



BACKCHAT

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COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Sunday 11th September 2016

With the Community Fun Day in its fifth year, the school staff, students and P&C worked hard to make the day another memorable one. We wish to thank our sponsors, Vaughan and Monaghan Insurance & Financial Services Hornsby and LJ Hooker Hornsby.

On the top oval, after you entered through the colourful Bali flags and bunting decorating the fence, we had a new activity for the boys to enjoy – Bubble Soccer. There was lots of fun and laughter as everyone tried to kick the ball around the enclosed field. The ABHS Barista Boys had their first stall this year and delighted us with their skills in making and serving coffee. On the old basketball court we held our Concourse of Cars display. This is always a winner - who does not want to have a look at some great cars, new and old.



The stalls filled the quadrangle, including the schools' 2nd hand bookstall and Legacy stall. Whilst listening to music by Hornsby Heights, Hornsby North and Waitara Primary School Bands and vocalist Peter Thomsett, you could buy some honey, jewellery, cupcakes, leather bags, fairy floss, Tupperware, Nutrimecics, Partylite Candles and lollies. In the hall we had the Visual Arts display, showing works from the talented ABHS boys.

Once you walked down the stairs towards the oval we had the ABHS Old Boys Stall, Year 8 Horticulture Stall (including their thirst quenching homemade lemonade), School Cake Stall, Coffee Van and the Apex BBQ.

Heading further down to the oval was the Stage where we had more musical items from Andrew Morrison, Ana Vaka, Asquith Girls Concert band, Amped Up, Amy Soloman and Joe Manton, Adventist Choir, RUSSELPRO and our very own ABHS Stage Band. Kids could jump on the jumping castle and also have their faces painted.

The oval was filled with football games all day, starting with the annual Primary School Gala event including teams from Wideview, Hornsby North and Waitara and the ABHS Year 7 team.

The famous Blackwood Shield and Moscos Cup were played in the afternoon.

It was great to see so many volunteers helping before, during and after Community Day. Thank you to all the ABHS staff who helped make the day a success. We also had over 100 ABHS boys volunteering on the day in some way.

Thank you to all the hardworking ABHS P&C staff for making this day possible. We all worked well as a team for a common purpose, to make sure everyone who came along enjoyed their day.

Dianne Stoddart
ABHS P&C Publicity Officer



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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 2013. 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 significant 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.

HSC/Year 12

This year's Higher School Certificate exams are now finished and we are very hopeful of some excellent results. The Year 12 formal was a wonderful event with the boys (and their partners) looking fabulous and all enjoying a fun night. They have been a very impressive group of young men and I wish them the very best in their future endeavours. I would also like to thank their Year Adviser, Letticia Foster, for her outstanding job in bringing this cohort through high school.

School Improvements

The total school external painting is now complete and the 56 year old buildings are now looking as good as new. More internal painting will be happening soon, as well as a complete upgrade to two Science labs. You will remember that our quad had a complete facelift only 20 months ago. We are also very hopeful that the first part of the P&C 'Pathways Entrance' project will be completed by the end of the year. The outer grounds are also looking magnificent due to the P&C Grounds Committee and your contributions.

Car Park Safety

I ask all parents to observe the signage for car parks "STAFF USE ONLY". No parents are to drive into the car parks unless for a pre-arranged extraordinary circumstance. This is ensure safety at all times for the transit of staff and students.

Term 4

I would like all students and parents to note that **school finishes for all students on Friday December 16th**. 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 12th**.

Terry Griffiths, Principal

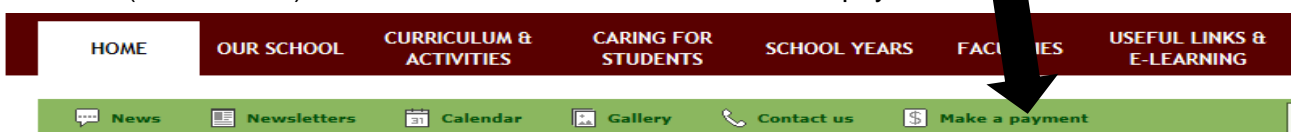
MESSAGE FROM ADMIN

Payments to school

With the introduction of the Education Department's new Financial system in 2017, we will no longer be able to accept direct deposits into the school's bank account. We encourage all parents to make use of the Parent Online Payment (POP) facility found on the school's website - www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. This facility automatically gives you a receipt and receipt number for easy reference.

Accepted payment methods from 1st December 2016 are:

- POP (Credit cards) – Accessed via ABHS Website - Make a payment



- Cheque, Cash
- Eftpos

We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during the transition.

Karen Ronald, School Administration Manager

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The school is now entering the final assessment phase of the year. Year 10 examinations will commence on Monday 21 November. All Year 10 students were supplied with a copy of the timetable. Students in other years should take careful note of messages from staff regarding arrangements for end of year assessments.

Students are reminded to take extreme care when crossing main roads and at railway stations. I would ask parents and caregivers to reinforce this message in order to prevent serious injury. It must also be made clear that whilst ever a student is in the community and can be associated with the school, they are our representatives and must act in a manner that is in line with the school's values and supports our good standing. I'm pleased to report that the vast majority of students achieve this, every day. For those who may choose not to on occasion, they must expect school based consequences to follow.

I would like to remind all families that students are not permitted to sign out before or during sport on Wednesdays unless there is a pressing prior medical appointment that cannot be rescheduled or other serious issue. Please contact me directly in these cases.

Andrew Skehan
Deputy Principal

Year 8 Football Tour Students - Bandanna Day

On October 28, 5 students who are in Year 8 and going on football tour to New Zealand next year, helped to raise **\$536.70** by selling Bandannas at Hornsby Station from 7am till 9am. We have sold these for some years now but the boys did really well selling all the Bandannas we were given.

The Students involved were Corey Miller, Sam Parry, Luke Read, Luke Bourke and Rowan Fisher.

Mr Blackwood, Football Tour Co-ordinator

CANTEEN NEWS - NOV 2016

Canteen Volunteers

Thank you to those who have volunteered your time to assist in Canteen this year.

We still need more volunteers and are desperately short staffed on the following days:

Tuesdays – 3rd and 4th of the month

Thursdays – 2nd and 3rd of the month

Not having helpers on those days means that the boys have to queue for longer periods to be served and preparation of our full menu becomes more difficult. Please ring us on 9477 3508.

Canteen hours, generally, are 9.30am- 2.30p.m.

Tuesday is an early day, finishing at about 1.30pm Wednesday finishing time is about 1pm.

Maryanne Miller, Canteen Manager

2nd Hand Blazers

Blazers are compulsory for the winter terms (term 2&3) for **ALL** Senior students. Please see the list below of outgoing Year 12 blazers for sale (both Senior and Prefect Blazers). Contact the person directly if you are interested.

Some parents have chosen to donate the senior blazer to the school. They are available for you to purchase from the clothing pool in the Print room. These range from \$30 - \$70, depending on condition and if they have been dry cleaned.

Maroon Senior Blazers

Name	Size	Price	Contact Details	other information
Jillian Vanderlaan	16	\$100	0414 667 819 jillian.vanderlaan@gmail.com	Near perfect condition & Dry cleaned

STAGE BAND CLARKE ROAD VISIT

Last Friday, the Asquith Boys High School Stage Band visited Clarke Road Special School, a local school that caters for students with disabilities from Kindergarten to Year 12. We were welcomed to the school by one of their Deputy Principals, who showed us around the school.

The boys participated in the school's Remembrance Day ceremony, then everyone went into the school hall. After playing a few tunes, the students were introduced to the different instruments. Luke played a funky bass solo. Callum, Keegan, Jack, Stephen and Logan showed off their skills on their respective instruments.

After another song and one student encouraging us with an enthusiastic 'rock on!', the students played along with us on their rice shakers, giving us the beat to our final tune, *Accidentally in Love*. Overall, we got a fantastic response and all the students there thoroughly enjoyed the fantastic music that our band played.

The visit was organised by Keegan Morris, our band's drummer, as part of his project for the Raise Foundation program. Many of the students at Clarke Road are unable to participate in events outside the school so this was a great way to give all the kids at Clarke Road a chance to participate in a musical performance. This was the first activity involving Asquith Boys going to the Clarke Road School, and we plan to see our students going there more often to participate in activities such as Sport, Art and Music. Hopefully this will be the start of a greater connection between our schools.

BEROWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE

After such an enjoyable experience at Clarke Road the Stage Band backed up on Saturday morning to entertain the Berowra community at the Berowra Public School Fete. The band played several pieces from their new repertoire under the direction of Joe Manton.

Congratulations to band members on a busy week of performing.



Andrew Morrison, Band Captain

STATE CHOIR OPERA HOUSE PERFORMANCES

Congratulations to Callum Roscarel of Year 9 on his performances with the NSW State Choir at the Opera House last week. The choir was made up of school students from all over NSW. The students came together to prepare for the State Choral Festival only the weekend before their performances on Monday 31st October and Tuesday 1st November.

The choir received many congratulations on the high quality of their performances. Well done, Callum!

Natasha Jackson, Band Liaison Teacher



NSW State Choir

BANDFEST 2016

Asquith Boys performed at Bandfest this year. The NSW Department of Education, with support from Lake Macquarie City Council, staged Bandfest 2016. The competition celebrates the performance development of primary and high school bands and is for the enjoyment and enrichment of all school ages.

Bandfest provided opportunity for school bands to display their progress over the year, observe other bands, and receive constructive and positive feedback from recognised musical experts. Our boys received a commendation in the Stage Band category and the adjudicators were extremely impressed with the maturity and polished performance by a very young band. Well done all!

Frank Wakewood, Music Teacher



IN THE KITCHENS

Year 8 Food Technology students continue to study 'Food from Around the World' where they learn and share information about their own heritage while producing dishes influenced by different cultures such as Pasta Alfredo, Macaroons and Samosa. Students also develop a greater understanding of nutritional requirements for a healthy lifestyle.



Year 9 Food Technology

The students are studying 'Food for Special Occasions' and took the opportunity to practice their cake decorating skills and make Halloween cupcakes to sell at the canteen on Monday 31st October.



Both Year 9 classes did an outstanding job decorating cupcakes in a variety of styles. This was a crash course in cake decorating, preparing them for their assessment task later in the term when they have to design and decorate a children's birthday cake. Excellent effort Year 9!



Other practicals completed by Year 9 in this unit included Bruschetta, cupcakes with piped frosting and the traditional jam and cream butterfly cupcake.

Ms K Bird, TAS teacher

Catering at Asquith Girls High School

On the 11th October, Asquith Girls High School held their annual TAS display. (*This year, unfortunately, we did not have our Year 8 Textiles students in the fashion parade as the course did not run.*) The TAS teachers at the girls' school were still keen for the boys to participate in some way, as was I. So we decided to have the Hospitality students help with the catering. Five Year 11 students arrived at AGHS at 4:30pm, dressed in full chef's uniform ready for action. It was a busy evening of reheating, plating and serving food to the many guests. The students from both schools demonstrated maturity and co-operation while working side by side, which was wonderful to witness.

Rhys ended up participating in the fashion parade wearing clothes created by one of the Design and Technology students, for which she was very thankful.

This contributes to the students' portfolios as one of the required service periods to gain their Certificate II in Kitchen Operations. Well done Hospitality!

Ms K Bird, TAS teacher



MESSAGE FROM THE ABHS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Reader of Backchat,

Hello! My name is Zoltan Snead and I am the current Senior Prefect here at ABHS. Starting from this point either myself, Saber Attar Motlagh or Riley Gibson will be writing an article for each issue of the Backchat.

For this article, I'd just like to say thank you for raising such lovely boys. Everyone here is kind and caring towards each other. Raising boys is hard. Lots of boys suffer with workloads, anxiety, depression and their identity. Personally, I've had all of these and still suffer from severe anxiety. I really put my parents through the ringer and back! But even though it was hard, this school and my parents were there for me.

No parent is perfect. Everyone knows you try your best!

This school took me in and accepted me after horrible experiences at other schools. The teachers showed me how much fun and interesting learning can be. I actually cared about my studies!

If there is a struggling parent or child out there, please visit <https://www.headspace.org.au/>. This organization will help you understand yourself and your parent/child. Remember, you are not alone!!

I hope this will give everyone a happy send off for the Summer Holidays!

See you next year,

Zoltan Snead, Senior Prefect

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 STUDENT LEADERS



School Captain
Saber Attar Motlagh



School Vice-Captain
Riley Gibson



Senior Prefect
Zoltan Snead

Year 12 (2017) Prefects

Andrew Morrison, Max Fortune, Daniel Jollie, Garrett Fitzgerald, Tobey Isobe, Riley Turner, Benito Albace, Mitchell Clayden, Nick Roscarel, Mackenzie Cole, Rory Beuman & Beau Thierry Lukich-Yang

Year 11 (2017) Prefects

Jack Argent, Sean Bell, Edward Blackwood, Matthew Burns, Robert Campbell, Kefah Farache, Jamie Griffin, Joseph Parry, Jackson Tuynman, Hayden Wadling, Adam West & Aedan Woodhouse



YEAR 12 2016 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY



Thank you to the parents, friends and family who came to support the boys at their Graduation Service, celebrating their years at ABHS and their growth into young men.

Photography by Ms Cooke



FACULTY NOTES

ENGLISH

What is happening in English this term?

Year 12

Completed their HSC exams and are most likely enjoying not having to email their teachers essay draft after essay draft after essay draft after essay draft!

Year 11

Have now become our new Year 12 students and are already embedded in their HSC studies. They have two assessment tasks this term – one CREATIVE and one CRITICAL essay. We encourage them to adopt an **organised and consistent** approach with all their studies.

Year 10

The classes are already engaged in senior preparation for the Advanced, Standard and Studies courses and working diligently towards success in their exam in Week 7. Significant **HOME STUDY** is required for this extensive summative task.

Year 9

Are enjoying the verse poetry of Australian author Steven Herrick and preparing for an essay task.

Year 8

Have been relishing a Science Fiction unit where they gain an in depth understanding of the genre and how it connects to a film they have studied in class.

Year 7

Are busily writing HORROR stories that show their ability to comprehend the conventions of the genre as well as the structure of a narrative.

Once more we wish our outgoing Year 12 classes the very best and sincerely hope that at some point in their rest and relaxation prior to university, TAFE or work that they find the time to enjoy **reading** a really good book!

Regarding books, could ALL students please return novels and plays to either their teacher, the Library or the English staffroom as a matter of priority.

Ms J Schadel

Head Teacher English

HSIE

Finally all the monies have been paid, tickets and accommodation booked and the **Asquith HSIE Tour** is up and running in 2017. We have 18 students and one staff member eagerly anticipating the event. We hope to be able to make this trip available every two years for the students at Asquith Boys and we are very grateful for the parental support we have received so far.

Year 12 students have finally finished the HSC and the HSIE department is looking forward to some excellent results from this cohort - hard study and serious preparation always helps achieve excellent outcomes.

The HSIE department is looking forward to receiving **new Geography textbooks** to help all the students achieve their very best. These text-books have been specifically chosen for their current modern content and most importantly because they have been published to meet the new syllabus requirements. This will help us to achieve the best possible outcomes for all our students.

At the moment we are very fortunate to have Ms Eleanor Martens joining our staff as a pre service teacher. She is a Sydney University student and will join our faculty for the rest of the term. Please make her feel welcome when you see her.

Looking forward to excellent teaching and learning for the remainder of the term.

Ms A Cufre

Head Teacher HSIE

MATHEMATICS

It has been a busy time for the young mathematicians at Asquith Boys High. All students should be working hard and studying for the final exams.

Our **Year 12 students** have just completed their Extension 2, Extension 1, Mathematics and General Mathematics 2 Exams, and we are looking forward to many pleasing results. Lucas Zheng, Yr 11, has completed an accelerated Mathematics program – well done!

Mrs Laffer held her annual **Maths Competition Pizza Party** for those students who excelled in the Mathematics Competition earlier this year. Students who scored a Credit or higher were given an invitation, and all in attendance had a great time. A massive thankyou to Mrs Laffer for organising the day!!

The **Mathematics Peer Tutoring Program** is still going strong with many students taking up the offer of free help with their Mathematics. A big thankyou to tutors who have given their time to help others. Mr Shead will be holding a pizza day to say thank you to those involved.

Mr K Shead

HT Maths

SCIENCE

HSC Science Exams

Congratulations to all of the boys who just finished their HSC and especially the boys who completed Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Earth and Environmental Science and Senior Science. It has been an outstanding cohort and we are expecting some of the best Science results in many years. Well done to Max Whiteman who came first in both Physics and Chemistry, as well as all the others who worked so hard to exceed their expectations.

Junior Science Exams

All Years 7 to 10 Science classes will be completing a yearly exam in Science. It will be covering content covered in the course as well as Science skills and Scientific method. Years 7-9 will be doing their test in class whilst Year 10 will be completing their test in the hall.

Text books

We would like all text books returned by the end of week 9 so we can do a stocktake. If you see a text book lying around your son's room, please see it is returned ASAP.

New Science Labs

Asquith Boys is getting a Science Lab upgrade to Labs 4 and 5. The new designs will be more contemporary with wet and dry learning areas and a more flexible environment to enable collaborative group work as well as traditional experimental learning. The labs will be equipped with the latest in technology and will have a strong STEM focus to help educate the boys as we move further into the 21st Century.

Mr S Robertson

Head Teacher Science

CAREERS

Coming Events

Design Centre Enmore Open Day

25th and 26th November, 10am to 3pm, 110 Edgeware Rd, Enmore

Meet teachers and current students, learn about the range of courses including degrees, tour the campus and be inspired by the possibilities.

<http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events/design-centre-enmore-open-day-2016>

AIE Open Day

Sat 19th November, Sydney and Canberra Campuses

Learn about the courses designed to get careers started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects. The day will include a presentation on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part time courses.

<http://www.aie.edu.au/openday>

ACU Know Your Options Day – Sydney

4th January 2017, 9am -1pm, 40 Edward Street, North Sydney

5th January 2017, 9am – 1pm, 25A Barker Street, Strathfield

The days provide prospective students with the opportunity to speak to staff and students about courses, career paths and alternative entry. To register follow the link below.

http://www.acu.edu.au/connect_with_acu/events/north_sydney/know_your_options_information_session_-_north_sydney

http://www.acu.edu.au/connect_with_acu/events/strathfield/know_your_options_information_session_-_strathfield

UNSW: Scientia Challenge Years 7 – 10

17th – 19th January, UNSW Kensington

The Scientia Challenge Program is designed for gifted and talented high school students in Years 7-10. The program features a range of workshops taught over three days. The courses are developed and presented by academics at the University of New South Wales.

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/scientia-challenge-yr-7-to-10/>

APPRENTICESHIPS

Automotive Apprenticeships

WPC Group have multiple opportunities for motor enthusiasts to commence working with Australia's leading automotive companies. 2017 apprenticeship intake now open.

<https://wpcgroup.typeform.com/to/E3oyMm>

<http://www.autoapprenticeships.org.au/>

Rail Career Pathways

This website has information about the range of careers available in the rail industry and information on what you should study to get there.

<http://www.railcareerpathways.net.au/>

OPPORTUNITY - Pre-Apprenticeship training

Start a Pre-Apprenticeship with *no fees (FREE)* with TAFE NSW - Northern Sydney Institute and let us help your students get into a trade and secure an apprenticeship.

Try-a-Trade Courses are:

Plumbing - St Leonards 14-25 Nov

Plumbing - Meadowbank 14-25 Nov

Engineering - Meadowbank 14-25 Nov

Engineering Welding – Meadowbank 14-25 Nov

Marine Craft Construction – Meadowbank 14-25 Nov

Automotive - Hornsby (in partnership with Trivett) 7– 25 Nov

Hair and Beauty - Northern Beaches - 5-6 December

Electrotechnology – Meadowbank (in partnership with Electro Group) – Dates TBC

See Mrs Fry if interested

Important Information

Sydney TAFE Career Guide 2017

The career guide has information on how to enrol, study pathways, career areas and course disciplines, graduate profiles and advice for how to use TAFE's industry connections.

<http://sydneytafe.edu.au/sites/default/files/files/2017-Career-Guide.pdf>

NIDA School Holiday Workshops

NIDA will be holding a number of courses for school students of all ages this summer holidays. These include Acting Bootcamp, Musical Theatre Bootcamp, Screen Writing 101, Action Hero, Drama School NIDA Acting 101, NIDA's Amazing Race, NIDA Murder Mystery, Close Up: Screen Acting, Wounds, Bruises and Special Effects, NIDA's Actors Project, Stand-up Comedy Masterclass for Young People, Acting for Stage and Screen, Screen Acting Bootcamp, NIDA Bites, Make-up Design 101, Writer's Bootcamp and more.

<https://www.open.nida.edu.au/courses/How+/School+Holidays>

Defence Jobs: The Mentor – Experience Life as an Engineer in the ADF

Follow an engineer and experience what it's like to work in the Australian Defence Force. This online adventure takes you inside the Navy, Army and Air Force, where your duty will be to support missions from your mobile and computer.

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/thementor/#about-the-mentor>

Department of Defence: YouthHQ

YouthHQ is an online resource that provides a centralized place for information about Defence youth programs. It includes information about the Australian Defence Force Cadets, the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards and the variety of cadetships and scholarships that Defence offers.

<http://defenceyouth.gov.au/>

Discover ADFA

This interactive video will help potential applicants understand what ADFA is really like.

<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/campaigns/discover-adfa/>

Charles Sturt University has a webpage on their website dedicated to assisting students choose their year 11 and 12 subjects. The webpage aims to help students to choose subjects which are most likely to be of use in their future careers.

<http://www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/getting-to-uni/year-10-information>

Mrs J Fry

Careers Adviser

Normanhurst West Public School past students are invited to Mrs Barrett's Farewell Afternoon Tea

Mrs Barrett has been at the school since 1990! She has recently announced that she will be retiring at the end of the 2016 school year. We will be organising a community afternoon tea in the hall on Monday 28th November from 3:30 in her honour. We hope you can join us to say thank you and farewell to this wonderful teacher. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Contact the P&C at secretary@normanhurstwestpandc.com.au if you have any questions.

STOP the supply of alcohol to minors.

You're a **parent**,
not a **mate**.

SUPPLYING ALCOHOL TO MINORS
..... IT'S AGAINST THE LAW

Secondary supply of alcohol to a person under 18 years is against the law* and results in a minimum on the spot fine of \$1,100 or fine of up to \$11,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment. NSW Liquor Act 2007 www.stopthesupply.org.au

*Unless you are the parent or guardian

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SAFER DRIVERS COURSE FOR LEARNER DRIVERS



THE SAFER DRIVERS COURSE INVOLVES TWO MODULES:

MODULE ONE:
A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of 12 participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

MODULE TWO:
A two-hour, in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach.
Course cost: \$140

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3-for-1 scheme cannot be included.

LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Hold a valid NSW Learner Licence
- Be under 25 years of age
- Have completed 50 logbook hours (of actual on road experience and not credits gained under the 3 for 1 professional instruction scheme)

Next Course Will be on Thursday 1st December 2016
Tel 02 9477 2310
Email hornsbytoin@pcycnsw.org.au

20 hours Off Your Log Book

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HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI

P&C ASSOCIATION

Parents and Citizens working together for our School

Hello ABHS community,

The P&C was very busy last term. In September we held 3 major events, the Father's Day breakfast, the ABHS Community Day and the inaugural Year 12 Family BBQ.

The annual **ABHS Community Day** was held on Sunday the 11th of September. We were lucky enough to have another wonderful sunny day. We had a fantastic turnout on the day and a full report is included in this edition of the Backchat.

The inaugural **Year 12 Family Dinner** for graduating students and their families was a wonderful evening with over 100 people attending, the oldest being 106 years old! We were also able to enjoy the talents of Luke Antrim and Keegan Morris who entertained us with live music. Thank you to all the amazing Year 11 parents who volunteered to help out, especially my partner in crime Di Stoddart. Without the following people the night would not have been such a success; Robin Jeffery, Julie Jollie, Tempe Beavan, Fiona Wilson, Margaret Skilbeck, Maureen Khan, Melanie Claydon, Carina McSweeney, Eva Snead, Abby, James and Ray Stoddart, Lochlan, Nicholas and Callum Roscarel, Ronni Laffer, the ABHS Hall crew, Steve Sonter and all the lovely ladies in the office.



At our last meeting we approved \$2500 to be spent on the new **Old Boys, PDHPE and P&C joint project**. The aim of this project is to honour our ABHS sporting high achievers both past and present. This involves creating an honour board and installing new display cabinets in the PDHPE hallway so that certificates, trophies and other memorabilia can be displayed there. It will be completed over a number of stages. Thank you to Ryan Bolger, Chris Kent and Jenny Williams for spearheading this initiative.

WORKING BEES

We will be holding a working bee on Sunday 27th of November and Sunday 4th of December, starting at 9am, to remove the pavers from under the two Year 7 shelters and the pathways in preparation for the Pathways Project work to begin. We are removing the pavers ourselves and stacking them on pallets to help keep the cost of the project down and enable us to repurpose them for a future grounds project.

Please come along and help as 'many hands make light work'.

DATES FOR EVENTS NEXT YEAR

Dates are set for our annual events next year. Please put them in your calendar.

Mother's Day - Thursday 11th May 2017

Trivia Night – Saturday 20th May 2017

Father's Day - Thursday 31st August 2017

Community Day – Sunday 10th September 2017

Year 12 Family Dinner - Monday 18th September 2017

We need to start planning next year's Trivia Night so if you are interested in helping out with this or any of the other events listed above please contact me. Just remember you don't need to come to P&C meeting to help out.

Finally, I would like to say farewell and a big thank you to our Principal Mr Terry Griffiths who has successfully led the school for over 10 years. Terry has attended every P&C meeting and event held at the school (unless he was away travelling) from dressing up as Indiana Jones at a Trivia Night to being dunked in the Dunk Tank on Community Day. His ongoing support has been very much appreciated and he will be greatly missed as he retires at the end of 2016.

Our last P&C meeting of the year is a social one so please come along and join us not only for some Christmas cheer but also take the opportunity to farewell Mr Griffiths. Our next P&C meeting will be held on the 22nd of November starting at 7.30pm. Please RSVP if you are attending for catering purposes to president.abhspsc@gmail.com

The next P&C meeting

@ 7.30pm


Tuesday 22 November
in the Library.

All welcome.

Michelle Roscarel

P&C President

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 4 2016

Week 6B	November 14	November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18	November 19/20
				HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY		
Week 7A	November 21	November 22	November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26/27
	Year 10 Yearly Exams	Year 10 Yearly Exams P&C Meeting School Council		Formal Assembly (SRC Induction & Winning House)	Visit by Japanese students till 30 Nov	Sun 27 th P&C Working Bee
Week 8B	November 28	November 29	November 30	December 1	December 2	December 3/4
	Yr 11 Construction & Hospitality VET WP	Yr 11 Construction & Hospitality VET WP	Yr 11 Construction & Hospitality VET WP	Yr 11 Construction & Hospitality VET WP Year 9 Camp	Yr 11 Construction & Hospitality VET WP Year 9 Camp	Sun 4 th P&C Working Bee
Week 9A	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10/11
		Yr7 2017 ORIENTATION DAY School Council Finance Meeting	Leadership Camp	Leadership Camp	Leadership Camp Beach Day Winning House	
Week 10B	December 12	December 13	December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17/18
	PRESENTATION NIGHT 			Reports Issued	End of Term 4	
Week 11A	December 19	December 20				
	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day				

Starting Dates 2017

Years 7,11 & 12 start Monday 30th January

Years 8, 9 & 10 start Tuesday 31st January

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