williams.



COLLAROY SURF CLUB

The Collaroy Surf Club would like to extend an invitation to all students who may be interested in joining the Club and participating in surf life saving activities over the upcoming 2011-12 Season.

Collaroy Surf Club has a proud history in respect to family participation, competition and services to the Community. Our junior member (Nippers) activities cater for Surf Awareness and Participation from age 5 to 13 years. From there, Nippers move into the transitional Cadets section before joining the seniors.

There's something at the Club to cater for all interests and all levels, whether that be on the Beach or in the Water. Children might simply want to gain an awareness of Surf Lifesaving and basic surf skills through to elite Competition at State and National levels. Parents are also encouraged to participate, with many gaining their Bronze Medallion.

Nipper **registrations will be taken on September 11th & 18th 2010 from 9am-12pm**, upstairs at the Clubhouse on Pittwater Rd, Collaroy. (New members - remember to bring your birth certificate). Or at Collaroy beach when **the season starts on Sundays from October 16^h** at 9.00am.

Enquiries can be made to Martin Bowyer at martin.bowyer@team.telstra.com, on 0418 662 358, or at the club website http://www.collaroyurfclub.com.au/collaroy/join_the_nippers.html

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ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 3 2011

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat/Sun
Week 7A	August 29 National Literacy and Numeracy Week	August 30	August 31	September 1 Premiers Reading Challenge Finishes ART/TAS/PIP Exhibition Opens	September 2 Walkathon Duke of Ed - Silver Medal	Sept 3 4
Week 8B	September 5 Duke of Ed - Silver	September 6	September 7	September 8	September 9	Sept 10 11 Sunday 11 Community Day incl. Festival of Football
Week 9A	September 12 Yr11 Exams start	September 13 Yr11 Exams	September 14 Yr11 Exams	September 15 Yr11 Exams	September 16 Yr11 Exams	Sept 17 18
Week 10B	September 19 Yr10 Trial SC Exams start Yr11 VET Work Placements	September 20 Yr10 Trial SC Yr11 VET Work Placements Year 12 Beach Day School Council & P&C Meeting	September 21 Yr10 Trial SC Yr11 VET Work Placements Year 12 Graduation Ceremony & Reports Issued	September 22 Yr11 VET Work Placements	September 23 Yr11 VET Work Placements End of Term 3	Sept 24 25

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 4 2011

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 1A	October 10 School resumes for all Staff and Students	October 11 Formal Assembly (Student Leaders Investiture)	October 12 HSC commences	October 13 HSC	October 14 HSC	Oct 15 16
Week 2B	October 17 HSC	October 18 HSC	October 19 HSC	October 20 HSC	October 21 HSC	Oct 22 23
Week 3A	October 24 HSC	October 25 HSC School Council & P&C Meeting	October 26 HSC	October 27 HSC	October 28 HSC	Oct 29 30
Week 4B	October 31	November 1 Melbourne Cup	November 2	November 3 High School Experience Day	November 4	Nov 5 6
Week 5A	November 7 SC Exams commence	November 8 SC Exams	November 9 SC Exams	November 10 SC Exams Immunisations	November 11 SC Exams	Nov 12 13



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About the Education Tax Refund

Who is eligible?

- A person who has received Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A for a child undertaking primary or secondary school studies.
- Independent students in primary or secondary school.
- People on other allowances may be eligible too.

How much can be claimed?

Those eligible can claim 50% of eligible education expenses up to the maximum amounts.

For the 2010–11 financial year the maximum amounts that can be claimed are:

- \$794 for each primary school child — that is, a **refund** of up to \$397, and
- \$1,588 for each secondary school child — that is a **refund** of up to \$794.

What can be claimed in 2010-11?

Eligible expenses include the cost of buying, establishing, repairing and maintaining any of the following items:

- home computers and laptops
- computer-related equipment such as printers, USB flash drives, and disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- computer repairs
- home internet connections
- computer software for educational use
- school textbooks and other printed learning material, including prescribed textbooks, associated learning materials, study guides and stationery, and
- prescribed trade tools for secondary school trade courses.

How do people claim?

- The ETR is claimed in an individual's tax return, or
- For those who don't lodge a tax return, it is claimed on the *Education Tax Refund for individuals claim form*, available from the Tax Office.

For more information go to www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au.

For more information and an electronic copy of this fact sheet visit

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Australian Government

Winter Uniforms



Associated Learning Materials



Computer Repairs

Education Tax Refund Update

Stationery



Exercise Books

School uniforms

The Government is changing the Education Tax Refund (ETR) so that people can claim their kid's school uniforms. This means people will be able to claim school-approved uniform items from 1 July 2012.

What do I need to do and when?

From 1 July 2011 start keeping receipts for school uniform items so you can claim them next year.

What school uniform items will I be eligible to claim?

Items need to be distinctive and recognised by the school — but are not limited to items bearing a school crest. For example:

1. A public school has a policy which states that students should wear yellow shirts, blue hats, grey shorts or skirts and black leather shoes to identify the students as attending the school. However, while wearing these colours is strongly encouraged, it is not compulsory. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys items which fit within this policy from a store unaffiliated with the school. None of the clothing items contain the name of the school or school crest. As the items, including shoes, are approved or recognised as part of a distinctive school outfit and fall under the policy, they would be eligible expenses. This applies irrespective of where the clothing was purchased or the fact the uniform was not mandatory.
2. A school has a dress code where students are required to be dressed in a neat and presentable fashion, but which does not indicate a more specific colour or style that the clothing should take. An eligible individual whose child attends the school buys clothes which they intend to wear to school. The items would not be eligible expenses. While the clothing meets the school's dress code, they lack the sufficiently distinctive quality of a uniform, and could not identify the child as a student at the school.



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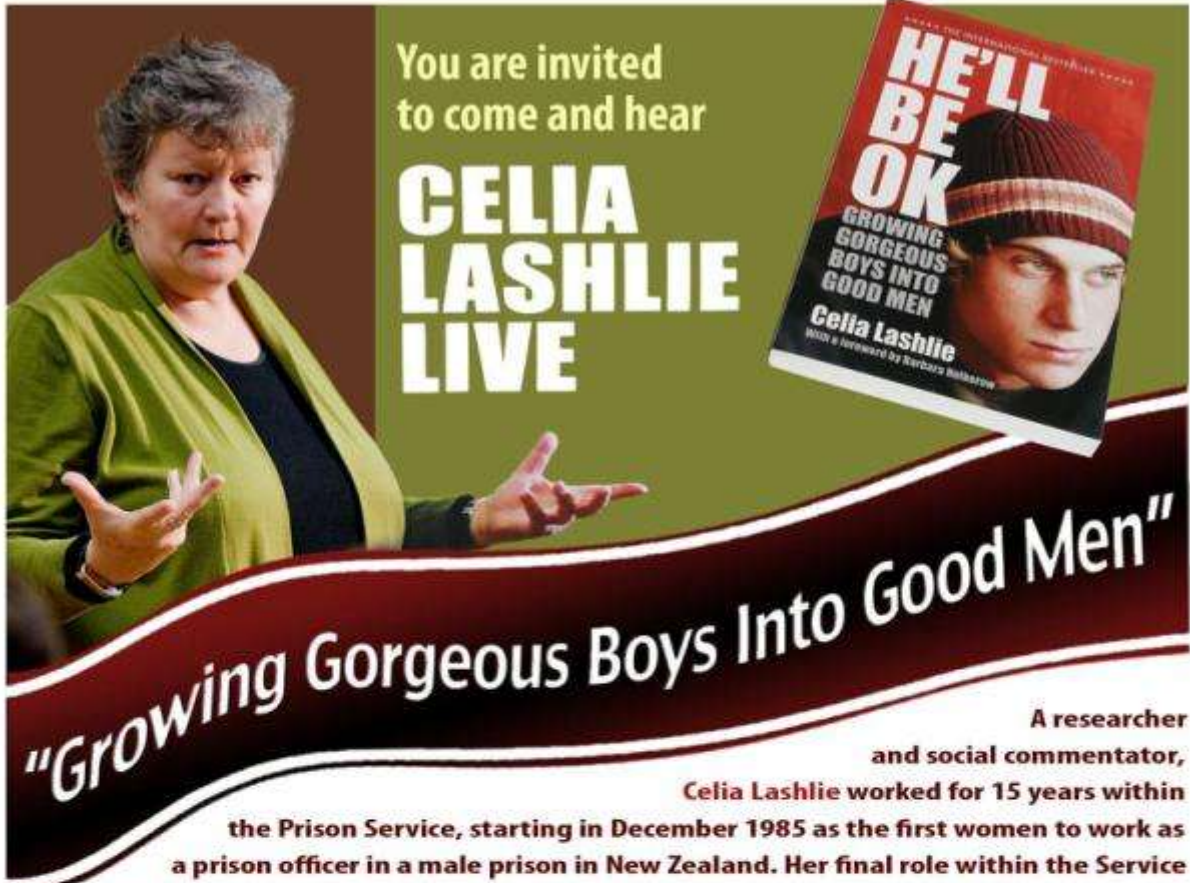
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Celia, who has a degree in anthropology and Maori, is the mother of two adult children. She now works on a number of projects, all of which are linked to improving the lives of at-risk children and empowering families to find their own solutions to the challenges they face.

In September 2004, she completed the "Good Man" project. The project, which facilitated discussion within and between 25 boys' schools throughout New Zealand, aimed to create a working definition of what makes a good man in the 21st century.

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For more information visit www.celialashlie.co.nz

DATE:
Thursday 8th September 2011

TIME:
7.30 pm

HOST:
Normanhurst Boys High School P and C Association

VENUE:
Normanhurst Boys High School Hall, enter via Fraser Rd Normanhurst

COST
\$10 per person

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**The Jack and Jill Kindergarten, Hornsby
is turning 50.**

To celebrate a Family Fun Day has been organised at Fagan Park, Galston on Sunday 11 September 2011, 10am to 2pm (entry via Carrs Road).

We'd like to find as many past Jack and Jill students and teachers to join the celebrations. If you are part of the Jack and Jill Kindergarten Community, join our Facebook page (search: The Jack and Jill Kindergarten, Hornsby) which will keep you up to date with all that is happening on the day.

If you are an ex-student or teacher or know of one who is please email details (name, year/s attended) to jandjturns50@gmail.com.

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- Understanding what it's like being a teenager today
- Learning how to talk so that they will listen and how to listen so that they will talk to you

When: Tuesday 13th September 6:00pm-8:30pm

Where: Lane Cove Library, Library Walk, Lane Cove, 2066

FREE OF CHARGE, TEA AND BISCUITS PROVIDED!



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

To make a booking call and speak to
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For Parents, Teachers
& Health Professionals

Term 3 Seminar

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Strategies to help students with ADHD / Learning Difficulties to remember their schoolwork



Presented by *Rosanna Harding Smith*
(Educational Consultant and Psychologist)

Date: Tuesday
13 September, 2011

Venue: The Dome Function Room, Burwood RSL, 96 Shaftesbury Road, Burwood
Time: Registration 9.30am Presentation 10am - 12pm (approx including question time)
Parking: Free Onsite Parking Available
Cost: \$30 LDC member OR \$40 non LDC member
\$60 NEW Individual membership + seminar entry (Tea/Coffee Included)
\$75 NEW School/Organisation membership + seminar entry

Children with Learning Difficulties have problems remembering: one day they know their spelling words and the next day they have forgotten them all. They study for exams and learn the work, but when they sit for the exam it is as if they have never studied - their mind goes blank. Students with ADHD have problems with organisation: they frequently forget to do their homework and when they actually do a assignment they forget to take it to school. Yet these children can have an amazing memory for other things. Why does this happen? Come and learn how to teach our LD and ADHD students to remember their schoolwork.

2 registrants permitted @ member rate per Individual Membership
6 registrants permitted @ member rate per School/Organisation Membership

GST FREE TAX INVOICE ASN 83 040 401 929 Please complete see form per registrant and retain a copy for your records

A registration form must be completed by each registrant

REGISTER ONLINE at www ldc.org.au OR complete this form and send with payment to confirm your place
As seats are limited, REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT MUST be received by 7th September.

Name _____ School Name (if applicable) _____
Address _____ Suburb _____ Post Code _____
Ph _____ Email (PRINT CLEARLY) _____

Payment Method: (please tick) Paypal OR Credit Card - please go to LDC website www ldc.org.au Cheque/Money Order
 Direct Deposit: St George Bank, BSB 112-879 A/c No. 244 050 245, A/c Name: Learning Difficulties Coalition of NSW Inc.
(please insert your signature as reference to verify your bank transfer payment)

RETURN REGISTRATION TO:
LDC Office, PO Box 140, Westmead 2145 P: 02 9806 9360 F: 02 9689 2871 E: info@ldc.org.au
Refund of fees, less 30% administration, will be available up to 14 days prior to conference commencement. No cancellations accepted after that time.
Substitute delegates welcomed at no extra charge.

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When? Tuesday 13 September, 4pm-6pm

Where? PCYC Performing Arts Centre
Corner Edgeworth David Ave and Waitara Ave, Waitara

For: Young people aged 15 years and older

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- Find a career that suits your interests

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For more information, please contact Hatchillo Elphick on 0439 041 020.

