



BACKCHAT

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Visual Arts Opening Night

WOWS us again in 2011

What a fabulous and amazing night our Annual Visual Arts Exhibition Opening was on Thursday 1 September. This evening was an art and audience filled evening, which proved to be by far the biggest ever!

The lead up was exhausting and tensions mounted across the faculty as HSC artworks reached their August 29 deadline and Ms Cooke's Prac marking expertise and advice was sought for the final touches. As always she offered her timely and ever-wise leading questions to help clarify good decision making. Ms Holder meanwhile provided the opportunities and support for her class to work on weekends and holiday workshops throughout the last months. Who says public schools don't offer the best education for students? – they certainly haven't seen what happens here!



Miss Ryan, Ms Holder, Ms Cooke and Ms Mashman worked feverishly in a work mounting frenzy over weeks 4 and 5, ensuring that our boys could all be showcased on their big night. Mr Sonter performed magic with his hall crew to set up the hall and as a result it was the smoothest hanging of all time...of artwork. Of course this was thanks to Ms Cooke's unmatched ability to envision and organise, point and make work go here, there and everywhere and be perfectly displayed.



But this year we were lucky enough to be supported by a design professional who also curated by Ms Cooke and Ms Ryan's sides on the crucial Tuesday. Ms Roberta Cooke worked with a tiny hanging team in an art hanging whirl of her own.

Selected students and small groups were our hanging and signage team and they achieved greatness in their efforts. If you were selected to perform in one of these roles outside of class time, you have something to be proud of. Few were chosen. Many thanks too to the visiting senior students who solved Y12 artwork crises for their mates!

Opening night was unbelievably huge. A lengthy list of award winners and their guests filled the hall beyond capacity. Mrs Miller provided a wonderful spread of exhibition food that sated the endless appetites of the guests, especially the boys who were always at the front of the hall for some strange reason. Ms Holder thoroughly enjoyed her presentations with special mentions but learnt the folly of abandoning the script – always leads to a wayward mouth but fortunately Ms Cooke's prompting got her back on track.

Congratulations to all award winners. Certificates were awarded to our many worthy recipients. Students who achieved excellent results in Drama, Music and Visual Arts in Semester 2 last year (after the exhibition) and Semester 1 this year were nominated by class teachers. Students with multiple nominations received many awards. Many thanks to everyone in the audience for the patience they showed during the endless presentations. Boys who were not present on the night may collect their certificates from the CAPA staffroom.



The viewing audience explored the exhibition with enthusiasm, being particularly excited to preview our **2011 HSC Art Bodies of Work**. Showcased centrally was **Mitchell Brown's** thoughtful and controversial "Paradox or Elusive Truth? Spiritual Darkness v's Spiritual Light" painting series, surrounded on either side by the painterly explorations of **Josh Hobson's** "Puteulanus Mons Montis Sedimentary Sandstone Series" and **Gordon Broome's** intuitive explorations of the rugby field in "Abstract Intercept." In pride of place under the special lights and displayed with special assistance of our newest curating team member, Mr Sonter, was **Ben**

Lancaster's "Una Esplorazione di Piccoli Bellezza Femminile" (An Exploration of Subtle Feminine Beauty) collection of Works. **Mitchell McAskill's** "Porto Idilliaco Monochromatico" painting series awoke the nostalgia for the family holiday snap with its painterly and watery views of idyllic places on the coast while **Max Morris' "Indiscernible Sanctuary"** paintings seduced us with their glassy surface and the illusory effect on the paint below. **Bren Yema** took us out on a charming walk with his Lazy dog in his documented form "Mnemonic (Ni - mon - ic) Coexistence." "Post Robotic Collins Street 17:00 Hours" by **Maximillian Lanzetti** provided an amazing journey into the world of 3D modelling and digital drawing which captured and appropriated John Brack's work, while **Stanley Aster-Stater** was heavily inspired by the works of Archibald prize winning painter Ben Quilty in "Expressionistic Perceptions Proximos." Finally, everyone in the area who loves our local river had our memories of Jerusalem Bay stimulated by the drawing "Existing on the Nautical edge of the Hawkesbury: Cowan" by **Blake Parbery**.

Following the presentations, **HSC performances for Music** were showcased on Exhibition Night. Mr Williamson, with trusty stage manager Scott Guy, organised the musical showcase. **Jackson Besley** played in the earlier slot while Year 12 Music closed the show. Once again **Max Morris, Ben Lancaster** and **Lliam Jones** brought the house down with pounding guitars to send audience members home with ringing ears.

Thankyou to all our performers and Mr Williamson for adding the aural dimension to our festival evening of excellence! Thankyou to Ms Cooke, Ms Mashman and Miss Ryan, for the hanging of work and organisation of invites. Huge thanks need to also go to the many people who supported us along the way – Mrs Beckerleg, Mr Sonter, Mrs Miller, Mr Moscos, Mrs Laffer, Scott Guy, Zac Coventry & Mr Elkin, all excellent artists and exhibition helpers and any staff member who supervised for us or allowed us to borrow someone when we needed them.



Finally thanks to all the parents, friends and family who came along to support our boys as they received their awards, including Mr Kent, ex Head Teacher Creative & Performing Arts who is involved in the running of the Asquith Old Boys. You have all helped to make the biggest showcase exhibition night of all time!

REMINDER TO BOYS AND PARENTS OF EXHIBITED ARTWORK – WE HAVE NO STORAGE SPACE SO BOYS HAVE BEEN REMINDED TO COLLECT IT URGENTLY.

*You worked hard to make all this beautiful work – please take it home to your parents!
The best of the uncollected works will be placed in a permanent display and sadly we always have to discard a lot of abandoned works.*

Ms Holder, Head Teacher CAPA





SEPTEMBER GALLERY PAGE @ BACKCHAT

Each issue CAPA selects works of excellence to exhibit
& this month we showcase
2011 Year 12 Bodies of Work



Gordon Broome "*Abstract Intercept*" Painting



Benjamin Lancaster "*Una Esplorazione di Piccoli Bellezza Femminile*" (*An Exploration of Subtle Feminine Beauty*) Collection of Works



Bren Yema "*Mnemonic (Ni - mon - ic) Coexistence*" Documented Form



Blake Parbery "*Existing on the Nautical edge of the Hawkesbury: Cowan*" Drawing



Max Morris "*Indiscernible Sanctuary*" Painting
Mitchell McAskill "*Porto Idilliaco Monochromatico*" Painting



Joshua Hobson "*Puteulanus Mons Montis Sedimentary Sandstone Serius*" Painting



Mitchell Brown "*Paradox or Elusive Truth? Spiritual Darkness v's Spiritual Light*" Painting



Maximillian Lanzetti "*Post Robotic Collins Street 17:00 Hours*" Digital Drawing
Stanley Aster-Stater "*Expressionistic Perceptions Proximos*" Painting



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

P& C Community Day

On Sunday, September 11, the school oval was the focus of a range of events: football matches between old boys and current students, and primary students versus Year 7 boys; a number of school bands and a variety of musicians; the launch of the 50th anniversary commemorative pavers and the new scoreboard. The new state member for Hornsby, Matt Kean, also attended. The Community Day was a tremendous success, enabling the P& C to raise some significant funds for the school. We hope that this day will become a regular event on our calendar. There will be a comprehensive report on the Community Day in the next Backchat.

Year 12

This year's cohort will be finishing their lessons this week and leaving school. This year's group have excelled in the full range of opportunities that the school has offered and have upheld the proud traditions of Asquith Boys High. The Higher School Certificate begins on Monday October 17. Best wishes to all Year 12 for their exams and beyond.

Working Bee

Over 20 people attended the P & C Working Bee a few weeks ago. This event has not taken place at ABHS for four years. Thanks to all those who gave their time for this event. The school grounds currently look in great shape due to your outstanding efforts.

NAPLAN

Individualised results have been posted to Year 7 and 9 parents for this year's NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy). This year's Year 9 posted very significant improvement in all literacy and numeracy categories, with the notable exception of Spelling. The area of Writing was one of dramatic improvement. In Year 7, 2009, ABHS was 14 points below state average in Writing. The same group (Year 9, 2011) is now 4 points above state average and 23 points above state average for boys. This outstanding improvement is due, in part, to our whole-school literacy and numeracy program. I have congratulated the boys on their improvement.

Terry Griffiths, Principal

SCR REPORT



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

Voting will proceed in the coming weeks for electing year representatives for 2012. If students are interested in being a representative of the SRC, they are to attend the meetings at lunch and express their interest. Being a member of the SCR involves taking part in whole school projects and ideas and decision making.

Laura Mashman, SCR Coordinator

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



2010 Annual School Report ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL



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Annual Spring Walkathon

The annual Spring Walkathon for Asquith Boys High School was held on Friday 2 September. The boys showed up in their brightest and happiest gear for the renowned event. The day was cold and overcast, but luckily throughout the walk it did not rain; perfect conditions for walking the distance to Apple Tree Bay.

The Walkathon is a charity event where the boys raise money for the school and for the Royal Flying Doctors. The walk is 16 kilometres with 10 kilometres of that walk through a bush trail. The boys had their photo taken in the morning before they signed into the walk. As the journey began the boys beamed with unsaid enthusiasm at the easy, fun day off school.

The boys received three raffle tickets on the walk; these were presented at the end to receive their drinks, food and doughnut.

The bush trail was through the Kuring-gai National Park and was quite the adventure for Asquith Boys students. Many teachers were dotted throughout the course acting as checkpoints and guides for the walkers; handing out lollies, water and marking the boys off the roll just to make sure they weren't missing! Many of the teachers shouted encouragement or jokes as the walkers and joggers made their way deeper into the bush.

At the end of the track the boys ended up in the grassy park of Apple Tree Bay. The boys ran through the walkathon banner and slumped down in a pile with their mates, sausages, drinks and chocolaty, sweet doughnuts.

At Apple Tree Bay the teachers organised for some Karaoke, air guitar competition and of course Stefan dancing to his favourite Michael Jackson beats. Ms Cooke beat Mr Moscos hands down with her rendition of *Pleasure and Pain*. Mr Moscos did his best with *You're the Voice*. Other brave performers were Lochlan Roscarel, James Sheridan and Joel Winch. Mr Thomsett was at the ready with his guitar and dedicated his song to the very famous John Bon Jovi. Needless to say this small group are shining stars in the Asquith cultural scene!

At the end of the day the boys clambered onto the bus with weary legs to get carried back to Asquith.

The day was a complete success with the boys raising approx. \$5000 and the most raised by one boy was \$450.

Jacob Hamilton, Yr 8 Journalism





**We would like to acknowledge our sponsors and supporters for Walkathon 2011.
See below for business advertisements.**

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Ku-ring-Gai and District Soccer Association: Free use of BBQ

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National Parks and Wildlife Service: Permission to use Kuring-Gai National Park

We would also like to acknowledge our wonderful parent (and brothers and grandparent) helpers who set up equipment, cooked the BBQ lunch and served the students and staff at the Walkathon. Your help was greatly appreciated by all.

A special **THANK YOU** to Sunita Smith who was the parent coordinator.



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YEAR 7 PERSONAL INTEREST PROJECT WITH HABITS OF MIND 2011

PRIZE WINNERS - TOP 19

| | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Noah Baensch | Peter Kelly | Anthony Sawyer | Cooper Thiel |
| James Connell | Bryn Lom | Christopher Sexton | Kane Whittaker |
| Tristan Evans-Craig | David Mays | Charles Shepherd | Scott Williams |
| Cameron Hanna | Luke Purcell | Gregory Stanford | Joel Winch |
| Zac Jackson | Christopher Rourke | Jonathan Taylor | |



Thank you to the parents of our Year 7 students for your enthusiastic support in creating some amazing projects for PIP. Without your support, PIP could not happen in our school.

Thank you to Mr Griffiths, Ms Kelly, Mr Thomsett and parents Mr & Mrs Williams for donating your valuable time in judging the projects.

Thank you to the P&C for donating the money for prizes; we are always grateful for your support. We were able to buy Westfield vouchers for the prize winners.

Thank you boys for so many wonderful projects of which all of you can be very proud.

We wish you success in everything you pursue.

Year 7 PIP Staff



BOYS' QOUTES



Kane—I was able to use skills I don't usually use and learnt a lot

Jonathan—It was a fun journey

Chris R—PIP IS GREAT FOR STUDENTS AND IS REALLY WORTH IT

Matthew F—It was very hard but it paid off in the end

Timothy—PIP is a good project to show your new friends what you are interested in

Aynsley—It was very fun and I want to do it again

Lachlan—It is a great project and really fun if you choose something you like

Joshua—I enjoyed PIP because it taught me how to use tools

Samuel—PIP taught me that to take time and plan things out

Scott—PIP has helped me to learn that you should not waste time and take your time in work

Aiden—PIP taught me new skills

Luke—PIP was fun but the booklet was boring

Christopher S—I HAD GREAT FUN DOING MY PIP AND WOULDN'T MIND DOING IT AGAIN

Harry—It is very challenging and don't waste any of your time

Tyesn —I had a lot of fun doing my PIP and thanks to my mum and dad

Jarrold- PIP was an awesome experience and heaps of fun

Griffin—I learnt a lot about certain software but we need to ensure that nobody copies each other

Zac D—PIP is a great idea as you had a lot of freedom on what you can do

Jack S—PIP was fun it was my choice and something different

Bryn—This has been an awesome experience and have learnt many things and valuable skills

John—PIP is a great way to explore subjects you are interested in

Nicholas—PIP was good because you get to do whatever you want to do for once

Tristan—PIP was a fun learning experience that should go on in the future

Jasper—PIP was fun and they should do it every year

Ryan—I understand basket ball more and got better at it

Jack—The actual PIP was fun, I did not like the booklet

Brendan—I enjoyed PIP, it gave me something to do that was fun and challenging

Aran—I combined two of my interests and learnt a lot



NORTHERN SYDNEY SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENT EXPO

On Wednesday 7 September, Isaac Orr-Green (7), Bryn Lom (7), Mitchell Koellner (10) and Austin Carey (10), as part of Asquith Boy's Environment Committee, spent the day at Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre.

As part of the Kids Teaching Kids week, they assisted students from a number of local primary schools complete various enrichment activities, which could be used in a school's environment program.

Some of the activities on the day were: making a worm farm, setting up a compost bin, putting together a solar car and caring for a chook yard!

The activities were led by various primary schools and the Asquith Boys were used as guides and mentors for the day.

Isaac, Bryn, Mitchell and Austin were particularly impressed with the quality of the presentations from the primary school students as well as their enthusiasm.

They were able to bring back to Asquith Boys some great ideas.

Ms Rui & C Yates, Science Staff



About the Education Tax Refund

Who is eligible?

- A person who has received Family Tax (Benefit) 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 90% 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 \$800, 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 e-etch print copy of this fact sheet visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

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The Hills Clinic, the leading mental health hospital in the hills, will celebrate Mental Health Month 2011 by hosting a free community seminar & workshops.

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DATE: Saturday 15 October 2011
TIME: 8:30am to 1:00pm
PLACE: The Hills Shire Council, Function Hall, Showground Rd, Castle Hill

TOPICS

The internet, social media and bullying, **Dr Roberto Parada**
 Understanding Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, **Dr Rocco Crino**
 Alphabet of the Human Heart, **Matthew Johnstone**
 How do I support the one I love with a mental illness? **Dr Annemaree Bickerton**
 My Journey with Depression, **Neil Jenman**

WORKSHOPS - PRACTICAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVICE

Workshops will be held on separate nights at Castle Hill Library, 14 Pennant Street Castle Hill.

6:30pm to 7:45pm
 Tuesday, 11th October. **Living with ADHD**, Mark Brandtman & Peter Howard
 Tuesday, 18th October. **Mindfulness**, Monica Schawickie & Peter Casbolt
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SCIENCE

HSC Science

All students doing HSC Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Senior Science have completed their respective courses and Trial HSC Exams and only have their final exams to do in early Term 4. Good luck to all students in their HSC and a big reminder that your teachers are here to help you. The best preparation is practising past exams and these can be found on the Board of Studies website. Please make use of these.

Year 11

All Year 11 students have now completed their Yearly Exams and must reflect and assess their choices for the HSC course. Physics and Biology students have the option to move across to Senior Science, which is a more suitable course for those not wishing to pursue a university course in Science and Engineering. Boys should see Mr Robertson if they need advice or more information on course selection for the HSC.

Forms for moving classes or dropping subjects can be obtained from Mrs Laffer.

Year 10

This is the final group of students that will be sitting the School Certificate in its current form. Science is a compulsory School Certificate course and all Year 10 students have just completed their Trial Exam. Well done to all those boys who performed at a high level but many of the results in Science were well below what many of the boys are capable of. Far more reading and study is needed before the School Certificate exam in November and the best approach is practising past exam questions which can be found on the Board of Studies website.

After reviewing the marks from the Trial Exam, many students who have chosen Physics or Chemistry will struggle to complete these courses to a satisfactory standard. These are two of the most demanding courses in the HSC and require a very high level of mathematics and conceptual understanding. Some students will be asked to reconsider their choices, as there are alternative courses such as Senior Science, which is delivered at a more suitable level. Anyone who needs advice on subject selection is encouraged to contact Mr Robertson.

Climate Change Presentation

Some boys from Year 7, 8 and 9 were involved in a climate change presentation by Ruben Meerman, also known as *the Surfing Scientist*. Ruben is a regular contributor to the Catalyst science program on the ABC and presents regularly to schoolchildren on topical science issues.



The presentation focused on why we have weather and Ruben used liquid Nitrogen to demonstrate pressure differences in

balloons and poured liquid Nitrogen into boiling water to simulate how a cloud is formed. The apolitical show was a great stimulus about understanding climate and looking at topical issues in an objective manner and of course seeing some great science experiments on the way.

For more great science info please visit:

<http://www.abc.net.au/science/surfingscientist/>

Mr S. Robertson

Head Teacher Science



HSIE

As we approach the end of yet another school term, it is important to evaluate what has been achieved within the Faculty.

Initially, two of our staff – Letticia Foster and Rachel Woolley – presented to the P&C on the use of technology in the HSIE Faculty. This presented in an excellent way, and very well received.

The use of computers, although a boom in modern society has been infrequently used in our classrooms; not because they are not seen as beneficial but because a small number of students are not motivated enough to either bring them or have them fully charged. I would encourage all parents to work with us on this and make sure that boys have their computers with them, fully charged at all times in Years 9, 10 and 11.

Next we come to the classroom itself. I have been amazed as to what can be produced in this sphere by teachers and students working together at all levels and embracing learning. Great discussion, featured books, electronic media and projects have encapsulated the overall process in the classroom and some excellent examples of all of these have been personally viewed and rewarded. Well done to all.

Year 11 is at a significant stage of their learning for the HSC. All students are presently sitting their examinations for the Preliminary Year and move into their final four terms for the HSC. I am not making comment at this stage as I have not viewed their final marks but hope that they have done their best. Next term will begin in earnest from Day 1 and I hope all students are prepared for the hard work ahead.

For Year 12 their final term is made up of StuVac, personal lessons with teachers and examinations. Good luck to all the boys. I know many have the potential to do very well and the final work they put in will be rewarding.

On a personal note, we all had a great time at the recent Community Day and I would like to thank all those who put in such a large amount of work to make this such a personally memorable day for my family and I.

Have a great holiday!

Mr G. Moscos
Head Teacher HSIE



LIBRARY NEWS **Asquith Boys' Young Writers.**

We have some keen writers within our school at the moment. Their short stories are coming along nicely. As a result the Library will be developing a

Writer's Corner so that students, teachers and the general community will be able to enjoy the offerings of the Writer's Club that has been formed by Ms Kelly.

If there are any budding artists who wish to create illustrations and covers for these stories, please contact Mr Buckley in the Library.

Year 12 IT Major Works and Year 7 PIPs.

Some fantastic efforts by the boys were displayed in the Library over the last 5 weeks. Year 7 presentations were very interesting and varied. Parents and the community came and viewed all of these works during the Art exhibition and we received many positive comments on Year 7s creativity.

The Library is currently storing many PIPs and IT major works, which can now be taken and enjoyed at home by their creators.

Mr C. Buckley
Librarian



CAREERS **Recent Highlights**

The **Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo** was held on Tuesday 13th September at PCYC Performing Arts Centre from 4-8pm. It was pleasing to see so many Asquith Boys High students and their parents attend this event. Many Group Training organizations and industry representatives were in attendance to give meaningful advice and arrange interviews for apprenticeships.



Many thanks to Amy Greenshields and her hospitality students (Nick Bepper, James Sheridan, Michael Fuary, Max Holland, Luke Shepley, Matt Douglas, and James Thompson) who made an assortment of extremely delicious sandwiches and slices to cater for this event.



Important Information

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.

Enrolment 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!

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

Hello ABHS community,

Parents and Citizens working together for our School

The P&C met on Tuesday 20th September, with several parents in attendance, along with a few new faces. Thank you to those who came along to the meeting.

On the 28th August the P&C conducted a **Working Bee** to clean up the school ground and gardens. We had over 25 parents, staff and students attend. The day was very successful with the grounds receiving a much needed clean up.

From 2012 the P&C will be locking into the school calendar, two "working bees" per year, during terms 1 and 3. Your future support is needed to ensure the school remains highly presentable and our outdoor environment is well maintained. Thanks to all those who attended.

The **Commemorative Pavers** pathway has been laid. The pavers, with the ABHS crest in a prominent position, look fantastic. This is the start of the ongoing growth of the pathway. The P&C will continue to support the further sales of pavers. We are certain we will see this become a centre piece for our school.

Once again the ABHS "Big Week Out" has been a huge success with many diverse activities and events being conducted for our boys, while Year 12 undertook the trial HSC. This initiative has been in place within the school over several years and has proven to be a success. Well done to all those involved in organising and managing the events of the week.

The P&C have had the great pleasure in being involved in the judging and prizes for the **Year 7 Personal Interest Projects** for this year. In judging the projects we found the standard was at very high level, with many of the entries worthy of a prize. In all there were 19 prize winners, truly a great effort. Well done Year 7.

In addition, some of our Year 7 boys attended Waitara Public School to present the PIP initiative and display some of the projects. This was enthusiastically embraced by Waitara and has created high interest in the great things ABHS is doing with our Year 7's.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th October at 8pm in the School Library. It would be great to see some more new faces for that meeting.

Thanks,
John Koellner
ABHS P&C President

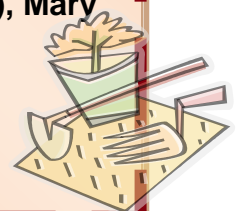
The next P&C meeting 8:00pm
Tuesday 25 October

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY FUN DAY

was a huge success – ABHS staff and the P&C want thank the school community for their support on the day. The next Backchat edition will have a detailed report and photos.

ABHS WORKING BEE THANK YOU TO:

Rick & Kim Pinnock, John Koellner, Graeme & Kerry Limbert, Nicole & Craig Cunningham, Ronelle Laffer, George Moscos, Chris Yates, Karen & Rob Ronald, Joan Wilson, Jo Quarmby & Tim Andersen, Max & Miles Andersen (Yr 9), Mitchell Brown (Y12), Mitchell Koellner (Yr10), Eric & Jonathan Taylor (Yr7), Mary & Brendan Hooghuis (Yr7)



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 | October 13 Duke Of Ed | October 14 Duke Of Ed | Oct 15 16 Duke Of Ed |
| Week 2B | October 17 HSC commences | October 18 HSC | October 19 HSC | October 20 HSC | October 21 HSC | Oct 22 23 |
| Week 3A | October 24 HSC Year 7 Swimming & Life Saving Program | October 25 HSC Year 7 Swimming & Life Saving Program School Council & P&C Meeting | October 26 HSC Year 7 Swimming & Life Saving Program | October 27 HSC Year 7 Swimming & Life Saving Program | October 28 HSC Year 7 Swimming & Life Saving Program | 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 |
| 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-venber</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 Year 12 VET Work Placement Orientation Day | December 6 Year 12 VET Work Placement School Council Finance Meeting | December 7 Year 12 VET Work Placement | December 8 Year 12 VET Work Placement Winning House Beach Party | December 9 Year 12 VET Work Placement School Certificate Assembly & Yr 10 reports issued | 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 Years 7, 8, 9, 11 | Dec 17 18 |
| Week 11A | December 19 Staff Development Day | December 20 Staff Development Day | | | | |



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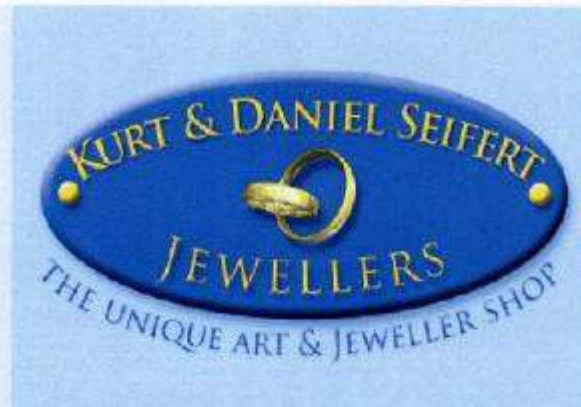
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School Holiday Program

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Monday 26 September -

Thursday 6 October 2011 (no Fridays)

Time: 1pm - 4pm Age: 6 - 16 years

Wet weather: Golf will be cancelled and refunded

COST

First child
\$60 DAY
\$200 WEEK

Additional child
\$50 DAY
\$160 WEEK

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Roll it, chip it and up it with the professionals from Elite Golf NSW at North Turramurra this spring. Take part in a variety of team games and challenges to help you master the technique and essential skills involved in the sport.

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS

October 11 - December 13

SESSION 1: 4pm - 5pm, 6 - 12 yrs (primary school)

SESSION 2: 5pm - 6pm, 13 - 18 yrs (high school)

COST

\$120 TERM
(\$15 WEEK)

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12.30 to 3.30

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Cost: \$180

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Australia's national sail training ship **Young Endeavour** is now accepting applications for youth to join eleven day voyages departing between January and June

2012. Young Australians aged 16 to 23 can apply for the ballot at www.youngendeavour.gov.au until 30 September 2011. No sailing experience is required.

A voyage in *Young Endeavour* is an amazing experience, and a unique opportunity for youth to develop teamwork and leadership skills through a world recognised organisation. The current ballot includes voyages along the eastern coast of Australia, which will be crewed by youth from around the country.

Since 1988 the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, in partnership with the Royal Australian Navy, has provided challenging training voyages for over 11,000 young Australians in the tall ship *Young Endeavour*. The specially designed program delivered aboard the ship increases the youth crew's self awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community spirit.

School Holiday Activity – Sept/Oct 2011

Kitchen Masters

Cooking Classes for Kids and Young People

Mini Kitchen Masters

Cooking class for kids 9 to 12 years old, Thursday 6 October, 1.30pm–3pm.

A fun, hands-on cooking class presented by the Healthy Kids Association. Learn some cooking skills and make yummy food to eat. Becoming a Kitchen Master is easy!

Early bookings are essential on 9847 6855 for catering purposes.

Cost: \$5.00

Location: Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre,
25 Edgeworth David Ave, Hornsby



Kitchen Masters for Young People

Cooking class for young people 13 to 15 years old, Thursday 6 October, 3.30pm–5pm.

Get creative in the kitchen with the Healthy Kids Association. Become a Kitchen Master and learn how to cook great tasty food for you to eat!

Early bookings are essential on 9847 6855 for catering purposes.

Cost: \$5.00

Location: Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre,
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Why volunteer?

- It's fun
- It's a great way to give back to the community and can count towards community service hours for Duke of Edinburgh and other award schemes
- It's a small chunk of your day but makes a huge difference

In Australia we all need to be confident and happy in the water. We have too many pools, dams, beaches and even baths not to.

Training: BSTLS will train and guide you in doing your part in giving back to the community.

Interested? If you are interested call Christy or Lauren for more information - they began teaching in their early high school years and have now been involved for over 10 seasons and would be happy to have a friendly chat about their experiences.

Christy: 0410 189 062 Lauren: 0431 905 859

Or come along to enrolment day and have a chat to one of our instructors, speak to our registrar or once the season starts come and watch the lessons...

Enrolment: Saturday 29th October, 1pm – 2.30pm

Season starts: Saturday 5th November 10am – 3pm (and continues every Saturday)



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Living with Teenagers – FREE Parent & Carer Information Series

Topics

1. Relationships, Risks and Resilience

Guest Presenter: Michael Reed PhD

Michael is a consultant psychologist and clinical social worker in private practice at Crows Nest. Michael worked for many years with the Department of Adolescent Medicine at the Children's Hospitals in Camperdown and Westmead, where he was involved in establishing family-oriented adolescent services.

2. Positive Conversations with your Teenager

3. Strategies for Stress

Guest Presenter: Greg Powell MPsyc (Clin), MTeach (Hons), BA (Psyc), MAPS

Child & Adolescent Psychologist, Greg Powell was a primary school teacher and is currently a practicing psychologist. He is an experienced presenter and has given seminars for both adolescent and adult groups in Northern Sydney across a variety of topics relating to parenting, education and mental health.

Sessions are from 7.30pm - 8.30pm at the following venues:

- **Hornsby: Wednesday's**

Where: Mission Australia, Level 1, 1 Coronation Street, Hornsby (via Pacific Hwy next to Australia Post)

When: 21 September - Topic 1, 26 October - Topic 2, 30 November - Topic 3

- **Galston: Tuesday's**

Where: Galston Community Health Centre, 17 Arcadia Rd, Galston

When: 4 October - Topic 1, 25 October - Topic 2, 29 November - Topic 3

- **Brooklyn: Thursday's**

Where: Brooklyn Community Centre, 2-4 Dangar Rd, Brooklyn

When: 20 October - Topic 2, 17 November - Topic 1, 8 December - Topic 3

Bookings are essential. Please call Nicola Hensler, Manager, Clifton Adolescent and Family Support (CAFS) on 9482 1366.