



Asquith Boys High School Community Newsletter

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ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY DAY 2011

The Moscos Cup & The Blackwood Shield

With high hopes for good weather and generous community support the first Community Day and Moscos Cup was held to great success.

Three energetic, sweaty and hotly contested soccer games.

Bands and musicians with beautiful, soulful, crisp sound.

Cakes so sweet and delicious to tempt all.

Prizes won with smiles.

Hot and tasty BBQ.

Variety stalls for all to sample.



The new score board

was dedicated and the 50th anniversary commemorative pathway opened by Matt Kean M.P. The grounds looked fantastic after the working bee. The atmosphere was relaxed. Thanks to all who helped with the organisation prior to and on the day.

A new event for the
ABHS calendar

!

OFFICIAL “UNVEILING” OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE PATHWAY



Matt Kean (Member for Hornsby), **Dr Kim Pinnock** (School Council President), **Terry Griffiths** (Principal), **John Koellner** (P&C President) and **Chris Kent** (President of Old Boys Club)



THANK YOU

**TO OUR SPONSORS FOR DONATING SUCH WONDERFUL
PRIZES FOR OUR COMMUNITY DAY RAFFLE**

Lowes
Premium Holidays
Sydney Harbour Bridge
Ultratune
Macquarie Princess Cruises
Millennium Health Club
Rock House
The Edge Rock Climbing
Extreme Playzone
Zig Zag Railway

Cake it Away
The Cheesecake Shop
Asquith Rugby Leagues Club
Asquith Bowling Club
Hardeeps
Crofty's
Rice Thai
Thai Tables
Vision Hair Team

Handmade Quilt by Kirsty Berryman
Family ski hire
Greater Union/ Events Cinemas
For the Love of Beauty
Mooney Mooney Workers Club
Kurt Seifert Jewellers
“The Peak” at Thredbo
Hornsby Odeon
Loong Cheong Chinese Restaurant

ABHS YEAR 7 VS HORNBY NORTH PS



**THE BLACKWOOD SHIELD
OLD BOYS VS INVITATIONALS**



**THE MOSCOS CUP
INTERNATIONAL TEAM VS ABHS 1ST GRADE TEAM**





**THE
NEW
SCORE
BOARD**



MUSICAL PERFORMANCES



MARKET STALLS ENJOYED BY ALL



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Chaplain/Student Welfare Worker

You may be aware that the federal government has made a change to the School Chaplaincy Program. School communities can now opt for either a **Chaplain** or qualified **Student Welfare Worker** from the local community to work with school staff and support our welfare programs. The Student Welfare Worker would be a secular appointment. This issue has been discussed at ABHS School Council and P and C meetings recently. I invite input from parents on this important issue. At the next P and C meeting on November 22 we will be making a decision on this issue. Please contact me with your input or enquiries, or attend the next meeting and have your say on this issue.

Change in Year 10 arrangements post School Certificate exams

I sent a letter to all Year 10 parents recently, explaining the DEC's change in policy regarding the post School Certificate exam arrangements this year. Year 10 students' last school day of 2011 will be the same as all other Years, Friday, December 16. Students who are leaving school to pre-arranged employment/training/apprenticeships and do not intend to return to school in Year 11 may leave after the School Certificate Assembly on December 9 if they can provide me with details of their destination, and have carried out clearance obligations at school. Any other parents who wish that their son leave school before these dates must apply to me for a school exemption.

2012 Student Leaders

Our first formal assembly of this term saw the induction of the new Year 11 and 12 prefects and Sports Captains. The 2012 School Captain is Max Sharkey, Vice Captain Jeff Rodrick and Senior Prefect Sam Gibbons. The assembly was a great occasion and well attended by parents. I feel very confident that this group of student leaders will be very effective and continue the fine traditions of Asquith Boys High.

Mrs Paszek

We have been very fortunate to secure the services of a second Deputy Principal, Mrs Paszek, for the duration of Term 4. Mrs Paszek is a very experienced Deputy Principal and we welcome her to the ABHS community. Mrs Paszek will be working with staff and students on a range of projects, including our planning for the 2012 school year.

Terry Griffiths, Principal

WALKATHON PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to Keegan Waters (Year 8) who won the **1st Prize** for raising the most money, \$450. He won the Trial Introductory Flight in a Cessna Aircraft courtesy of *Schofields Flying Club*.

The **2nd Prize** went to **Max Sharkey** (Year 11) who raised \$310 and won the Jet Boat ride on Sydney Harbour courtesy of *Thunderboat Ride*.

There were also 21 boys who raised more than \$100 and 39 who raised between \$50 and \$99 and awarded various gift vouchers.

In total the boys of Asquith Boys High School raised a total of \$9,000 as of today (expenses still need to be paid) with more still having to return their Walkathon cards and moneys.

Congratulations to all the boys – well done.

Mr D Arblaster, Walkathon Co-ordinator

OUR 2010 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT is now available on the school website



2010 Annual School Report ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL



Blazen The Green

Asquith Boys Prefects

Prefect Induction for 2012



It has been a busy start for the 2012 prefect body since their induction ceremony at the beginning of this term. Weekly meetings have begun and both groups are keen to build upon the role of prefects both in the school and local community, and continue on with the example set by their peers in 2011.

The prefects inducted in the Investiture Assembly on October 11th, 2011 are as follows:

Year 11 Prefects



Tim Buwalda
Matt Douglas
Max Holland
Nick Raymond

Austin Carey
Michael Fuary
Mitchell Koellner
Brett Riley

Sam Dennis
Nick Gibson
Stanley Luk
James Thompson

Josh Denyer
Ben Gunther
Eden Percival
Thomas Tuynman

Tim Buwalda was voted by his peers to the position of School Sports Captain
Brett Riley was elected Sports Vice-Captain

Year 12 Prefects



Vincent Campbell
Mitchell Hamnett
Quang Dang (David) Ngo

Benjamin Garrett
Marcus Limbert

Rajat Gahlain
Thomas Pedersen
Mizael Santos

Rishi Halkhoree
Leo Pham

The following boys were elected by their peers to lead as the prefect executive body:

SCHOOL CAPTAIN – MAX SHARKEY
VICE CAPTAIN – JEFFREY RODRICK
SENIOR PREFECT – SAM GIBBONS

All of the above boys are to be congratulated on their appointments. Leadership has a strong, positive history at Asquith Boys and I am sure that these boys will strive to carry on with this tradition.

I would also like to personally thank the year 11 and 12 prefects for 2011 for their efforts over the past 12 months and acknowledge the time and effort they have put into developing the role of leaders here at Asquith Boys.

Finally, a special thank-you to Mrs Aime Liiband parent of ex-student Tonu and a professional leadership consultant. Aime has continued to offer her help in training and guiding the school leaders at Asquith, and the time she has given in planning/developing both our Leadership Camp and Leadership Day for Year 7 has been invaluable.

C.Laing – Prefect Support Teacher



GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

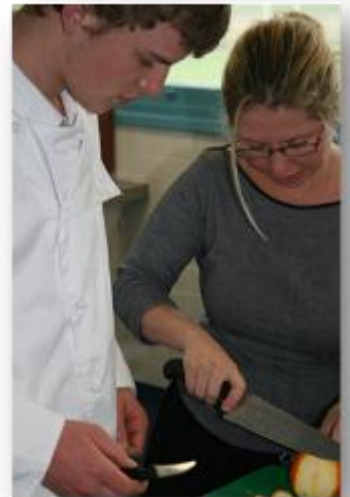
It was with a mixture of emotions that the TAS department farewelled Miss Greenshields. She recently successfully applied for a position at Homebush Boys, a school that is much closer to home for her and will give her new challenges and new opportunities. We are sad for ourselves but happy for her.



Although it is less than two years since Miss Greenshields started at ABHS, she has put in an enormous amount of work and time to coordinate the establishment of not only the new commercial kitchen but also the successful introduction of three new subjects. This was followed only a year later by being part of a team that set up the new food tech demountable. This has been an enormous amount of work but was also an opportunity and she demonstrated that she was up to the task.

This term we welcome not one but two teachers who will be job sharing the vacant position for the remainder of the year. Mrs Bird will teach Monday and Tuesday of week B and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of week B. Ms Pritchard will teach the other days. Both teachers have taught casually at Asquith before and will probably be known to most food tech students. They are both excellent teachers and I am very pleased to welcome them for the remainder of the year.

Mr C Philip, Head Teacher TAS



Some photos of the boys in action and the mouth-watering foods they created last term.



TAS ENGINEERING STUDIES

Engineering (Stage 5) has been introduced this year to Year 9 students and so far it has proved a popular addition to the TAS faculty subject area. While Engineering Studies has been available to Stage 6 (Year 11 and 12 students) for many years this is a first for Asquith Boys. Traditionally the boys have selected Industrial Technology subjects – Wood and Metal which have been usual choices.

This year we have run a full class of Engineering where the students learn basic engineering principles and apply them to practical projects.



They started Term 1 learning about structural design, building and testing a water tower (using buckets of water) until failure. They calculated the total load carried as well as the load to weight ratio of the towers to see who had built the strongest structure.



In Semester 2 they are designing and building a jib crane and incorporating a pulley system to lift a maximum load.

It is a subject that caters for students who would like to try something different and a little more challenging and it seems there are quite a few as we are running two classes next year: one being a composite class for Year 9 and 10 students. Hopefully some of these boys will continue into the senior subject area where they can really get the feel for what engineering is all about.

Mr A McCubbin, TAS Teacher

JAPANESE INCURSION – TERM 3

JAPANESE FOLKTALES



Following on from their studies, Japanese students from Year 7 and 8 enjoyed the Storytelling of 'Urashimataroo' - a Japanese Legend about a fisherman's adventures at a sea king's palace. It included traditional Japanese songs, words and phrases, with the boys joining in with some of the speaking and singing.



A workshop followed, where paper characters wearing traditional Japanese clothing and accessories were made.



At the final session of the day our boys were joined by the Asquith Girls Year 8 Japanese students, where they started with platters of sushi, shoyu and some wasabi testing. Of course some couldn't resist putting on a little too much wasabi, much to the laughter and tears of all.



INAUGURAL ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2011



The entries are in. The judges have met, viewed and shortlisted the winners. Now the results can be published.

In association with the 2011 Walkathon on Friday September 2 an elite but dedicated group of photographers took up the challenge of documenting the environment for the Environmental Photography Competition. Subject matter ranged from the surrounds, formations and native wildlife of Kuring-Gai National Park to the gardens that were bypassed on the day.

Some entrants were highly selective and sure, entering only one high quality entry while others like Harry Gibbons and Brett Riley were prolific in the quantity and quality of what they sent.

Photos were entered in 4 categories: Landscape, Geology, Flora & Fauna and Freestyle (natural). Winners were judged on five basic photographic criteria that create successful photographs: Framing, viewpoint, lighting, focus and impact.

The judges' negotiations debated the qualities of all entrants in terms of these qualities and shortlisted entrants were selected for each area, some images being moved from one category to another as was appropriate. The winner for each category will be framed and the overall winner will be awarded a digital camera.

All entrants are to be commended on their efforts in participating in the competition and submitting such an excellent standard of work. It has to be said that there were many more of you out there who took photographs on the day and have not submitted them to the abhsphotocomp@gmail.com email address.

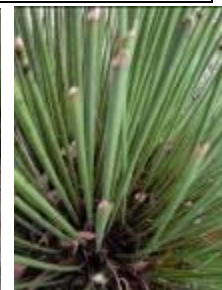
Credit must be given to all entrants: Luke Arnarnart, Jordan Jarrett, Jack Gammie, Harry Gibbons, Brett Riley, Minsoo Han, Jayke Browne, Luke Alexander and Callum Johnson.

All images published here were shortlisted for judges discussion. All photo entries will be exhibited in the display cabinet upstairs in Creative Arts G block near the darkroom for a month.

Winners of each category were:

- Landscape:** Winner - Harry Gibbons
Highly Commended – Callum Johnston
- Geology:** Winner – Brett Riley
Highly Commended – Jack Gammie
- Flora & Fauna:** Winner - Harry Gibbons
Highly Commended – Brett Riley & Luke Arnarnart
- Freestyle:** Winner - Harry Gibbons
Highly Commended – Callum Johnston

Mr Yates & Ms Woolley



ABHS BANDS PERFORM AT BROOKLYN SPRING FAIR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18 2011



Once again Asquith Boys bands were out being seen and involved in local community events.



On a beautiful summery spring Sunday so many of our families and friends were at the Brooklyn Spring Fair. It was almost like being at Walkathon all over again! Ms Holder & Mr Philip were there with their two small people along with Mr French and Mr Bennett, the Brookie and Berowra Boys and even some of our Coasty friends. It was lovely to see Dean involving himself in a local community event along with Cody and Corey. Many of our ex-students were there too as Mr Philip discovered while standing beside the slippery slide as



Connor went down for the 20th time!

Ms Holder heard the first notes of familiar instruments and notes and knew immediately it was the sounds of our fabulous stage band led by Mr Iain Howick and supported by the wonderful (and excellent on the soccer field) Mr Thomsett. The Stage Band played a cool jazz to an enthusiastic audience who filled the entertainment tent fronted by the dynamic sax trio of Sam, Harry, Mick & Noah.



The rousing trumpets of, Tom, Cooper, Chris and Scott, those sliding trombones of Alec, James and David and the bass notes provided by' tuba could be heard at the station and Kane on guitar, Joel and Keegan's drumming and Josh's keyboards kept all in check and on time.

Following this was a rousing rock trip back in time led by Mr Thomsett and his NINE with Joel on vocals and keyboard, Keegan on drums and Kane and his shades on guitar.



The two sets were acclaimed with huge audience applause with many proud parents present.

Thanks to the boys and Mr Howick and Mr Thomsett for providing community entertainment and showing them all the great things that happen at ABHS!

Ms Holder, Head Teacher CAPA



ASQUITH BOYS ARTISTS TRIUMPH AGAIN IN THE COMMUNITY



In another demonstration of the excellence and superiority of the fine artists at ABHS, our boys have again been recognised in the local community. Many of you will have seen the development over the past 12 months of the trio of totem poles in the Year 7 passive area beside the staff car park.



This was a project organised by Hornsby Council with an environmental focus. Three totem poles were installed on-site to be painted and designs were created in 2010. Due to the continuous rainy weather and life's journey, serious painting work on the project was not achieved until July 2011. In fact every time Ms Holder organised the elect group of

year 8, 9 and 10 students to paint or even draw up the totems, black clouds rolled in and the heavens opened within the hour! *(perhaps this project should be implemented every time there are droughts!!)*

In an attempt to resolve the project the Year 9 Visual Arts Big Week Out Enrichment Day 2011 was planned and a small but dedicated group of students were involved in painting.

True to form, the day dawned as windy and horribly wet with rain that was HORIZONTAL. Ms Holder planned ahead and brought in a massive tarp and tent poles and Jack Virtue and his team erected a hasty covered area for the painters. Protected by our tarp and fortified by pizza, the boys achieved most of the work that day and resolved the details over a couple of lessons in time to meet the judging deadline of August 29 at 3pm!



Sonny Armstrong, Leanne Johnston and Adam Cryer (ex ABHS) from Hornsby Council and a team of judges visited at 3pm on August 29 and were impressed by the beautiful appropriated interpretations of Joshua Yeldham's paintings of the Hawkesbury and its landscape, flora and fauna. They observed and discussed the painterly and drybrushed brushwork and the use of galvanised nails as a part of the artworks.

And the results are in.....the boys have been awarded a \$100 first prize and 75 native plants for the school grounds for their wonderful efforts. Congratulations must be given to the following painters:

Harry Fox
 Nick Bulmer
 Nicholi Ludi
 Brandon Lukich-Yang
 Bale Koroï

Stanley Luk
 Chris Bissett
 Joe Nelson
 Damian Vandermeer
 Connor Shorrocks-Smith
 Brett Riley

Eden Percival
 Ben Cant
 Josiah Heggie
 Ben Winstanley
 Brandon Liqueste

We have also been given a fourth pole to paint and a small team of the best painters have been invited during term 4 to complete the final pole which will be erected in the grounds of the Sustainable House in Pennant Hills.

Boys, you are so fantastic!!

Ms Holder, HT CAPA



ABHS Stage Band Newsletter

Issue 1, Term 4 2011



Asquith Boys High School Stage Band

Bandmaster:

Iain Howick

Head Teacher:

Catherine Holder

Music Teacher:

Michael Williamson

From the Head Teacher:

This is the first edition of what I hope to be a twice a term newsletter to keep you in touch with what is happening in your son's stage band.

In here we will be providing stories and information about what is happening in rehearsals and upcoming events. We will also include tips and advice about instrument care and servicing, tutoring and practice.

This will also be a place to share the many photographs of your boys that are taken at every performance opportunity within and outside of school.

I am hoping this will provide the missing link in communication terms that we have searched for since 2008.

The newsletter will be published in digital form and emailed as well as included in the school newsletter.

Stage Band Tips—Practice

This term in light of our need to improve the standard of what we do so that we can compete on the public stage in competitions, we are stressing the importance of effective instrument practice.



2011—The year so far

We started this year with big plans, an excellent meeting with a full common room and LOTS of you volunteering support and assistance.

We made the decision with the advice and support of many of you who have been with the Stage Band for some time, to make the Charity Concert a biennial event to occur every two years. This is so that we will hopefully be able to interest our audiences more effectively. As a result plans were made to involve the Stage Band in other events in the greater community such as eisteddfods and festivals. Iain and the boys began their rehearsal schedule and worked solidly to bring the band to a stan-

dard suitable to be able to compete on the public stage.

Thankfully the ever-wonderful Mrs Catherine Pedersen supported the band with organizational back up and entry forms for the events.

Iain obtained the challenging pieces required of the band for the eisteddfods and the band practiced in rehearsals in preparation. Unfortunately, however, Iain had to make the difficult decision that, although they had practiced at school, the boys were not at a standard as a group that would allow them to perform in a competitive manner to judges and pulled the entries.

We had also planned to participate in Adelaide and Manly Jazz Festivals.

Adelaide was beyond us this year in terms of fundraising and the organization necessary but we were booked and ready to play at Manly Jazz which is timed to occur at a difficult time during the school holidays. Unfortunately many key players were going to be away or unavailable on the day so again, disappointingly, we were unable to perform. At our stage band meeting for 2012 we plan to discuss and seek your advice and support in trying to solve these ongoing issues.

ABHS Stage Band Events Calendar Term 3 & 4 2011

Monday 23 June	Hornsby Heights Band Performance Day
Monday 5 September	Hornsby Heights Public School Band Camp Tutoring
Sunday 11 September	Asquith Boys High School Community Day
Sunday 18 September	Brooklyn Spring Fair 2011
Thursday 3 November	High School Experience Day
Thursday 1 December	Formal Assembly
Monday 12 December	Presentation Night

Practice should occur at least 4 times per week but would be better daily.

In a practice session, on any instrument, players need to practice drills, warm-ups and scales and then they need to practice their pieces, with particular focus on areas of need outlined during band practice. Pieces that are being performed in Stage Band should then each be rehearsed and then it is important that the boys be developing pieces that they are interested in on their instrument separate from the band.

If we all make an effort to improve as individuals we will be a better band. We can all make our rehearsals more worthwhile if we do this and work together more effectively as a team. This will set us up to be able to compete.

ABHS STAGE BAND PHOTO GALLERY

Brooklyn Spring Fair Sunday 18 September



Got any photos or articles to include for stage band? Please share them with us. Email to Catherine.holder2@det.nsw.edu.au



THE WORD FROM ENGLISH

Students of the Month:

Well done to Morgan Morris, James Somerville and Will Van Egmond-Jones of Year 9 for excellent essays on Steven Herrick's use of imagery in his poetic novels. Year 8 have written letters to Mr Collins about the merits of the novels they read last term. It's amazing how having such an audience has made the boys take the task very seriously. I'm sure that Mr Collins will enjoy reading and marking these.

What's Happening Around the Classes:

Year 7: Congratulations to all the Year 7 boys for writing their first analytical essay on the Mythology of Dragons as portrayed in film. This term they will be getting their poetic juices flowing by creating their own anthology and infusing their writing with figurative flair. Enjoy!

Year 8: Students will be involved in an exciting new unit on Picture Books. In this unit we will be targeting specific NAPLAN literacy skills that have been identified as weaknesses. This unit will be closely monitored as students will be developing their ability to engage audiences in their extended writing and refine their sentence structure. Students are looking forward to seeing their skills improve.

Year 9 are now quoting Shakespeare regularly; as they *knit their brows* when they realise that they are *having too much of a good thing* and *laughing themselves into stitches*, understanding that it is a *foregone conclusion*, that Shakespeare is, *if the truth be known, without rhyme or reason*, more than *fair play!* This term they will be studying the enduring relevance of *Romeo and Juliet*. This play will prove very relevant to the experiences of teenage boys.

Year 10: All students should be hard at work preparing their skills for their final School Certificate Examination. This will commence in week 5. These skills are also valuable for the Senior school.

Year 11: Students have now begun their Year 12 Course, with both Advanced and Standard courses starting with the Area of Study, '*Belonging*'. The Area of Study composes 30% of the English Course involving responses to stimulus, creative writing and essay writing on a number of texts. Students need to develop a deep conceptual understanding of this topic. We encourage them to discuss and explore ideas about belonging within all media and even in

reflection with you, their parents. There will be two assessments this term, a creative piece and an essay worth 20% of their overall mark.

Year 12: Students were very pleased with Paper 1 and 2 of the HSC. The questions were accessible and many of the conversations we had with students after the exam were very positive. Good luck with the rest of the HSC, the English staff wishes you all the best!

Ms Bodley
Head Teacher English



SCIENCE HSC Science

Congratulations to all the Year 11 students who passed their Yearly Exams. These students are in full swing for the HSC Course. A reminder to all students and parents that all assessment tasks from now until the HSC count towards 50% of the final HSC mark and all students need to be putting in extra work to compete against all other students in the state. Work hard and good luck. Some students have dropped Science subjects or moved from Physics or Biology to Senior Science. A reminder that these students **must** change their enrolments with Ms Laffer, so they are sitting the correct exam next year.

Year 10

The School Certificate is starting in Week 5 and Science is one of the 3 core subjects. The work examined in the School Certificate covers everything done in Year 9 and 10. Practice multiple choice questions can be found on the Board of Studies website as well as past School Certificate papers. The students will be doing revision in class but extra study is recommended for students to achieve their best.

Year 8

The annual ESSA Science assessment will be conducted online this year. Students will complete a practice test in the next few weeks to ready themselves for the proper test that will be held on 22nd November. The results will be sent to parents as well as being used by the school to focus on areas of need for the boys of ABHS.

Yearly Exams

All students in Year 7, 8 and 9 need to be working solidly up to the end of the year as Yearly Exams will be held in week 9.

Results from the exams will be used to determine what Science classes the boys will be going into next year.

All boys should have a textbook at home from which they can study, as well as their class notes.

*Mr S. Robertson
Head Teacher Science*



Hi from HSIE!

As we are a very large Faculty, I thought it would be an opportune time to outline to you the thoughts and processes that are proceeding towards the National Curriculum in our areas.

As you are aware, the School Certificate Examination in Year 10 has now been removed and the official school leaving age has increased to 17 years. To us in Humanities, this is an ideal time to develop meaningful and appropriate courses for our boys so that we can offer the best education in terms of knowledge, skills and attitudes. At present, we are only at the plenary level of discussion – clearly due to the fact that the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) and the Board of Studies have not released their Directions for the Future.

We feel that an exciting time is ahead, where scope for planning and delivering courses that are geared towards developing students' knowledge and meaningful experiences – our top priority – is available to us. The year ahead promises to be a very exciting time.

Senior Classes:

At present all students are gearing up for final tests and examinations.

Mr Laing's Geography class are studying Ecosystems – Coastal Dunes and the Great Barrier Reef. A Field Study is being planned to Long Reef for either this Semester or early next year.

Miss Foster's Modern History class has begun looking at the Period of World War 1. This is the compulsory part of the course and the boys have responded solidly to the set work.

Miss Byrnes' Legal Studies have started the topic of Crime and will be visiting the District and Supreme Criminal Courts in early November to view the Criminal Trial Process. Year 12 Economics have started the Global Economy Topic.

Miss Woolley's Year 12 Business Studies have started in earnest – Operations is the first Topic in both classes and this should absorb most of the term's work.

The Year 12 HSC Paper has been sat and the boys responded confidently to the Paper.

My classes have also started the HSC Year with interest. Our first Topic – Cities of Vesuvius, Pompeii and Herculaneum – has been looking at the sources and geography of the area and the boys have already completed the first two chapters. We will be going to special Lectures in the city in late November to consolidate the topic. Two boys have opted to do the History Extension Course and this is something I feel will benefit both of these excellent and enthusiastic students. Our 2011 student, Matthew Buwalda, completed an investigation of Gallipoli – A Defining Moment for Australia and Contempt for Britain – looking at The Gallipoli Campaign from a different perspective.

Junior Classes:

Year 10 are concluding a defining moment in both their and the NSW system's history – the final School Certificate Year and Examination. Good luck in their examinations.

Our Years 7, 8 and 9/10 are all working on their History, Geography, Commerce and Elective subjects with examinations and class tests the priority. Some excellent models have been handed in recently.

Student of the Month in the Senior School – Sam Gibbons for his results and efforts in all areas – Business Studies, Legal Studies, Modern History. He has also opted to do History Extension. Well done, Sam.

Student of the Month in the Middle School – Michael Fuary for his excellent results in Year 10 History and Geography.

Student of the Month in the Junior School – Ben Gibson (8E) for consistent and excellent attitude to all work in HSIE. Ben has also been invited to tour Turkey in 2012.

Well done to all boys and thanks to all teachers for their hard work.

*Mr G. Moscos
Head Teacher HSIE*



MATHS

Year 6 to Year 7 transition program:

At the end of last term the Maths staff from Asquith Boys High met up with Year 6 teachers from our local primary schools. The aim of the meeting was to share ideas in improving student outcomes in Year 7 by reducing the stress of transition from primary to high school Mathematics. We looked at how Mathematics is taught in primary classes in comparison to high school. We discussed how Asquith Boys could assist the primary teachers in preparing their students for high school. As a result of the meeting, over the coming weeks the Maths staff will visit Year 6 classes and conduct one lesson as it would be taught in high school. The primary teacher will then conduct three similar lessons in Mathematics. Early next year we will evaluate the program to measure its effectiveness with the hope that it will become a permanent link of support between us and our local primary schools.

Examinations

The big exams for this term of course are the HSC exam and the School Certificate. This year we have three capable Extension 2 candidates and are hoping for excellent results in that course. There are also a number of students in the other courses who have been working towards some strong results. Year 10 students will be starting their revision program in preparation for their exams. We are looking forward to some of the best results achieved in the School Certificate in the school's recent history as we have a number of highly capable Mathematics students. Other year groups will also be facing end of year tests in the next few weeks. It is very important that all students begin to revise now so that they are well prepared and can show the skills they have developed over the semester. We wish all students every success in the exam period.

Problem of the month

This is a famous problem and is quite a challenge.

You are given twelve coins. All of them are the same weight except for one which is a fake and is not the same weight as the other coins. You have to find out which coin is the fake and whether it is heavier or lighter than the others using no more than three weighings on a pair of scales. How do you do it?

Explain the method.

Australian Mathematics Competition:

The following students were our top performers in the Australian Mathematics Competition which was held at the end of August.

They are to be congratulated for their success.

Year 7 Credits

Griffin Sleigh
Tristan Evans-Craig
John Martin
Nicholas Berryman
Jack Baldock
Zachary Duretto
Luke Gruber
Bryn Lom
Jack Sedgwick

Year 8 Credits

Cooper Fitzgerald
Bradley Green
Mitchell Fury
Chan Yoo
Nathan Bartley
Benjamin Gibson
Norris Di Yuan Weng
Luke Alexander
Brandon Lukich-
Yang
Christopher
O'Rourke
Jacob Sheldon
Harry Tuynman

Year 9 Credits

Cory Cheung
Oscar Duretto
Beniamin Cant

Year 9 Credits cont.

Caleb Estherby
Tim Verduin
Matai Koro
Nicholas Bulmer
Aaron O'Brien
Yuvraj Singh
William Van
Edmond-Jones

Year 10 Distinction

Longjie Li

Year 10 Credits

Sung Kim
James Hill
Cameron Nicolas
Eden Percival

Year 11 Distinction

She Zheyu

Year 11 Credits

Max Sharkey
Zhenkang Blake Chen
Leo Pham
Brandt Read
Seungjoo Baek
Tianyi Chi
Donald Zane
Vincent Campbell

*Mr D. Arblaster
Head Teacher Maths*



1ST GRADE CRICKET REPORT

The First Grade Cricket side have had a busy start to Term 4.

On the first day back they beat a solid Normanhurst side in The Davidson Shield knock out competition by a hundred runs at Mills Park. We bowled well but the highlight was an excellent 93 from Sam Every. This was a very good start to our season. In the Grade Sport tie v Homebush we again bowled and fielded well to bowl them out for 127. This was also a great effort.

In reply a week later we made a good start and Mitch Easy went on to make a patient sensible 46. We never looked liked losing and though we threw some wickets away in the run chase Homebush were pretty quiet at the finish!

In the next round of the Davison Shield we played a strong Lismore side who in the previous round had posted a score of over 290. After 5 overs Lismore were no wicket for 50 but we battled back with some accurate bowling and good catching and we bowled them out for 150. Sam and Ed Hollis took 3 wickets each and George took 3 in one over to clean up the middle order. We had a poor start to our innings but Ed steadied the ship for an excellent 50 before another middle order collapse had me worried. However, Nicky Miller won us the game in brilliant fashion with some excellent batting in difficult circumstances.

Richard has captained well and behind the stumps Aaron has kept tidily. There have also been very excellent contributions from Chris, Nick, Harley and Zane who despite not bowling that much are keen and alert in the field.

Special mentions for Lachy who is an inspirational presence and helped score the runs against Homebush.

All these results reflect the depth that the side has although there is still room for much improvement. We must not become complacent boys.

Mr M Blackwood



CAREERS

Coming Events

HSC Advice Line opens Saturday 15 October

Telephone: 13 11 12. Course assistance and support from experienced teachers in 20 of the most popular HSC courses. See the HSC Advice Line timetable of course assistance:

http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc_exams/advice-line.html

Students are encouraged to also use Students Online for exam tips, tools and advice:

<http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/>

HSC Online also includes study strategies, advice on exam techniques and information for more than 50 subjects: <http://hsc.csu.edu.au/>

NSW Police and Community Awareness Day. This is to be held on **Sunday 6th November 10am-3pm** at Fairfield High School, the Horsley Drive Fairfield. There will be Police recruitment talks at 10.30, 12.30 and 2pm. There will also be specialist unit displays eg Air Wing Rescue & Bomb Disposal, Mounted Police, Riot Squad, Dog Squad and Counter Terrorism Unit. Also Physical Testing Demonstrations. Visit www.police.nsw.gov.au All students who are interested in joining the Police Force should attend. It is 5 minutes from Fairfield Train station.

Australasian College of Natural Therapies "Day in The Life" Workshop: Saturday 19th Nov

A taste of what it would be like to work in natural medicine, fitness or manual therapies.

"Day in the Life of a Personal Trainer", "Day in the life of a Natural therapy Practitioner" and "Day in the Life of a Massage Therapist". Cost is \$50. Venue is 57 Foxeaux Street, Surry Hills

NSWenquiries@acnt.edu.au http://www.acnt.edu.au/events/sydney_workshops

GAME ON Festival

9.30am - 3.00pm on 29th October 2011 at Macquarie University A festival celebrating video game culture.

Information sessions on: 'We play, we design, we learn', 'Managing your child's gaming habits – pitfalls and benefits', 'How to break into the Game Design Industry?' and the 'Benefits of playing video games'

<http://3dedrats.wordpress.com/sydney-macquarie-university-game-on-festival/>

Year 10 Mock Interviews

These will be held on **Friday 2nd December** for all Year 10 students at designated times during the day. Various employers have volunteered their time to conduct these interviews and to give feedback to each student on their performance. I would appreciate if any parents are able to help with the interview process for a couple of hours on that day. Parent information letters have distributed to the students. Please ring Mrs Fry if you would like more information

Pre Vocational Course in Electrical Trades at Meadowbank Tafe in 2012

An information session and selection screening will be held on Wednesday 25th January 2012 at 9am Meadowbank Tafe, Block H, 4th floor, Room **17**.

For more information ring Bob Kefford on 99423641 or Steve Hanssen on 9942 3637

Important Information

Reminder for Year 12 students that 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 be there at noon! Some courses can be applied for now ON LINE. Year 12 students should Check the course they wish to apply for to ascertain if they can apply now.

Year 12 Careers Advisory Service Thursday 15 December 2011 to Friday 6 January 2012

This free service is available by phone on 1300 300 687 or through our website www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au. The Careers Advisory Service website contains helpful information to assist you in clarifying course choices, employment opportunities, career pathways and training options.

School Work Experience at Taronga Zoo

The program is suitable for school students in years 10, 11 and 12. Only one successful applicant per school will be considered. Applications for the 2012 program will open on Day 1 of Term 4 2011.

Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis.

<http://www.taronga.org.au/education/school-work-experience/experience-at-taronga-zoo/school-work-experience-at-taronga-zoo>

University of Newcastle - Newstep

Perhaps you completed the HSC, but didn't get the marks you were hoping for, or maybe you did Year 12 but didn't receive an ATAR (UAI). You might have decided that the HSC wasn't for you and left school before the HSC, or perhaps there were special circumstances that affected your ability to achieve at school. Newstep is a second chance.

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/students/foundation-studies/newstep/>

Rex Pilot Cadet Program

Assistance will be provided with flying training and employment within the Rex Group will be available upon satisfactory completion of the training. Applicants must have completed Year 12 (or equivalent). Rex cadet pilot program has three intakes per year. The next intake is projected to begin in Wagga Wagga, early 2012. Applications are now open.

<http://www.rex.com.au/cadetpilot/Default.aspx>

UTS Parents Information Evenings

Mon 14 to Wed 16 November 2011 from 6-8pm. For Year 12 students and their parents. Registration is essential. Monday 14th November at the City campus, Tuesday 15th at the city Campus and Wednesday 16th November at the Kuring-gai campus (Business, Education, Events, Leisure, Sport, Tourism & Nursing courses. Tel 95141711 or email

future.students@uts.edu.au

<http://datasearch2.uts.edu.au/undergraduate/events/detail.cfm?ItemId=25230>

Job Opportunities

1. A local company, **Site Clean**, specializing in light demolition, is looking for a fit, strong and enthusiastic school leaver. Full on the Job training will be given and they will pay for any appropriate certificate training that is needed. Please call David Stokes 0416 093 588 or visit www.siteclean.net.au

2. Structural/Civil Drafting apprenticeships based at St Leonards. Please see Mrs Fry for details. This is only available to a Year 12 leaver. Must have good results in Maths, Design and Science.

*Mrs J Fry
Careers Adviser*

P&C Association

Hello ABHS community,

On Tuesday 25th October the P&C met with several parents in attendance, along with a few new faces. Thank you to those who came along to the meeting.

The ABHS Community Day, 11th September, was a great success.

The day ran extremely well with many people in attendance. The participation of our local primary schools and Asquith Girls High in the music on the day was fantastic, with many great performances. The stall holders and food outlets were busy all day.

The highlight of the day was the main Soccer game for the Moscos Cup, which followed two preliminary games between past & present students and staff, and invitational players from the community.

Overall the day was profitable for our school, making just over a \$5000 profit.

This profit has already been allocated for two initiatives for our school to be introduced in 2012:

1. "SENTRAL" software application.

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- SENTRAL is currently in use in over 1000 educational institutions Australia-wide.
- This is a great initiative for ABHS.

2. An on-line PHYSICS program which is designed to aid the learning of senior students studying PHYSICS in the HSC. It is designed specifically for Years 11 and 12 and will be an integral part of our boys learning in the important senior subject.

There are many people who were involved in the planning and execution of the Community Day. Two in particular require a special mention.

Kim Pinnock, from the P&C, was extraordinary in making the day the success it was. Kim's planning and management capabilities were first class. Thank you Kim, for all of your efforts in organising this successful day.

George Moscos, our MC on the day and 1st Grade Soccer manager, was also instrumental in making the day a great success. George has the knack of bringing people together and the ability to get the best out of any situation. Thank you George, for all your work in making the day a great success.

The Community Day is now firmly entrenched in the ABHS Yearly Calendar, as a regular event.

Finally, to all our Year 12 boys, good luck with your HSC Exams. This is the culmination of your time at ABHS and we all wish you well in any future endeavours.

Good Luck Year 12!!


The next P&C meeting, the last for 2011, will be held on Tuesday 22nd November at 8pm in the School Library. It would be great to see some more new faces for that meeting.

**The next P&C meeting 8:00pm
Tuesday 22 November**

Thanks,
John Koellner
ABHS P&C President

Parents and Citizens working together for our School

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 4 2011

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
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
Week 6B	November 14 REACH Foundation Workshop for Yr9	November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18	Nov 19 20
Week 7A	November 21	November 22 ESSA Yr 8 School Council & P&C Meeting	November 23	November 24	November 25 Mufti Day <i>Mo-vement</i>	Nov 26 27
Week 8B	November 28 Leadership Camp	November 29 Leadership Camp	November 30	December 1 Formal Assembly Leadership Induction <i>SRC, Peer Support, Peer Mediation, House Captains</i>	December 2	Dec 3 4
Week 9A	December 5 <i>Year 12 VET Work Placement</i> Orientation Day	December 6 <i>Year 12 VET Work Placement</i> School Council Finance Meeting	December 7 <i>Year 12 VET Work Placement</i>	December 8 <i>Year 12 VET Work Placement</i> Winning House Beach Party	December 9 <i>Year 12 VET Work Placement</i> School Certificate Assembly	Dec 10 11
Week 10B	December 12  PRESENTATION NIGHT	December 13 <i>Asquith Girls HS PRESENTATION NIGHT</i>	December 14 HSC Results Out	December 15	December 16 End of Term 4 <i>Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11</i>	Dec 17 18
Week 11A	December 19 Staff Development Day	December 20 Staff Development Day				

Please note dates of events may change and you should check with Reception if in doubt. Updated calendars will be printed in ABHS Newsletter (Backchat) each Term.

2012 DATES

Term 1 Friday 27th January till Thursday 5th April

Years 7, 11 & 12 start Monday 30th January 2012

Years 8, 9, 10 start Tuesday 31st January 2012

Term 2 Monday 23rd April till Friday 29th June

Term 3 Monday 16th July till Friday 21st September

Term 4 Monday 8th October till Friday 21st December



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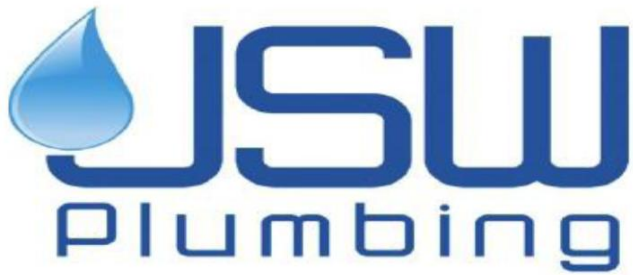
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Wednesday 9th November 6:30-8:30pm

SEMINAR 2

RAISING COMPETENT TEENAGERS: Provides a formula for helping teenagers make the most of their time at school.

Wednesday 16th November 6:30-8:30pm

SEMINAR 3

GETTING TEENAGERS CONNECTED: Helps parents with ways to encourage teenagers to become involved in socially appropriate activities with supportive friends.

Wednesday 23rd November 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Centacare Family Centre: 29 Yardley Ave, Waitara

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