



Asquith Boys High School Community Newsletter

BACKCHAT

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**November
2012**

COMMUNITY FUN DAY SEPTEMBER 2012

It was a perfect Spring sunny day, with volunteers and teaching staff organising the musical stage, soccer games, market stalls, making sure that everything was going to plan. Adults and kids started arriving to see what Asquith Boys High School had arranged for the day. A nice fresh cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate, washed down with some lovely slices which included the Caramel Slice and Turkish Delight Cheesecake slice made by the boys in the Food Tech Department at school, in their fantastic kitchens. Kids and adults were settling down at the stage or around the field to watch the soccer games and musical talents, others looking at the market stalls. When feeling a little hungry there were plenty of food stalls to satisfy everyone, from Asian and Indian, the BBQ to Hot Dogs. Raffles were drawn with happy people collecting their prizes; signing the sheet to go on the Asquith Boys Shopping Tour this October and guessing how many lollies there were in that jar. We even had a band of volunteers chopping vegetables on Saturday night at the school ready for the Asian Food Stall on the Sunday.

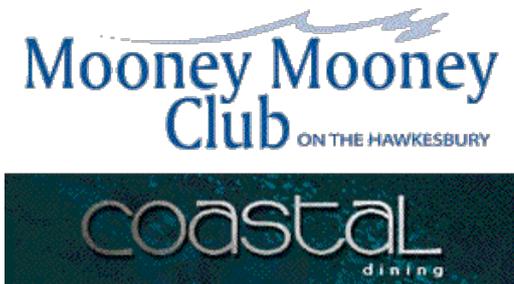
This day would not have been a success without all the tireless help from the teachers, P&L Association, volunteers and Asquith Boys. We thank them all for their time and efforts. This was only our second year running the Community Fun Day – look out for next years' fun day and mark your diary. Asquith Boys High School and P&L Association would also like to thank the sponsors for their donations for our special day.

Dianne Stoddart
Publicity Officer P&L Association



THANK YOU TO ALL THE SPONSORS

Asquith Boys High School and P & L C Association would like to thank the following businesses for their support and donations on our successful 2012 Community Fun Day.



KIRSTY BERRYMAN

School stalls

Fairy Floss, Cakes/Slices, Books, BBQ & Drinks, Asian & Indian Foods, Hot Dogs, Raffle, Guessing Competition, ABHS Old Boys Memorabilia & Souvenirs.



Non schools stalls

Which included: Stationery Stall, Lollies, Plants, Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate, Jewellery, Woodcrafts and Fragrances



Musical Entertainment

Asquith Girls High School Stage Band, Asquith Boys High School Stage Band, Sophie Mitty (AGHS), Alyssa Rourke (AGHS), Ashleigh Rumpler (AGHS), Usual Suspects (ABHS), Hornsby North Concert Bands CB1 CB2, Jessica Schauwecker & Sarah Handy (AGHS), Xpeld (ABHS/Wideview Public School), Christian Chong (Upbeat Music), Year 7/8 Rock Band (ABHS), Boys Making Noise (ABHS) & Vinyl Edge



Soccer Games

Berowra U/12 A v ABHS U/13 B & C Combined, Hornsby North A v ABHS U/13 A, Boys and Girls Mixed Match **BLACKWOOD SHIELD** Teachers/Old Boys v Gallipoli Junior Team & **MOSCOS CUP** - Gallipoli First Grade v Former Tourists





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

New Student Leaders

Our new student leaders were sworn in at our first formal assembly of the term. I'm pleased to announce that the 2013 School Captain is Brett Riley, Vice Captain is Tim Buwalda, and Senior Prefect is Austin Carey. I know that these boys, along with all the Year 11 and 12 prefects and Sports Captains will do a great job upholding the traditions of Asquith Boys High School.

NAPLAN Results

By now all parents of Year 7 and Year 9 should have their son's individual results. Once again, as a school, Asquith Boys has registered very significant improvement in this year's Year 9 cohort since the same group arrived in Year 7 in 2010. There is growth in all the NAPLAN categories, but absolutely outstanding growth in Writing, Reading, Grammar and Punctuation. Our students are regularly defying the statewide trend for boys in all the Literacy categories. Unfortunately, the MySchool website does not report gender results in co-ed schools, so it is impossible to gain an accurate view as to how boys are progressing in individual co-ed schools. However, we do have the technological capacity to compare the progress of our boys to all boys across the state. This improvement is quite spectacular when the statistics are viewed as compared to "boys only" across the state. This is further evidence of the effectiveness of our whole-school Literacy and Numeracy Program.

Term 4

I would like all students and parents to note that this school term is an eleven week term, and that school finishes for all students on Wednesday December 19th. The focus for all students this term should be very much on their academic results. Yearly reports will be handed out towards the end of term and all students should be striving to achieve their best outcomes and registering improvement from their half yearly reports. I look forward to celebrating our students' achievements in all fields of school life at our Presentation Night on Monday December 17th.

Breakfast Club

This edition of Backchat contains an article about our new "Breakfast Club", that has been operating daily now for several weeks. This is an initiative from our Student Welfare Officer, Ms Sweeney, and is run on a voluntary basis by our teachers. It gives some students the opportunity to start the day with a nutritious breakfast which significantly enhances their learning capacity throughout the day. Congratulations to all students and staff who are participating in this program.

Terry Griffiths, Principal



Principal Award Recipients – October

Jack Smith (9), Benjamin Gibson (9), Timothy Michas (8), Callum Fenech (8), Javad Kobraee (8), Bryn Lom (8), Zakariya Belkadi (7), Yian Wang (7), Jack Baldock (8) and Benjamin Adams (8) receiving their Principal's Award

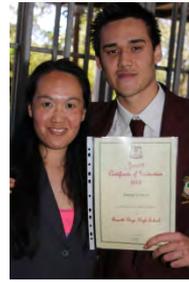
OUR 2011 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT is now available on the school website



2011
Annual School Report
ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
'EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOYS'

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YEAR 12 2012 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY





Blazing In The Green

Asquith Boys Prefects for 2013

It is pleasing to note that the elections for Prefect and Senior Executive positions this year were extremely competitive. In the year 11 prefect vote (for 16 positions), there were 34 very capable individuals who were vying for prefect positions. Unfortunately there were those that missed out, though I would like to congratulate everyone for their efforts, and encourage all to put their hand up for any future leadership positions that may arise.

The prefects inducted in the Investiture Assembly on October 9th, 2012 were as follows:

Year 11 Prefects

Mark Wilson, Paris Konstantopoulos, William O'Donohue, Ben Cant, William Van Egmond Jones, Max Andersen, Matthew DiBernado, George Blackwood, Liam Szabo, Aaron Fulwood, Daniel Griffin, Liam Covey, Harry Gibbons, Christopher Bissett, Edward Hollis, Oliver Parry.

George Blackwood was voted by his peers to the position of School Sports Captain and **William Van Egmond-Jones** was elected Sports Vice – Captain for 2013.

Year 12 Prefects

Nick Bepper, Timothy Buwalda, Austin Carey, Samuel Dennis, Matthew Douglas, Nicholas Gibson, Mitchell Koellner, Stanley Luk, , Eden Percival, Nicholas Raymond, Brett Riley, James Thompson, Thomas Tuynman, Jake Osypenko.

A special welcome to Jake, who has been elected to the year 12 prefect body this year. **Max Holland** and **Ben Gunther** have stepped down from their positions to concentrate on their studies – we thank them for their efforts in year 11.

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

SCHOOL CAPTAIN – **Brett Riley**
SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN – **Timothy Buwalda**
SENIOR PREFECT – **Austin Carey**



All of the above boys are to be congratulated on their appointment. Already both year groups have been involved in carrying out their prefect duties and setting positive role models for their peers.

Leadership has a proud, positive history at Asquith Boys and I am sure that these boys will strive to carry on with this tradition. Some important events coming up for prefects include:

1 November - Year 5 High School School Experience Day (Year 11 prefects to act as guides)

11 November - Remembrance Day Commemorations Hornsby

19 & 20 November - Leadership Camp for all prefects and SRC – Crusaders @ Galston Gorge

Mr C.Laing – Prefect Support Teacher

STUDENT LEADERS INVESTITURE 9 OCTOBER 2012



After the formalities of being inducted into their leadership roles at the assembly, the boys were congratulated by their proud families. Congratulations boys!



MACBETH RAP

Macbeth was a thief, he stole the lives of others.
He bought tears to the eyes of all the mothers and brothers and everything that Scotland covers.
His deep desires made him murder...Especially MacDuff's wife he didn't want to hurt her.
But his ambition made him do stupid things and now he's dead and has a pair of wings.
But his wings didn't do much 'cause he went straight to hell.

'Cause the things he did it wasn't hard to tell that,
AMBITION, it took over his mind,
AMBITION, it made him blind,
AMBITION, it makes people do stupid things and when it takes over,
people end up killing Kings.

Sam Hughes, 8E



HORTICULTURE

The horticulture class has been busy in the second semester with their winter gardens and seed raising. The winter crop came late and then was spoilt by a hot early spring. However we had a few surprises: the cauliflowers were excellent, and the lettuce and strawberries continued to flourish right through the winter. We have recently planted seedlings of squash and zucchini.



The boys successfully grew herbs from seeds. They sowed the seeds in germinating trays filled with special mix, covered the trays with plastic and cared for them over the winter. Recently they have been planting the seedlings into mini herb gardens constructed entirely from recycled containers. They were urged to be as creative as possible for this project which is to be completed with a research assignment on the history and use of their herbs.

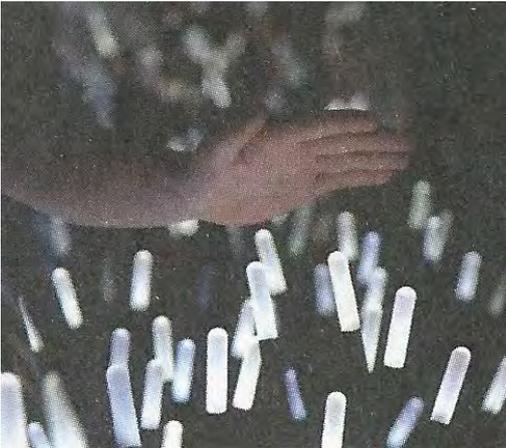


A small pond with surrounding landscape is being slowly constructed. The boys are hoping to put some water plants and tadpoles in by the end of the year.

Mrs J Rui, Science Teacher



18th Biennale of Sydney



On Friday the 7th of September all of Year 7 at ABHS attended an excursion to Cockatoo Island, which was part of the 18th Biennale of Sydney, as such a large variety of unique artworks were displayed on the island, as well as other parts of the Sydney CBD. All the students had to be at school at 8:15 AM, as the buses were set to leave at 8:40. The bus trip was approximately 50 minutes long, during that time everyone could just sit back and relax listening to music or something of the like. Once the buses arrived

at Circular Quay, there was some confusion about the ferry times due to the company that runs the system had recently changed. As such half of the group left for Cockatoo Island about half an hour before the rest.

Upon arriving to the island after a quick roll call the group headed into the Dog-Leg Tunnel, where “Dune” was displayed. This was a huge set of lights arranged to resemble bushes, which lit up when motion was detected above it. After coming out the other end the group sat around where “Oysters and Tea Cups” was displayed. We then discussed about the artwork and how it relates to its location, namely how one of the aborigine’s main sources of food was oysters and tea cups were popular among the English immigrants.



We then went into the Industrial Precinct, where the first thing we noticed was that there were recorded sounds being played, making the feeling of the scene feel dark. This was where most of the displays of artworks were. The most interesting of them was “Hylozoic Series”. This one interacted with the audience, where there were either wires or motion sensors which when touched or had a hand waved in front of them, respectively, these white leaf-shaped structures would move or light up in some way. Upon leaving the building, everyone was showered by what was apparently also an artwork: “Could Parking in Linz”.

Overall, it was a pretty fun day and I would recommend it next time to anyone for when it’s held again in 2014.

By Brendan McSweeney (Year7)

WAHROONGA PARK VA EXCURSION

In the closing days of term 3 Ms Cooke's, Ms Holder's and Miss Ryan's Elective Art gentlemen accompanied we three ladies on a morning of drawing, photography and film in the sun at Wahroonga Park in the rotunda.

Years 9 and 10 were consolidating a unit 'Not The Way Home' depicting the landscape; Year 11 (now Year 12) were beginning a unit 'Human Trace In The Landscape'.

We first 'took ownership' of the rotunda, wrapping paper all around it then sitting inside it drawing the many layered images that we could see before us. We moved from drawing to drawing, all adding to each other's work with pen and ink, pencil, marker, charcoal sticks and charcoal rubs. We continued then to film and photograph our local natural landscape and the interaction of us and others in it.

These are the beautiful photographs of our fun and engaging morning that brought exceptional results.

Thank you gentlemen.

Miss L Ryan, Visual Arts Teacher



Cockatoo Island Excursion (Biennale)

The 18th biennale of Sydney that year 7 saw was on from the 27th June-16th September. A Biennale is an exhibition of contemporary art that is held every two years. Any artist from all over the world can "donate" their art to the Biennale. The topic of this year's biennale was "All Our Relations". This topic could be about friends, family even other countries or however the artist interpreted it.

The art in the biennale was experienced in a different way to most other art. You could interact with the art and the art would interact with you. The art was also in a weird location for art: a shipyard. Some of the art had a relation to the site. A good example of this was the artwork by Jon Plypchuc called "spend the rest of your life mining this death and it will only bring you despair" This artwork had an industrialised but sad tone to it. I think it relates to Cockatoo Island because Cockatoo island was a shipyard that was polluted with poisonous gasses which made it inhabitable. The artwork that you could interact with that I liked the best was Philip Beesley's "Hylozoic Series". It was made of glass with thin gauge electrical wire trailing down from it. When you ran your hand on these wires the glass lights up, vibrates and if you pay attention releases a faint scent into the air. Some of the glass you only had to put your hand near it for it to light up.

The artwork that I think gave the most away about the maker was made by Jonathon Jones and was untitled but was made of oysters and teacups. This artwork said that the artist was either aboriginal or British trying to emphasise the relation between them and the other one because the oysters were used by the Aborigines for the same reason the British used the teacups.

The artwork that gave me the most feeling was domesticated turf by Cal Lane The red sand gives me a feeling of being in the outback, stranded and alone.

The artwork that I think broke the "rules" of art was the fog/mist by Fujiko Nakaya that we saw at the end of our trip in the gap between Cockatoo Island's Turbine Hall and the cliff face of the upper island. This piece of art broke the rules because you can't keep it, you can't frame it you can/can't touch it and all you can do to "tame" it is to take a photo of it.

by Andrew Morrison (Year 7)



BREAKFAST CLUB @ASQUITH BOYS

Breakfast has always been nice in the morning but few have time to eat it. That's why Breakfast Club is good; welcoming all who enter with a friendly "Hi, Hello", or ask how your day was yesterday.

The teachers make the common room a nice, warm and friendly environment to be in.

So come on down in the morning and have some nice company and a good breakfast.

*Joshua Szeto, Year 9
Regular Breakfast Consumer*



ABHS raises OVER \$700 For Canteen on Bandana Day - 26 October 2012

Seven students in Year 8 & 9, who are going overseas with the school to New Zealand next year, raised over \$700 in two and a half hours at Hornsby Railway Station selling Bandanas for Kids with Cancer. It was a great effort and the final figure was more than the last two years. The boys worked hard and were great ambassadors for the school.

They were Daniel Griffin, Chris O'Rourke, David Cooke, Zachary Duretto, Brandon Lukich -Yang, Benjamin Gibson and Jordan Gladen.

Well done boys!

West Ryde Public School 

Handmade Christmas Craft Market



The Handmade Christmas Craft Market is a boutique market for all things handmade, handcrafted and homegrown, held at West Ryde Public School on Saturday 10th November 10AM - 3PM.

Come and shop at our Christmas market and buy someone you love something handmade this Christmas. It will be a fun day for the whole family.

30 plus stalls with
Gorgeous handmade originals and delicious treats

- Petting Zoo
- Jumping Castle
- Face painting
- Kids can have their photo with Santa
- Coffee, cupcakes and eatery area
- Live entertainment
- Sausage Sizzle

and more!

WHEN: Saturday 10th November 10AM - 3PM
WHERE: West Ryde Public School - Endeavour Street, West Ryde.
Stall Holders wanted for jewellery, craft, clothing, children's wear and toys, food and more

Please contact: westryde-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or 9874 2515

Berowra Public School FAIR 

Saturday
24th November 2012
9am - 3pm

ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE

- Dodgem Cars
- Ferris Wheel
- Super Slide
- Climbing Wall
- Petting Zoo
- Pancakes
- Sausage Sizzle
- Chocolate Wheel
- Market Stalls
- Show Bags
- Plant Stall
- 2nd Hand Books
- Monster Trash and Treasure
- Christmas Puddings
- Cakes Galore
- Heaps of Entertainment

Rides from 9am - 3pm
Armbands valid from 11am

Ride Tickets ON SALE
IGA 11th Nov 10am-2pm
Coles 18th Nov 10am-2pm

Come along for a fantastic day full of fun!

For more information please contact
Graeme Gates Phone 0418 485 322
www.berowra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



Location: In the school grounds, corner of Berowra Waters Road and Hillcrest Road



THE WORD FROM ENGLISH

This is the time of the year when **Year 12** students put to use the good techniques of strategising for success, time management and stress managements. Yes, this it is the exam time for many.

Students from our school are amongst the 70,000 students across NSW sitting for their Mathematics HSC exams. Of course, this is a unique period of the student's school life, students from our school tell us that they are a little anxious but well prepared. All staff members at Asquith Boys High School wish them success in their exams.

Year 10 students are also following their Year 12 buddies. They are gearing up for their exams and assessments based on different Course Performance Descriptors for their Record of School Achievement (RoSA). The Board of Studies course performance descriptors provide a complete overview of student's performance in their subjects.

This is not all; yearly exams are fast approaching for all other years. It is important that students prepare for these if they wish to perform at their best in these exams as they determine the students' grading level for the next year classes.

Finally, this is a challenging period of the year not just for parents, but for school staff as well – providing emotional and intellectual support to students, organising and marking exams and preparing students' reports.

I am sure all students are working with a diligent and sustained effort to achieve their personal best in their exams and looking forward to have lots of fun in the coming Christmas / New Year holiday period.

And remember students –

**“Success is the sum of small efforts,
repeated day in and day out.”**

Maths Puzzle:

Which number when divided by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 gives a remainder of 1 but seven goes into it exactly?

*Mrs B Sharma
Maths Teacher*

Term 4 is both a busy and exciting time for all our boys, especially **Year 11, who have now become Year 12**. It is imperative that all Year 11 students take their academic performance seriously from the very start of the HSC course. It is all too often a temptation to postpone study and diligence in the misguided belief that the HSC is still a long way away. This is not the case! All assessment tasks count toward the school assessment mark. In Term 4 alone, the Advanced and Standard English Assessment Tasks are worth 20% of the final course mark. We really encourage the establishment of regular study habits and targeted, subject specific revision. Success in the HSC results from consistent hard work – it's a marathon not a 100 metre sprint. Year 11 are strongly urged to seek advice and assistance from their class teacher if they are experiencing any difficulties with the Senior English courses – we are here to help!

Congratulations to High Achievers in recent English Assessment Tasks:

YEAR 7

Nick Withford
Ben Bigham
Garrett Fitzgerald
Jesse Smart
Oliver Langley

YEAR 8

Zac Duretto
Griffin Sleigh
Joel Winch
Cameron Hanna
Bryn Lom
Samuel Harrison

YEAR 9

Aiden Heap
Jack Smith
Thomas Smith
YEAR 10
Oscar Duretto
Harry Gibbons
Daniel Griffin
Jonathon Walker
Josh Wiercinski

YEAR 11

Extension English:

Austin Carey
Tom Tuynman

Advanced English:

Austin Carey
Tom Tuynman

Mikelis Knochs
Alex Thomas

Standard English:

Sam Penno
Brandon Liquete

English Studies:

Luke Chant
Luke Shepley

*Mrs J. Schadel
Head Teacher English*

SPORT



1st Grade Cricket

First Grade Cricket had a good win in the Davidson Shield against a good Gosford High School side on a very cool and windy day in Gosford.

After a good start from our opening bowlers we fell away a little in the field and Gosford posted a respectable total of 169 off 40 overs in very blustery conditions.

In reply we reached the total after 34 overs. There were some hiccups along the way in the run chase but George played steadily and Edward and then Zane Smith scored freely to get us home.

Other highlights were some good keeping from Aaron and a great catch from his brother Jonno. There are areas to improve upon but a win is a win!

Mr M Blackwood

Under 14's Basketball



Well done to the under 14's Basketball team who had an amazing win on 31st October against Hombush with only 5 players (due to injury and sickness).

Your hard work paid off with a score of 24 to 35!

Ms R Woolley

UNIVERSITY SHIELD KNOCK OUT GALA DAY

On Tuesday 22nd of June the Open boys Rugby League team competed against schools from the Manly and North Sydney region in the University Shield Gala day at Belrose.

We were in the pool of death as we had to play Cromer, Freshwater and Balgowlah Boys. Only the top two teams went through to the semi-finals.

First up we played Cromer. We had literally just got out of the car and ran on the field. It was a tough but good game and we learnt that to win matches we needed to hold onto the ball. We went down 10 – 6.

Second game was against Freshwater. They only had 11 players due to injuries sustained from their first game. So we played 11 on 11. It was a good game where we played very well, especially Matt Smith and Mitch Van Nort who were outstanding. We won this game 34 – 0 after Oliver Campbell missed the goal from right on front.

The third game was a must win game against Bally Boys. It was a dream game for us with the referee being very supportive. We won quite convincingly 17 – 6. This meant we came second in our pool and made the semis where we were to meet Davidson.

After game 3 when we had the ref from heaven, karma found us and the ref for the semis evened things up. Unfortunately we lost to Davidson who we, must admit, were the better team for most of the game.

It was a good day with perfect weather and the boys can hold their heads high as we all played with respect and integrity.

Thank you.

Mr C Lappas, coach



ABHS SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Donations of secondhand ABHS uniforms would be greatly appreciated by the school.

If your son has outgrown his uniform or is moving from junior school to senior uniform, please consider donating it to the second hand uniform shop as there is always a need for good quality uniforms.

Donations can be left at the school office, preferably prior to the Year 7 Orientation Day on 5th December 2012.

SICK OR INJURED STUDENTS

Students and parents are reminded that sick or injured students

MUST NOT PHONE HOME from a mobile phone.



Sick or injured students MUST 1st REPORT TO RECEPTION and office staff will assess the student and will contact the parent if/when needed.

CONTACT DETAILS



Have you changed jobs, moved house or changed phone numbers (including work and mobile) or have a new email address?

Please make sure your details are up to date so we can contact you when your child needs you.

Changes must be advised in writing. Change of Details forms are available from reception.

CANTEEN NEWS - NOVEMBER 2012

Price Rises

As some of our suppliers have increased the price of many items, we have had to increase the prices of several items on our menu. An updated Canteen Price List is included in this issue of Backchat.



Lunch Orders

Lunch orders can be placed at Canteen before school. Ordering can ensure that your favourite food is available at lunch and you can also avoid queues at lunch.

Bookpacks for Year 7 and Year 8

Canteen sells Bookpacks for the above listed years.

The cost of the Year 7 bookpack for 2013 is \$ 125 and the cost of the Year 8 book pack is \$ 28.

These will be available for sale in December.

Maryanne Miller
Canteen Manager

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU 2012

ROLLS & LAVASH

(available daily)

Chicken/lett/Mayo.....	\$3.00
Lavash ½:	
Beef & Salad.....	\$2.00
Chicken & Salad.....	\$2.00

ROLLS & LAVASH

(available by order)

Buttered.....	\$0.60
Cheese.....	\$2.00
Chicken.....	\$3.00
Chicken & Salad.....	\$4.00
Egg & Lettuce.....	\$2.00
Ham.....	\$3.00
Ham & Salad.....	\$4.00
Peanut Butter.....	\$1.50
Salad.....	\$3.20
Shredded Beef.....	\$3.00
Vegemite.....	\$1.50

Lavash:

Chicken/Lett/Carrot/Cheese/Mayo..	\$4.00
Beef/Lett/Carrot/Cheese/Mayo.....	\$4.00

SALADS

(available by order)

Plate/Tub.....	\$4.00
With Meat.....	\$4.50

SUSHI

(Tuesday & Thursday)

Tuna/Beef/Chicken.....	\$2.80
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FRUIT

Seasonal Fruit available daily.....Price varies

YOGHURT.....\$2.00

CAKES & SNACKS

Cheese & Bacon Rolls.....	\$1.20
Pikelets.....	\$0.70
Banana Bread.....	\$2.20
Muffins (Low Fat-when available).....	\$1.80
Fun Buns (“).....	\$1.80
Chips.....	\$1.00

HOT FOOD (available daily)

Beef Roll - with Tom/Cheese/Tom Sauce...	\$3.80
Chicken Burger - with Lett/Mayo.....	\$3.40
Chicken & Corn Roll.....	\$1.50
Chicken Chips.....	\$1.50
Chicken Wraps:	
Chilli Chicken Tenders/Lett/ Carrot/Cheese/Mayo... ..	\$4.20
Egg & Bacon Roll.....	\$3.70
Garlic Bread.....	\$1.00
Hot Dogs.....	\$2.30
Lamb Roll:	
With Tom/Cheese/BBQ Sauce.....	\$4.00
Meatball Roll:	
With Tom/Cheese/Tom Sauce.....	\$3.70
Meat Pie.....	\$3.00
Pizza Pie.....	\$3.00
Potato Pie.....	\$3.00
Potato Wedges.....	\$1.50
Pizza.....	\$2.80
Pizza Rounda.....	\$2.40
Noodles.....	\$2.20
Sausage Roll.....	\$2.00
Sweet Chilli Tenders(2).....	\$2.40

HOT FOOD (available by order)

Beef Spring Roll.....	\$1.60
Chicken Burger:	
On Buttered Roll.....	\$2.40
With Lett/Mayo/Pineapple.....	\$3.60
With Salad.....	\$4.00
Corn Cobettes.....	\$0.70
Dim Sims (3).....	\$1.80
Vegetable Burgers.....	\$3.40

HOT MEALS (One available daily)

Butter Chicken & Rice.....	\$3.40
Ravioli.....	\$2.20
Spaghetti Bolognese.....	\$2.20
Vegetarian Hokkien Noodles.....	\$2.20

DRINKS

Milk:	Plain 600ml.....	\$2.10
Flavoured:	300ml.....	\$2.30
	600ml.....	\$3.40
Juice:	375ml.....	\$2.20
	500ml.....	\$2.60
Up & Go.....		\$2.20
Fruit Box Poppers.....		\$1.30
Quencher Flavoured Spring Water.....		\$3.20
Water 600ml.....		\$2.00
Pump Flavoured Water.....		\$2.60
Cans.....		\$2.00
Bottles of Diet Drink.....		\$3.30
Hot Chocolate:		
Before School/Winter Only).....		\$1.50

P&C Association

Parents and Citizens working together for our School

Hello ABHS community,

Your P&C met for October on Tuesday 23rd, with another good attendance.

Our **annual ABHS Community Day** was held on Sunday 9th September and proved to be another great success. The atmosphere on the day was fantastic, with the key areas of interest being the Soccer games especially the annual Teachers versus Students match, the great bands, musical acts and solos artists, and the "food alley" with a wide range and variety of cuisines. The stall holder involvement also played an important part on the day.

Thanks you to all those many Teachers, Students, Staff and Community members who gave their time and efforts on the day.

A special thanks to the organising committee led by Dr Kim Pinnock, whose planning & organisation made the day the great success it was. The ABHS Community day is now firmly entrenched in the school's calendar and is strengthening ABHS standing in our local community.

Well done to all!!

Six years of secondary schooling has come to an end for this year's **Year 12**. The P&C, as do all members of the ABHS community, wish our boys well with their HSC exams, and all the best in their future endeavours. Year 12, you have been great ambassadors for our school, well done!!!

Our **ABHS School Leaders** have been selected for 2013, congratulations to:

- School Captain - Brett Riley
- Vice-Captain - Timothy Buwalda
- Senior Prefect - Austin Carey

I am sure these young men, along with the support of the wider prefect group, will lead our school well over 2013. Congratulations on your appointments.

Your **P&C meeting cycle for 2013** is being established and will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except those that fall in the school holidays.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 27th November 2012 and it would be great to see you all there.

Thanks,

John Koellner

P&C President

President:	John Koellner
Vice Presidents:	Jacqui Taylor Fiona Wilson
Secretary:	Kim Pinnock
Treasurer:	Jenny Williams
Ground Maintenance:	Michelle Roscarel
School Council Reps:	Kim Pinnock, Kerry Limbert, Linda Stanford, Jenny Williams

The next P&C meeting
8:00pm
Tuesday 27 November
in the Library.
All welcome.

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 4 2012

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 4B	October 29	October 30	October 31	November 1 HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY	November 2 Backchat Issued	Nov 3 4
Week 5A	November 5	November 6	November 7	November 8	November 9	Nov 10 11
	Year 7 Learn to Swim Program					
Week 6B	November 12 Year 7 Hep B (Dose 2) Vaccinations	November 13 Yr 8 ESSA tests	November 14	November 15 Year 12 Formal (Mandlay Hotel)	November 16	Nov 17 18
Week 7A	November 19 Leadership Camp	November 20 Leadership Camp	November 21	November 22	November 23	Nov 24 25
Week 8B	November 26	November 27 Formal Assembly School Council P&C Meeting	November 28	November 29 Yr 10 Exams	November 30 Yr 10 Exams	Dec 1 2
Week 9A	December 3 Yr 10 Exams	December 4 Yr 10 Exams	December 5 Yr 10 Exams	December 6	December 7	Dec 8 9
	Year 12 VET Placements – all week					
			Yr7 2013 Orientation Day			
Week 10B	December 10	December 11 School Council Finance Meeting	December 12 Beach Day Gala Soccer Day	December 13 Yr 10 Jambaroo Day with AGHS	December 14 Yr 7&8 to Jambaroo Backchat Issued	Dec 15 16
Week 11A	 December 17 PRESENTATION NIGHT	December 18	December 19 End of Term 4 Years 7, 8, 9, 11	December 20 Staff Development Day	December 21 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. Updated 2/11/2012

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go to our website: www.sydnevnewcomers.com.au

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We are also on Facebook



What does Newcomers offer?

Coffee mornings, lunches, nights out, family get-togethers, book club, children's activities, cinema outings, day trips, a babysitting co-op, a newsletter and lots more!!





Image 1: T. T. Lord's miniature replica ship in a bottle, circa 1827. Image 2: Kathryn Fox's book cover for 'Cold Grave'. Image 3: Kathryn Fox. Image 4: A historical painting of a ship at sea.

Ships ahoy! Join us for an open day that delves into the history of ship building, the science of steam and life and death on the high seas! Our program includes informative behind-the-scenes tours to view a selection of rare ship models, a demonstration showing the intricacies of model ship making and talks on the SS *Orsova* and the Triple Expansion Steam Engine. We are excited to be hosting a fascinating lecture on the sinking of the RMS *Titanic* by UNSW Senior Lecturer, Sarah Gregson, and international best-selling author, Kathryn Fox, gives an insight into researching disappearances on cruise liners for her latest crime fiction novel, *Cold Grave*. Our younger visitors will enjoy learning about nautical knots and getting crafty with our popular marine-themed make-and-do activities.

OPEN DAY PROGRAM ~ 10.00am—4.00pm

Unless otherwise specified, all programs are free with general admission.

LECTURES

Cruise Holidays Can Be Murder, presented by Kathryn Fox | 12.00pm (Duration: 45 minutes)
Join internationally acclaimed, award-winning and best-selling forensic crime author, Kathryn Fox, as she shares her meticulous research into the cruise ship industry for her latest novel, *Cold Grave*. Twenty-million people will embark on a cruise this year, but how much does the public know about the largest growing sector in tourism worldwide? How is it that nearly four hundred people have gone missing from cruise ships in the last fifteen years and why is a woman twice as likely to be assaulted on a cruise ship as on land? Kathryn will discuss how her writing led to disturbing truths about the murky side of cruising, international waters and crime. Following the lecture, Kathryn will sign copies of her latest crime novel, *Cold Grave*, available for sale (RRP \$27.95) with a selection of her other novels.

The Unsinkable? The Titanic in history and memory, presented by Sarah Gregson | 1.30pm (Duration: 45 minutes)
Join University of New South Wales Senior Lecturer in Industrial Relations, Sarah Gregson, as she discusses her personal connection to the Titanic story and how it led her to research the aftermath of the ship's fateful maiden voyage. Sarah's great-grandfather was a stoker, who, like so many other crew members, did not survive the sinking. Sarah has published research on both the Titanic Relief Fund and on Titanic memorials in Australia.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR

\$16 adult / \$10 concession, members (includes general admission). Spaces are strictly limited to a maximum of 12 participants per tour, pre-booking is essential. Limited to visitors aged 12+ years. Conditions apply.

Model Ships in the Collection | 11.00am, 12.30pm or 2.30pm (Duration: 60 minutes)
Model making is a very meticulous process, sometimes taking years to complete one single scale model. Come behind-the-scenes to view highlights of the Powerhouse Museum's extensive, world-class collection of ship models stored at Castle Hill. Highlights of the tour include the *Henni Grace a-Dieu*, the *Kalang*, the SS *Turbinia*, the HMS *King George V*, the HMS *Sirius*, the PSS *Great Eastern*, the HM Bark *Endeavour*, and the *Loch Vennachar*, a miniature ship in a bottle. Participants will also have the opportunity to take a sneak peek at the restoration work currently being undertaken on the steel hulled yacht, *Ice Bird*, and learn about the exciting story of adventurer and Australian explorer, Dr David Lewis, who purchased *Ice Bird* in 1972 for his heroic voyage to Antarctica.

WRITING WORKSHOP

The Essentials of Writing Fiction, presented by author, Kathryn Fox | 2.00pm—5.00pm
Join internationally acclaimed author of *Cold Grave*, *Malignant Intent*, and *Death Mask*, Kathryn Fox, for a workshop on the essentials of writing fiction. Learn how to plan, plot, create memorable characters and attract the attention of agents and publishers. This workshop is suitable for absolute beginners, experienced writers, English teachers and students. Suitable for ages 16+. \$40/\$35 Powerhouse members. Bookings essential as numbers for the workshop are limited to 20. Pre-payment by credit card is required at time of booking (credit card surcharges apply).



Back by popular demand!
The Sydney City Youth Ballet's presentation of **NUTCRACKER** will return to Glen Street Theatre, Frenchs Forest, from Tuesday 27 November to Sunday 2nd December 2012.

With matinee and evening performances, and SPECIAL SCHOOL PRICES this favourite, full-length Christmas Ballet returns to entertain audiences of all ages.

With two acts of 45 minutes each, **NUTCRACKER** tells the story of the beautiful Clara who is given a Nutcracker doll by her Uncle for Christmas. When she falls asleep on Christmas Eve she dreams her Nutcracker who has to fight the Evil Rat King and his army of mice, before transforming into a handsome prince and whisking her away to the land of the beautiful sweets.

On the magical journey Clara encounters dancing snowflakes, chefs, cheeky clowns, Russian acrobats and the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy, before waking up on Christmas morning wondering if it was all a dream.

Current Principal Artist of The Australian Ballet **Lucinda Dunn** says: "Whether this is an introduction to the ballet or part of your annual Christmas Celebrations, **The Nutcracker** is a truly wonderful, traditional and colourful ballet - the perfect fairytale! I have been lucky enough to dance in many productions of the Nutcracker for nearly 20 years, and Sydney is lucky to have the Sydney City Youth Ballet's production."

With Special Guest Performances by members of The Australian Ballet & the Tanz Akademie Mannheim, come and be enchanted by this magical Christmas Tale.



Hajama Hill & Christopher Rodgers Wilson of The Australian Ballet. Guesting as the Sugar Plum Fairy and prince in the SCYB 2012 season.

The special discounted prices for schools:
\$ 18.00 per student for bookings up to 100 students
\$ 16.00 per student for bookings 100 plus students
* One teacher free for every 20 students

Performance Times are:

Tuesday 27th November	10.00am & 12.30pm
Wednesday 28th November	10.00am & 12.30pm
Thursday 29th November	10.00am

With cheeky clowns, dancing chefs, Russian acrobats and beautiful snowflake fairies The Sydney City Youth Ballet's **NUTCRACKER** is wonderful entertainment for everyone!

For **SCHOOL GROUP BOOKINGS** please contact Glen St Theatre on 9975 1455 or for any further information contact Nicole Sharp, General Manager - Sydney City Youth Ballet on 9439 4424.

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Community Training Workshop

This workshop will provide an introduction into how Facebook is used for crime prevention – a new communication link between the community and the Police. Sponsored by the Kuring gai Police and Community Safety Committee.



Thursday 8 November 2012, 2pm to 4pm
NSI Hornsby College Library Conference Room,
1st Floor 205, Pacific Highway, Hornsby

Open to anyone in the community, especially those involved with Neighbourhood Watch, or those who would like to learn more about eyewatch for use in their own community organisations.

5 reasons to follow NSW Police on Facebook and attend the training workshop:

1. Find out about crimes in your area
2. Get emergency alerts and warnings
3. Help police solve and prevent crime
4. Ask police for advice or assistance
5. Attend eyewatch meetings



Bookings essential by Tuesday 6 November
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~ Emma, semester program to France



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