

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

BACKCHAT

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*Ethan Oliver and Lawrence Frederick
Age Champions - Athletics Carnival*



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Bryce Grant

This term has really gone quickly, with numerous activities in recent weeks including MAD Night, Subject Selection Information Evening, two formal School Assemblies to acknowledge our Overseas Touring Groups and Carnival representatives, for our students participating in sporting Zone and Regional Carnivals, as well as numerous sporting Gala Day opportunities.

Teachers have been extremely busy endeavouring to meet their marking and Half Yearly Report writing deadlines. Student reports will be emailed out to parents with Year 11 parents receiving theirs this week and Years 7 – 10 scheduled for Monday 17th July, the first day of Term 3, in preparation for the Parent and Teacher Evening on Monday 24th July. A considerable amount of time and effort goes into the preparation and completion of your sons' school report, and we anticipate that you find the reports informative and insightful about the progress your son is making at school.

Year 11 Half Yearly Reports

With Year 11 completing their Half Yearly Examinations earlier in the term, this will be an excellent opportunity for you as parents to reflect on your son's progress through the first half of their Preliminary Courses. It is important that all students reflect on the comments of their teachers on their Half Yearly Report and endeavour to implement this feedback to enable them to accentuate their strengths, and more importantly address areas of concern. There is a Parent and Teacher Evening on Monday 24th July for you to attend and receive one on one feedback on your son's academic progress from his teachers. You will receive further information on this evening and booking arrangements in the new term.

MAD Night

The recent MAD Night (Music And Drama) was a huge success with many talented performers taking centre stage to showcase their wonderful talents and perform to an appreciative audience. The performers ranged from musical groups and bands through to drama displays. This evening would not have been the success that it was, if it was not for the CAPA faculty all generously giving their time and energy into organising and conducting the evening for all the students wanting to participate in not only MAD Night but in numerous performance areas at Asquith Boys High School.

Subject Selection for Year 8 and 10

The Year 8 and 10 Subject Selection evening was conducted on Tuesday 20th June, and it was wonderful to see so many parents and their sons in attendance. The Quality Teaching Team contributed significantly to the evening with the design of information postcards for the Year 10 students and their parents to take home and have a clear snapshot of the courses and the subjects available to them in Year 9 and 11.

This was an excellent opportunity for our boys and their parents to seek advice from experienced teachers about whether **'this subject is the correct one for me?'** There was significant time provided for both year groups to discuss and discover as much information as possible about subject selection options. The best advice that I can give to all parents is to allow their sons to select subjects that they are good at and that they enjoy. I would strongly discourage students from selecting subjects based on their friend's selections, or who they think their teacher might be for that subject.

It is important to note that some Stage 5 and 6 elective courses incur a subject fee. The fee will cover a variety of resources that will be directly provided to your son. These consumable fees are levied by Asquith Boys High School for the purchase of materials used and consumed by your son.

Year 12 Study Skills

Year 12 students completed a study skills and planning seminar on Wednesday 28th June. This session will greatly assist the Year 12 students to organise their time, study location and develop a toolkit that enables them to avoid the regular distractions that can take their minds away from completing their study preparations for the HSC Trials in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3, and subsequent HSC Examinations. Thank you to their Year Adviser Mr Johnston for organising the 'Taming the Monkey' Seminar for the Year 12 cohort. I am sure that they have all acquired a skill set to greatly enhance their ability to prepare and study over the school holiday period for their Trial Examinations.

Farewell to Mr Alex McCubbin

After 8 years at Asquith Boys High School we farewell Mr Alex McCubbin as our VET Coordinator and Engineering Science/Building Construction teacher. Over that period he has also taught junior TAS and practical based courses. He has received a service transfer to Erina High School which is closer to home. We wish Mr McCubbin the very best at his new school and thank him immensely for his contribution to the TAS education of our boys over so many years.

Science Labs Upgrade

In exciting news Asquith Boys High School Science Labs upgrade is going full steam ahead. The boys have demonstrated great maturity by adapting quickly to new movement requirements around the school. The creation of new dynamic and interactive learning spaces for our boys is one that not only excites the Science teachers but also the students who are looking forward to the unveiling of the new rooms.

Canteen Volunteers

Deanne Booth the new Canteen manager would love to hear from any parents who would be available to volunteer in the school canteen. While we value and acknowledge how precious your spare time is, we have a number of rostered days where the school is unable to secure any volunteers for supporting our boys in the canteen. Any assistance that you can offer would be greatly appreciated, please feel free to contact the school on 9477 3508 and leave your name, contact details and available times/dates for Deanne.

Congratulations

- To our School Athletics Team who finished a narrow third at the recent Zone Athletics Championships.
- Our Puma Cup Soccer team coached by Mr Jones, who recently lost in the 5th round of the Puma Cup to Terrigal High School in a nail biting 1-0 contest.
- A thank you from Hornsby Heights Primary School to Jackson Tuynman and Aiden Martin for being judges at their recent school debating competition.
- Mr Miles and the 16's Sevens Rugby team who will be competing at the All Schools invitational at Kings School.
- Oskar Enasio who is representing NSWCHS at the Australian All Schools Championship in Rugby League in Queensland this week.

Finally, I wish you all a safe and rejuvenating holiday break and look forward to seeing the boys eager to embrace the multitude of learning opportunities at Asquith Boys High School again next term.

BRONZE PRINCIPAL MEDALLION RECIPIENTS - TERM 3

Well done and Congratulations

Nathan Parise, Conor Ryan, Joel Atkins, Jae Foster, Jackson Rishworth and James Naumann



left:
ASX Schools Sharemarket Games Winners

Thomas Dandie & Justin Green



right:
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Medal

Thomas Steele, Zachary Howe, James Tarte and Sabar Attar Mottlagh

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



With the end of a very busy Term 2 fast approaching, it is important to reflect on the many achievements across the school community.

Term 2 is an intense period of academic assessment and report writing. Most year groups will receive Semester 1 reports when they return from the holiday break. Once these are received, please take time to read them over carefully and follow the advice given by staff. Parent teacher interviews will be held on the afternoon of July 24. Bookings for interviews will open early in Week 1 Term 3.

I would like to remind students and families of the following school policy related to the use of electronic devices:

The school's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy is available on the website. Please take some time to read this if you have not done so already. Of particular importance is the specification that all devices brought to school are the sole responsibility of the student. As such, boys must ensure they take care of these if they decide to bring them to school.

I would also emphasise that the use of mobile phones, especially smart phones, require a high degree of monitoring from parents. I would encourage parents to talk to their son about the responsible use of a smart phone, school policies and expectations as well as the legalities around its use. This is particularly important given a smart phone generally has a 3G/4G connection to the internet that bypasses school filters and systems. When at school, phones should be kept secure by the student, silenced and out of sight in classes at all times, unless the teacher specifically permits it.

Mr Andrew Skehan
Deputy Principal

ABHS BREAKFAST CLUB

THANK YOU TO BRUMBY'S BAKERY THORNLEIGH

Breakfast Club is fortunate to have secured a regular bread donation from Brumby's Bakery Thornleigh. This donation of bread, sweets and savoury products also allows boys attending Games Club, Peer Tutoring and Learning Support to enjoy a snack whilst they work. We are very grateful to Brumby's Thornleigh for supporting our programme at Asquith Boys High.

Are you available on a Friday morning?
Would you like to become more involved at your child's school?
Have you considered volunteering at Breakfast Club?

We would like to open Breakfast Club on a **Friday** but need a parent volunteer to assist our teacher volunteer. Breakfast Club starts at 8.10am and closes at 8.35am. It involves making toast and serving juice to the boys. If this is something you think you would like to be involved in or if you would like more information please contact our Student Welfare Officer Colleen Sweeney at Colleen.Sweeney2@det.nsw.edu.au



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FROM ADMINISTRATION

NEW FINANCE SYSTEM AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with the roll out of our new LMBR finance system (Learning Management and Business Reform). Please take note of the following **NEW Payment Options** that are available for parents to pay contributions, excursions and other school costs:

In person at the front office

- Cash, cheque, EFTPOS and Credit Card
 - *Cheques need to be made payable to **NSW Government Schools***

We no longer accept Direct Deposit and Credit Card payments over the phone

On-line with Credit/Debit Card

- using the POP system via the "\$ Make a payment" tab on the school website

NEW LOOK FEE STATEMENTS

Outstanding Fee Statements were posted to families last week.

The new LMBR Statement of Account has a different layout of outstanding fees.

We would like to draw your attention to the **Library Fund Contribution**, which is listed separately as it is a tax deductible amount. It is NOT included in the TOTAL of the statement. **To pay this this tax-deductible contribution, you will need to add it to your total.**

Please note that this Library Fund Contribution covers the purchase of up to date resources and textbooks for your sons' educational needs.

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Statement of Account
Statement To: 14 June 2017
From Date: 27/01/2017

			Opening Balance		0.00
Date	Due Date	Description	Amount	Amount Paid	Balance
22/05/2017		Gen Sch Con for Year 8	110.00	0.00	110.00
23/05/2017		Course Fee for Photographic and digital media	20.00	0.00	20.00
23/05/2017		Course Fee for Science	25.00	0.00	25.00
23/05/2017		Course Fee for Technology	60.00	0.00	60.00
23/05/2017		Course Fee for Visual Arts (Mandatory)	50.00	0.00	50.00
23/05/2017		Workbook Fee for PDHPE	20.00	0.00	20.00
24/05/2017		Excursion Fee for POETRY IN ACTION	11.00	0.00	11.00
25/05/2017		P & C for School Resources	45.00	0.00	45.00
25/05/2017		P & C Levy for Garden	45.00	0.00	45.00
25/05/2017		Print Levy for Student Printing Levy	10.00	0.00	10.00
25/05/2017		Resources for Technology	45.00	0.00	45.00
Unallocated Credit					
Totals			441.00	0.00	441.00

Gifts over \$2 to the following funds are tax deductible. Please indicate the amount of your gift.
Funds for School Library \$65.00 or



CONTACT DETAILS

Please inform the school ASAP when you have any changes in your contact details. It is crucial that we have the correct details for postage, email and especially phone details in case of an emergency.

Reports now are emailed to all parents so please check that we have your current email address!

EARLY LEAVE

If your son requires an Early Leave, please write a note or email the school. Your son will need to get that signed by the Deputy Principal before going to the office and getting an early leave slip printed. This would be best done first thing in the morning or at Recess.

If your son will be away for five or more days, an application for extended leave/travel must be filled out and submitted to the Principal two weeks prior to the absence.



SMS NOTIFICATIONS

Absences

Due to the SMS system we have, all text messages are sent in bulk from the computer and we are unable to reply to any reply text messages we receive. If you have any queries about an SMS please phone the school on 9477 3508.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

This is located in the Print Room and open daily during office hours: 8.30am - 3.30pm. There is a great range of ABHS uniform items available at the low cost of \$5 per item (except blazers which start from \$35). All proceeds are returned to the school for the benefit of all boys. If your son has outgrown his uniform you are able to bring the washed items to the print room.



ATTENDANCE, UNIFORM, LATENESS AND NOGO

Attendance and Truancy

If students are marked absent in morning roll call, a text is sent home to notify parents of their son's absence. At the end of the school day, after teachers have completed marking their rolls, the school student management system (SENTRAL) will assess the entries for that day. At this time the database of student attendance discrepancies is generated. Students are eliminated from the list if reasons for their absence are known including lateness, sick bay, students performing jobs, excursions and incursions.

Once these students have been eliminated, blue slips are written for the students whose absence is not explained, and distributed to them through their Roll Call teachers. It is the students' responsibility to see Ms Holder to correct this attendance issue. Parents are informed again via text, so that they can inform their son to follow up this attendance issue with Ms Holder. When this process is followed, any required corrections to school rolls will be rectified immediately. If students fail to see Ms Holder on the following day, they will remain on the database as a truant and be placed on after school detention.

REPORT TO HEAD TEACHER ATTENDANCE				Roll Class
If you do not report today you will have an A/ S Det this week				
Student:				
Report ASAP to Ms Holder in a break:	Place: CAPA staffroom or room 31	Day/Date:	Time:	
Marked absent by? Teacher	Marked absent on?	Marked absent when?		
Comment & Sign:				

If parents receive a text and no blue slip was issued to their son, it is then essential that he follows this up with his Roll Call teacher.

Uniform, Lateness and NoGo

Students must attend school on time and in full uniform. The school has high standards and expectations for every student at Asquith Boys to uphold in both these areas. Students who are late to school or out of uniform must supply a signed and dated note from their parents.

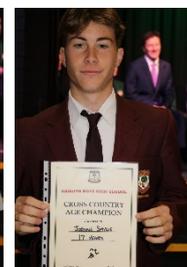
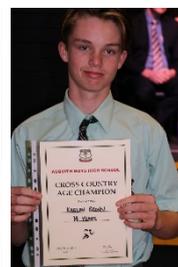
In **any four** week period of the school year, the SENTRAL database reports on students who are frequently late and/or out of uniform. **Students who are late or out of uniform 3 or more times in a four week period are placed on NoGo.** NoGo is from 12.30 until 3.05pm on Wednesday afternoons. Students are only removed from this roll when they have attended the required two NoGo detentions. If the student is away or does not attend, they will be expected to complete this detention the following Wednesday. Students who do not attend, are disobeying school rules and procedures, which will inevitably lead to interview and further action by the Deputy Principal. Senior students on NoGo will lose all privileges of early leave on Tuesday afternoons and last study period.

For Year 12 students, there are also implications for graduation and their farewell beach day if their NoGo obligations have not been completed.

We know that our hard working parents expect their sons to be the best that they can be in preparation for life. Supporting your sons to take responsibility for their attendance, presentation and punctuality are greatly appreciated by all the staff of ABHS.

Ms C Holder, Head Teacher Attendance and NOGO

22 JUNE FORMAL ASSEMBLY – CARNIVALS



CHAMPIONSHIP HOUSE

SWIMMING CARNIVAL - MYALL

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – COOBA

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL - COOBA



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The 2017 Athletics carnival was held at Foxglove oval on 4th May. The weather could not have been any better for the boys to show off their athletic ability in the track and field events. Just like previous years, it was a classic Asquith Boys Athletics Carnival that started off with threatening and uncertain weather earlier in the week, but luckily turned out to be a magnificent sunny day.

There was an extremely good turnout and everyone who attended helped make the day a memorable one.

In fact, the turnout, and most of all, the participation of all the boys was the best it has been in recent memory with participation points alone totalled over 1700 points, meaning that students went in an average of 4 events each.

The day ran smoothly thanks to the amazing efforts of the ABHS staff and the Year 11 SLR students. Thank you for your hard work on the day. In particular, I would like to thank Ms Gowthorpe, Mr Bonser and the PE staff for all of their extra help on the day and leading up to the carnival.

The Year 12 students did a great job of keeping our athletes fueled up for their events by hosting the traditional student's BBQ as well as the Canteen. The aromas of bacon and egg rolls and sausage sandwiches could be smelt all the way from the Long Jump pit and probably across the valley from Somerville Rd.

All up, it was a successful Carnival with **6 records broken** on the day.

Lawrence Frederick must have fuelled himself up at the Year 12 BBQ because he managed to set 4 records on the day. Firstly in the 15 years High Jump where he jumped a height of 1.76m, beating the 37 year old record by 1cm. He then went on to smash a 42-year-old record in the 15 years Triple Jump, where he beat the old record by 25cm, hopping, skipping and jumping to a length of 12.65m. Lawrence's third record of the day was a special one, where he beat the longest standing record at ABHS - Beating a 53-year-old record in the 15 years Long Jump. Lawrence out-jumped the 1964 record of 6.02, achieving a length of 6.09m. Lawrence's final record was in the 15 years 100m Hurdles, where he smashed Jackson Tuynman's 2015 record by nearly one and a half seconds, hurdling in a time of 14.31 seconds.



Jackson must have known that Lawrence was going to be break his Hurdles record so he set his own record on the day in the 17 years Triple Jump, where he beat the old record by a whopping 31 cm, jumping a length of 12.90m.

Finally, the last record at the carnival was in one of the final events and went to Harry **Frederick** who beat a 40 year old record in the 17 years 100m sprint, where he ran a time of 11.44s, just beating the 1977 record by .6 of a second.

Congratulations to all of these boys for their outstanding performances.

INDIVIDUAL AGE CHAMPIONS FOR 2017

In all age groups the competition was very close, which highlights the great athletic talent we have here at Asquith Boys High School. In fact, in one age group the age champions had to be split in the end by participation points.

- 12 years – **Jae Foster**
- 13 years – **Ethan Oliver**
- 14 years – **Tyler Coetzee**
- 15 years – **Lawrence Frederick**
- 16 years – **Jack Cotton**
- 17 years+ – **Jordan Smylie**





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and Mr French*

Zone Athletics Carnival

Finally, a team of over 70 students travelled to the Sydney International Athletics Centre in Olympic Park on 16 June to represent Asquith Boys High School at the Zone Athletics Carnival. All of the boys were excellent participants on the day and overall Asquith Boys finished 3rd at the carnival, missing out on 2nd place by only 13 points (a feat that would have most certainly been achieved if we had all of our athletes attend).

There were a few standout performances at this carnival with 8 first place results and several others coming 2nd and 3rd in their respective events.

The following boys came first in their event at the carnival.

In the **12 years**, **Jamie Dillon** came 1st in Shot Put.

In the **13 years**, **Ethan Oliver** came 1st in Discus and 1st in Javelin, and **Kaylan Clarke** came first in High Jump, setting himself a new PB on the day.

In the **14 years**, **Jack Gibbons** came 1st in Discus.

In the **15 years**, **Lawrence Frederick** came 1st in High Jump and **Oskar Enasio** came 1st in Shot put.

Finally, in the 17 years, **Jackson Tuynman** came 1st in Triple Jump.

Ethan and Lawrence performed exceptionally well on the day and were both awarded as North West Met Zone Age Champions for their respective ages.

These boys, along with several others, have made it through to represent North West Metropolitan Zone where they will compete at the Sydney North Regional Athletics Carnival on 24 and 25 July and we wish all of these talented athletes all the best for their events.

Again – well done and congratulations to all the participants!

Mr C Broome, Athletics Coordinator

BAND FOREVER! BIG BAND BLAST TOUR 2-4 JUNE

The Big Band Blast Tour is the musical highlight of the year for the members of the Asquith Boys High School Stage Bands and this year's tour exceeded expectations.



This year the Asquith Girls High School Stage Band and the director of all three bands, Joe Manton, whose work in preparing the students was evident in every performance, joined us on tour. The bands impressed the students of Bulahdelah Central and Wauchope Public Schools on our way to the Big Band Blast festival in Port Macquarie. At Bulahdelah, the Asquith boys were a big hit with the crowd - particularly the Year 9 girls! At Wauchope the large crowd of Kindergarten to Year 6 students could barely contain their enthusiasm for the music. They clapped and cheered their way to the weekend with the performance ending at 3pm, just in time to go home.

The Asquith tour bus then took us to our home-away-from-home, The Francis Retreat. Set in bushland 15 minutes outside of Port Macquarie, the Retreat welcomed us with vast amounts of freshly made lasagne and we knew we were in the right place. Hearty, delicious meals, comfortable accommodation and spacious grounds allowed the weekend to be relaxing and sociable as well as musical.

At the festival we listened to bands from all over Australia including the impressive *Jazz Connection* led by Judy Bailey; we attended workshops with professional jazz musicians such as Denis DiBlasio, Ross Irwin, Ed Wilson and John Morrison; and all three of the Asquith Stage Bands performed to appreciative audiences. It was lovely to see some of familiar faces in the crowd thanks to a number of band families who travelled to Port Macquarie to join in the Big Band Blast fun.

The Saturday night concert in the Panthers auditorium highlighted the outstanding quality of big band jazz that exists in Australia and we were captivated by some amazing performances. However, the highlight of the night might have to be the sing-along on the bus to and from the concert.

The street parade of all the festival participants along the Port Macquarie waterfront signalled, very loudly, our last day on tour. Traveling home on Sunday afternoon was considerably quieter as the students had given all their energy to making the tour a musical success. A quick stop for a burger - or 7 for Jackson - revived us for another busy week at school.

Congratulations to all the Big Band Blast musicians!

Ms N Jackson, Band Coordinator



IN THE KITCHENS....

This term has been a busy one in the kitchen!

Year 7

7TAS2 have been introduced to the commercial kitchen. We started off with the basics preparing Scrambled Eggs and Bacon. Students had a demonstration of Boiled Eggs too. The next recipe was not so easy, creating the perfect scone using a traditional scone recipe with jam and cream. Students are developing their cookery skills nicely and will continue to do so next term.



Year 8

8TAS1 have taken to the kitchen in their stride. The class works effectively with excellent time management skills. We are studying *Food from Around the World*. We started off with a Coconut Macaroon recipe, a simple recipe where students could focus on learning to move around the commercial kitchen. We then moved to more involved recipes: Pasta Alfredo with Garlic Bread, Samosas and Chocolate Muffins. This type of muffin originated in America in about the 18th Century. Based on a batter mix, it differs greatly to the traditional English muffin created in the 10th or 11th Century, which is based on a dough.



Year 10

Both Year 10 classes have been studying the unit *Food Product Development*. We have prepared basic recipes and examined ways to create new products from these bases. The basic Omelette can be recreated into a tomato and basil omelette, a sausage and onion omelette or a combination of both.



Popular recipes can be combined to create a new 'fusion' food; Students combined the recipes for Cheese Cake and Lemon Meringue Pie to create a Lemon Meringue Cheesecake Slice. Delicious!

We have also been studying new food products on the market. Cadbury chocolate has a new range of M&M and Light/Dark chocolate. What we discovered while taste testing these new products was that they are the same size as and 40 grams lighter than the traditional Cadbury block yet the same price! Sneaky.



Year 12

Year 12 Hospitality is starting to panic with the HSC examinations approaching at a rapid rate. They are working hard and learning well. We put our theory into practice regularly and recently created Cajun Braised Lamb Shanks and Self Saucing Chocolate Pudding. Hands-on learning has proven very successful in this course.

They are finishing the unit *'Working Effectively with Others'* where they develop a business proposal for a restaurant and create a signature dish for this restaurant.



Ms K Bird, TAS Teacher

YEAR 12 SOCIETY AND CULTURE EXCURSION 'SUPANOVA'

Friday 16 June marked an historic occasion for the Year 12 Society and Culture class. It was the date of the excursion to the Supanova comic-con and gaming convention. This excursion was organised to enrich our understanding of the pop culture community and experience firsthand the depth and complexity of the culture in the topic we are studying.

The excursion kicked off with a brilliant start. Waiting patiently at Asquith Station the mood was one of a gentle excitement mixed with uncertainty with what to expect. This changed drastically as the train pulled into the station. All uncertainties were forgotten, replaced with a feverish excitement, as on the train, in front of our very eyes was Masterchief (the protagonist of the Halo games). We'd barely been out of school and already scraped the surface of what was to come.

As we travelled closer and closer to our destination, we were being further introduced into the experience, as more and more people boarded the train in cosplay. Nothing could prepare us for the actual convention. The feeling of standing in line next to Jango Fett on one side and Anime Characters to the Joker on the other was quite surreal. The first step into the convention centre was like stepping into another world, a world of fictional characters come to life. There was something for everyone, stores with products from posters to figurines, activities to immerse ourselves into the culture and technology, and of course...photo opportunities.



The plan for the day was incredibly sophisticated and thought out, wander around for a few hours and meet up periodically. Most of us decided to do an initial lap around the convention centre to get a small glimpse of everything that was on offer before obsessing over our respective interests. This allowed us to immerse even more in the grand scale of pop culture and gain a further understanding of our topic area.

Some of the stalls within the centre included a Magic: The Gathering playing area, weapon stalls selling swords, knives shields, and the like, based upon iconic weapons from movies and games, such as shields decorated with Game of Thrones' coats of arms or Andúril from Lord of the Rings. Pop vinyls and other figurines were also being sold. One impressive feature was a life-size Xenomorph made from small pieces of scrap metal. For the technical crowd there were virtual reality showcases and other brands promoting their computer component products in gameplay trialing areas. There were also many stalls dedicated to anime among many other booths selling various knickknacks.

After nearly four hours at the convention it was time for us to head back out into the real world, board the train back to our normal lives. In a way exiting the convention was almost as surreal an experience as entering it, as we walked through the night reminiscing over our enlightening experience and immersion into the complex world of Pop Culture.

By Michael Smith & Jonah Kuhnke-Barakauskas

YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY URBAN PLACES FIELDWORK

On Thursday 15 June, the Year 12 Geography boys carried out their compulsory Fieldwork component for the "Urban Places" HSC topic. The class observed Sydney from the top of The Sydney Eye at 9.30am with clear skies and gained a viewpoint of Sydney's changing Urban Landscape from above. From there a walk through the CBD and Financial District (along Pitt St) gave them a clear indication of Sydney's Global Economic Role.

We then boarded a Rivercat, travelling along the Parramatta River to Meadowbank, where changes from Sydney's industrial past to modern (and expensive) residential land were noted. Finally, a trip on the Northern Line back to Hornsby gave an idea of the impacts that Urban Consolidation is having on the Urban Landscape in Sydney's "Middle Ring" suburbs. Closer to home, this increase of population in established Sydney suburbs was highlighted with observations and measurements of residential unit blocks in the Waitara area.

It was a busy and rewarding fieldtrip in which the boys were able to build on the ideas and concepts covered in the classroom. The boys are to be commended on their behavior, attitude and application on the day.

Mr Laing, HSIE Teacher



LEADERSHIP NEWS

Local Students visit Parliament

High School Leaders from around Hornsby got a look behind the scenes at Parliament House.

I was pleased to take students from a number of local High Schools on a tour of Parliament House recently. The students who all hold leadership positions at their school were able to see how Parliament works by visiting the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council. We then spent time talking about leadership and the importance of working towards a long-term goal. The students also visited Government House and met with the Governor of NSW His Excellency, General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC. I was very impressed with the students who attended and I look forward to seeing what path they take once they finish school.

Schools in attendance: Asquith Girls High School, Asquith Boys High School, Barker College, Galston High School, Hornsby Girls High School, Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School, Normanhurst Boys High School, Northholm Grammar, Pacific Hills Christian School, Pennant Hills High School, St Leo's College and Lorreto Normanhurst.



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RUGBY REPORT

With finals around the corner, ABHS rugby is firing on all cylinders. All teams are in finals contention, which is fantastic. Let's bring home all of the rugby trophies!

Opens dominated Epping 2's with a reduced number of players on the field. The team welcomed back star utility Tom Seery who made light work of the defensive line running in two tries. In the forwards Jackson Cole dominated, stealing good ball and making solid metres up the middle. This win further cemented the team's spot in the upcoming final series. Well done gentlemen!

The RayWhite 15's, continued their winning run, beating a much bigger Epping side 52-0. Captain Oscar Enasio and star forward Finau Tava lead from the front making big metres and solid tackles. Epping had a much bigger forward pack, however, the tighter and more determined Asquith pack, showed grit and drove over each time winning all scrums. Props Isaac Crowe and Dylan Moores tackled all day and helped Epping stay scoreless. A big thankyou to the 13's boys who ran water and the kicking tee. Well done guys!



The Coolibah Building and Design 14's, won by over 100 points to nil, with Luke 'the bulldozer' Munro making the opposition look like bowling pins. Mr Melrose said 'the team played well and it was an opportunity for them to practice their set pieces. Every player did their part and backed each other up and it was a good all round effort'. Well done lads!

13's won 32-0 over Epping with all players putting in a solid performance. Zac Bovis was the standout for the round putting in a stela performance.

ABHS also competed in the Sydney North 7's competition where they entered three teams and won 8 out of 11 games. **The Opens** team won 2 out of 3 games but missed out on the grand final due to for and against. **The Ray White 16's** went through the competition undefeated and have qualified for the All Schools Rugby 7's competition held at The Kings School. We wish them the best of luck. The **Coolibah Building and Design 14's** won 2 out of their 3 games but finished 2nd due to for and against. All of the boys did their school proud. Special mention to Harry Frederick from the opens, Inoke Levaci from the 16's and Isaac Vuna from the 14's for winning ABHS's player of the competition.

Until next time!

Yours in Rugby,
Mark Miles



POETRY IN ACTION, IN ASQUITH!

A few weeks ago, Year 7 watched a funny but informative play on poetry by the crew of Poetry In Action. It was hilarious, entertaining and had us joining in with some parts of the performance, keeping us interested throughout the entirety of the play.

The play was informative as it showed us the key ideas of poetry. The themes they showed us how to understand poetic techniques and use it with our schoolwork by providing us some base knowledge for our exams. The five key areas of poetry that they focused on were Alliteration, Rhythm, Imagery, Rhyme and Theme. Each of these ideas were highlighted through the creative and comical portrayal of different poets.

Overall, the Poetry In Action play was very good and most of Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed it, while also being taught key ideas about poetry that would further enhance their learning.

by Tom Fischer and David Barnes 7E

Helping High School Students to Build Resilience Through Theatre Productions

Anti-Bullying – Digital Citizenship – Mental Health - Resilience – Anti-Violence – Respectful Relationships

Brainstorm Productions offer award winning in-school performances to educate school students about vital issues around being a teenager in the 21st Century. They use outstanding drama performance and discussion to explore issues and provide strategies to empower students to make positive decisions and build resilience.

A program has been designed and booked to support all students at ABHS in 2017 to experience three different age appropriate sessions this year. Year 9/10 will experience **Cyberia** on Monday 14 August; Year 11/12 will experience **Cheap Thrills** on Friday 8 September.

These initiatives have the greatest success when they reach everybody. We seek support from our parents and school community to help all students to have the opportunity to experience these important shows. The cost is kept at \$8 per student to encourage maximum participation.



CYBERIA

An entertaining investigation into the pitfalls of technology including cyber bullying at school, stress, lack of privacy and de-sensitisation.

All Year 9/10

Monday 14 August, Period 5

This Program Covers:

- ✓ Cyber Bullying
- ✓ Digital Citizenship
- ✓ Social Websites
- ✓ Internet Security
- ✓ Exclusion
- ✓ Alienation
- ✓ Isolation
- ✓ Responsible Use of Technology
- ✓ Internet Addiction
- ✓ Impulse Control
- ✓ Online Reputation

CHEAP THRILLS

The audience goes on an emotional roller coaster as the lead character experiences the consequences of drugs, alcohol and risky behaviour.

All Year 11/12

Friday 8 September Period 5

This Program Covers:

- ✓ Risk Taking
- ✓ Substance Abuse
- ✓ Alcohol
- ✓ Cigarettes
- ✓ Safe Partying
- ✓ Drugs
- ✓ Choices
- ✓ Consequences



NOTES have been sent home with all students. Please support our boys' developing their resilience and return the signed note with \$8 promptly to the

FACULTY NOTES

ENGLISH

Term 2 is always an incredibly busy term, particularly for our senior students.

This term saw **Year 11** sit for their Half Yearly examinations. For many students, the post examination reflection period was a chance to consider the amount of work needed to succeed in the marathon-like Standard and Advanced courses. Increased study at home, timed silent writing and absolute focus during class is essential to enhance results.

Year 12 sit for their Trial HSC in Week 3, Term 3. Now is not the time to be complacent. We encourage Year 12 to maintain their diligence during the two week holiday period. Consider these study tips:

- Look over past HSC Best answer booklets for exemplar responses to your topics.
- Develop skills in answering unseen questions by utilising past papers.
- Select a venue other than your home → maybe a study room in the local library, outdoors;
- Use EDROLO to revise (ALL HSC students have access to this resource for FREE);
- Email your teachers your drafts.

Mr N Kennedy

Relieving Head Teacher English

HSIE

Tuesday's Subject Selection night proved the serious commitment of ABHS parents, staff and students. Many were here to discuss the importance of choosing the right subjects in Years 9/10 and Senior School for our boys. Making the right choice according to interest, talent, and career choices means that your sons are more likely to succeed in their schooling and future endeavours.

Please discuss these opportunities with your sons and if you have any questions please contact the school to ensure that your decisions are made according to the right information.

Many thanks to the wonderful HSIE staff who attended, also to the parents and students who were there to assist their sons make the very best choices.

Ms A Cufre-Sadnick

Head Teacher HSIE

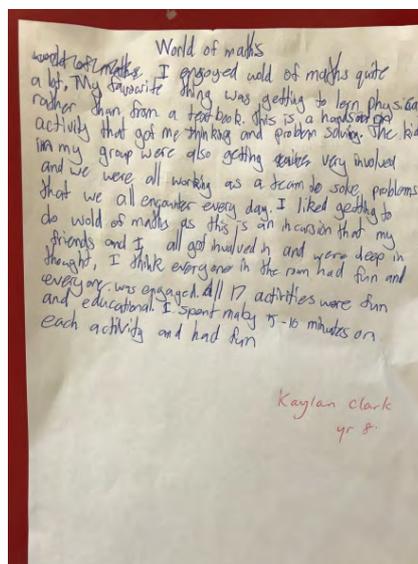
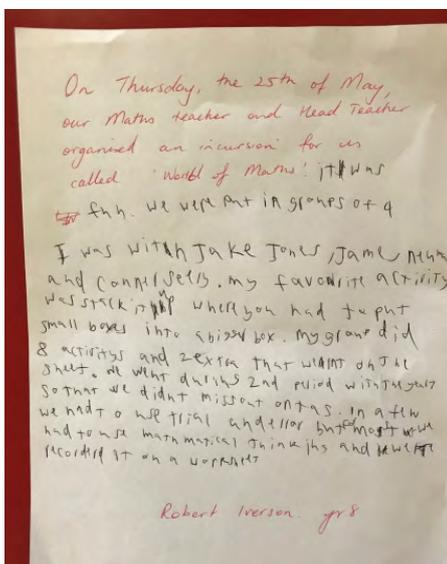


MATHEMATICS

Year 7 and 8 have been involved in **The World of Maths**. The boys were involved in a range of mathematical activities which they enjoyed thoroughly. Students Robert and Kaylan have included their recount of the day on the left.

ABHS have also been involved in the **Smart Money** seminars organised by Mr Johnston. This involved students from Years 9, 10 and 11 learning about their rights at work, investing and making smart financial decisions. All of the boys involved found the seminars engaging and learnt a lot about financial mathematics.

Mr M Miles, Maths Teacher



CAREERS

Recent events

Western Sydney Careers expo 2017

Interested Year 12 students attended this expo on 23 June and gained valuable information from the attending universities, TAFE colleges and training providers. There were also employers and employment services, organisations with apprenticeship information and opportunities, providers of HSC resources, student support services, and providers of international exchange and gap year programs. As well, students were able to attend seminars on a range of covering HSC subjects, Tertiary Courses, UAC, Careers and Gap Year options.

TAFE Taster Courses

Students in Year 10 were notified that there is funding for more TAFE taster courses in Term 3. These courses will be delivered for 8 weeks commencing the week beginning Monday 31 July apart from Carpentry Skills and Building a Skateboard which commences 24 July and goes for 16 weeks until 24 November. At this stage Carpentry is full but there are vacancies in Health and Fitness, Computer Games Development, Coding IT/Web Design–Hornsby, Making and Marketing Films–Meadowbank, Plumbing–Meadowbank and Horticulture and Landscaping–Ryde. Students must be over 15 years of age to attend TAFE.

Coming Events

NIDA School Holiday Programs

NIDA is running school holiday classes over the Winter break, with options for young people from Years 7 to 12. If courses are booked earlier than 4 weeks before the start of classes, then an early bird discount of 10% applies.

<https://www.open.nida.edu.au/holiday-classes>

2017 Hornsby Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo

Wednesday 2 August 2017 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm at the Hornsby Memorial Hall, 2 High Street Hornsby. For more information, please call 94802500 or email campbellke@missionaustralia.com.au

Important Information - particularly for Year 12 students

Boyce Accounting Cadetships for 2018

Each year we offer exciting opportunities for high school leavers and university students undertaking, or about to commence, a degree in accounting, or relevant field including business and commerce. We provide flexible arrangements to allow a combination of full time, part time and distance education options whilst working in your chosen field 3-5 days per week.

You'll have endless opportunities to learn from our experts, participating in weekly learning and development sessions, being paired with a buddy and working in a collaborative team, whilst also enjoying the great work environment and social events. You will receive financial support for textbooks and generous study leave.

To apply, please submit your resume, transcript or reports and a cover letter detailing what you will bring to the position. For further information, contact our HR Coordinator, Tracey Somerville, on (02) 6971 0600.

<http://www.boycecareers.com/current-opportunities/cadet-accountant>

<http://www.boycecareers.com/apply-now>

TAFE and Apprenticeships

Jobs of Tomorrow \$1,000 Scholarships

People with skills in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) are in high demand. If you are interested in training in these skills, you may be eligible for a \$1,000 Jobs of Tomorrow scholarship under the NSW Government's Smart and Skilled Program.

To be eligible for a Jobs of Tomorrow Scholarship, you must meet the Smart and Skilled personal eligibility criteria (see the Eligibility Checker), be enrolled in a qualification that is eligible for a Jobs of Tomorrow Scholarship, and commence training in the qualification on or after 1 January 2016.

<https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/scholarships/jobs-of-tomorrow-scholarships>

AIE Online Experience Day - Saturday 8 July

If you are interested in studying 3D animation, game design or VFX at AIE but cannot get to an event in person, check out their Online Experience Day.

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

The Sport Australia Hall Of Fame Scholarship And Mentoring Program

Australian junior athletes (U/21) are invited to apply for this program, which includes one-on-one personal mentoring by an Inducted SAHOF Member, and a \$5,000 sporting expenses grant.

<http://www.sahof.org.au/scholarships/overview/>

Subject Selection for Year 10 students.

Just a reminder that students who wish to apply for an EVET course in 2018 must fill in an expression of interest form available from Mrs Fry.

EVET courses approved for 2018 are listed in the subject selection booklet.

Mrs J Fry
Careers Adviser

Open days 2017



Australian Catholic University acu.edu.au Canberra 26 August North Sydney 2 September Strathfield 9 September	Macleay College macleay.edu.au Sunny Hills 19 August	University of Canberra canberra.edu.au Bruce 26 August
Australian College of Applied Psychology acap.edu.au Sydney 23 August, 22 November	Macquarie University mq.edu.au North Ryde 19 August	University of New England une.edu.au Armidale 5 May
Australian Maritime College amc.edu.au Narrawong 12 August	MIT Sydney mit.edu.au For campus tours/appointments and course information call (02) 8267 1400 or visit the website.	University of Newcastle newcastle.edu.au Port Macquarie 3 August Central Coast (Dumblong) 12 August Newcastle (Callaghan) 19 August
Australian National University anu.edu.au Canberra 26 August	National Art School nas.edu.au Darlinghurst 2 September	University of Sydney sydney.edu.au All campuses 26 August
Charles Sturt University cslu.edu.au/opensday Albury-Wodonga 22 August Sydney 26 August Wagga Wagga 29 August Bathurst 31 August	SAE Creative Media Institute sae.edu.au Sydney and Byron Bay 5 August	University of Technology Sydney uts.edu.au City 26 August
CQUniversity cq.edu.au/opensday Sydney 6 September Online Chat 2, 16 & 30 August available 3-5pm	SIBT sibt.nsw.edu.au For campus tours call (02) 9964 6555 or visit the website.	University of Wollongong uow.edu.au Wollongong 19 August
Griffith University griffith.edu.au Southbank, Nathan and Gold Coast 23 July	Southern Cross University scu.edu.au Coffs Harbour 4 December Lismore 5 December Gold Coast 7 December	UNSW Sydney unsw.edu.au UNSW Canberra 26 August UNSW Sydney 2 September
International College of Management, Sydney icms.edu.au Manly 6 August	TOP Education Institute top.edu.au Sydney 23 August	Western Sydney University westernsydney.edu.au Parramatta 27 August
La Trobe University latrobe.edu.au Shepparton 4 August Melbourne 6 August Albury-Wodonga 12 August Mildura 16 August Bendigo 27 August Sydney email: sydney@latrobe.edu.au for an individual appointment.	Torrens University Australia torrens.edu.au The Rocks 29 April, 12 August Billy Blue College of Design (Ulrimo) 29 April, 12 August Media Design School (Ulrimo) 12 August Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School (Leura) 2 September William Blue College of Hospitality Management (The Rocks) 29 April, 12 August	

Top 10 Tips for Year 10s choosing their HSC courses

-  Choose what you're good at, interested in and which will lay a foundation for your future plans.
-  Choose HSC courses best suited to your ability. Don't choose courses just because of scaling or because you think they will give you a better ATAR.
-  Make the link between your choice now and where you want to go after Year 12.
-  Check if the uni you want to go to (and/or the course you want to do) has prerequisites and assumed knowledge – this booklet has all this info.
-  If you want to get an ATAR, make sure you will be eligible.
-  Depending on what you study, marks around 70 in the HSC could lead to an ATAR in the 50s, while marks closer to 80 could lead to an ATAR of 80. This is because most students have marks between 70 and 80 so when you are ranked that group really spreads out.
-  If you are getting marks in the 70s do whatever you can to get closer to 80 – it will make a big difference to your ATAR.
-  Remember that *unis award bonus points for your performance* in particular HSC courses, and usually for bands 4 and above.
-  If you're not sure what level maths and English to take, choose the level that suits your ability and future plans. You will not necessarily get a higher ATAR just by studying a lower level course, and unis don't always give bonus points for the lower level courses, no matter how well you do. Also check prerequisites in case you need to get a certain performance band.
-  To maximise your ATAR you have to make good choices about what to study, work to the best of your ability and work towards your goals for life after school.



Do you want more info about CCUSA's Summer Camp programs?

Come along to one of our Free Information Meetings. Speak to past participants, have all your questions answered and find out why CCUSA are the summer camp specialists. Parents are welcome!

Sydney Information Meeting
Monday June 26th and Tuesday August 15th
6:30pm to 7:30pm
CCUSA Office, Level 4, 300 George Str, Sydney

Can't make any of these in-person, then sign up to one of our online sessions on Wednesday July 19 or Tuesday August 29th. Visit www.facebook.com/ccusa.australia/events

Applications for Camp Counselors USA 2018 open on June 1st!



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CANTEEN MENU 2017

RECESS MENU

Bacon & Egg Tart	\$2.00	Toasted Sandwiches:	
Ham & Pineapple Muffin Pizza	\$2.00	Cheese	\$2.00
Mixed Sandwiches	\$2.00	Cheese & Tomato	\$2.50
Sushi (when available)	\$3.50	Cheese & Creamed Corn	\$2.50
Toasted Cheese & Tomato Rolls	\$2.00	Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
BLT Roll	\$4.00		
Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$4.00		

Fresh Made Sandwiches On Wholemeal

Bread (available daily)

Chicken, lettuce & aioli	\$3.50
Cheese	\$2.00
Tuna & Lettuce	\$3.00
Cheese & Salad	\$3.50
Ham & Tomato	\$3.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00

TOASTED TURKISH ROLLS

(available by order)

MAKE YOUR OWN

Turkish Roll	\$1.50
Cheese	\$1.00
Chicken	\$2.00
Ham	\$2.00
Roast Beef	\$2.00
Egg	\$1.50
Cucumber	\$1.00
Tomato	\$1.00
Carrot	\$1.00
Beetroot	\$1.00
Salad - lettuce, carrot, tomato & cucumber	\$3.50

CONDIMENTS

add 50c

Mayonnaise
Tomato relish
Gherkins relish
Aioli
Ranch dressing

FRESH SALADS (when available)

Tandoori Chicken Rice	\$5.00
Tomato & Chicken Penne	\$5.00
Tuna Pasta	\$5.00
Potato, Bacon & Egg	\$6.00

HOT FOOD

(available every lunch and by order)

Chicken Burger:	\$4.50
Wholemeal Bun, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Aioli, Chicken patty	
Beef Burger:	\$4.50
Wholemeal Bun, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot, BBQ Sauce	
Pull Pork Roll:	\$5.50
Wholemeal long roll, Slow Baked Pulled Pork, Fresh Coleslaw	
Lamb and Tabouleh Tortillas:	\$6.00
Shredded Lamb, Fresh Tabouleh, Hummus, Toasted Tortilla	
Bacon & Egg Roll	\$4.00
Hot Dogs	\$2.50
Potato Wedges	\$2.00
Chicken Chips	\$2.00
Chicken Chilli Tenders (2)	\$3.00
Meat Pie (with sauce)	\$3.50
Sausage Roll (with sauce)	\$2.50
Cup Noodles	\$2.20
Beef, Chicken & Hot & Spicy	

HOT WEEKLY SPECIALS

(one dish available per week) \$6.50

Butter Chicken with Rice
Ravioli Carbonara
Pasta Bolognese
Lamb Curry with Rice
Sweet & Sour Chicken & Fried Rice
Hokkien Noodle with Beef & Vegetable Stir fried

CAKES & SNACKS

Banana Bread	\$2.50
Muffins (Low Fat-when available)	\$2.00
JJ's	\$1.20
Chicken, BBQ, Salt & Vinegar, Pizza	
Pretzel packets	\$1.00
Popcorn unsalted	\$1.20
Rice crackers packet	\$1.20
Crunchy Canola Bars	\$2.00
Baked Oat Bars	\$1.50

FRUIT

Seasonal Fruit available daily	50c
Fruit Cups	\$1.50

YOGURT

\$2.00

LOW FAT CREAMY SORBETS

Coconut	\$3.50
Chocolate	\$3.50
Tropical	\$3.50
Passion Mango	\$2.50
Lemon	\$2.50
Red Apple	\$2.50
Zooper Doopers	50c

DRINKS

Milk:	Plain 600ml	\$2.00
	Flavoured 300ml	\$2.00
	Flavoured 500ml	\$3.00
Juice 250ml		\$2.20
Flavoured Mineral Water		\$2.50
Cans (in machine)		\$2.00
Coke zero - bottle		\$3.50
Sprite Zero - bottle		\$3.50
Chill Iced Tea 250ml		\$2.00
	500ml	\$2.50
Chill Aloe Water		\$2.50
Coconut Water cans (Mango & Pure)		\$2.00
Diet Drink bottles		\$3.50
Pump Flavoured Water		\$3.00
Up & Go		\$2.20
Water 600ml		\$2.00
Hot Chocolate:		
	(Before School/Winter Only)	\$2.00

P&C ASSOCIATION

Parents and Citizens working together for our School

Hello ABHS community,

There is plenty of great events to look forward to in the next half of the year at Asquith Boys so here are the important dates for your diaries...

Sunday 30th July – WORKING BEE

We will be holding a working bee to put plants in the new planter and along the edge of the path as the final stage to the entrance path project. Starting at 9 am we aim to finish at 11 and hope you can stay for a cup of tea or coffee. This is a great opportunity to meet some other Asquith Boys parents and contribute your gardening expertise. Contact Tony Nicklin on 0402 086 765.

Saturday 19th August – TRIVIA NIGHT

The Trivia Night is back and its bigger and better! We have invited the Asquith Girls P&C to join with us and together we are putting on a Trivia Night on Saturday the 19th August with all the flavours of a Mexican Fiesta that will warm up the chilliest winter evening! Get your tables organised and start studying those atlases and celebrity facial features. Tickets are \$25 per head and are available on www.trybooking.com/PLIZ or contact us on trivia.abhspnc@gmail.com or Michelle Roscarel on 0404 433 238.

Thursday 31st August – FATHER AND SON BREAKFAST

Join us for the Father son breakfast to be held from 7 to 8.30am in the school hall. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and some special time with your sons at this very special annual event at Asquith Boys. Booking is essential with Maddi Bailes at info@workerslegalsupport.com.au or 0439 779 821.

Sunday 10th September – SPORTS GALA DAY

The Asquith Boys Sports Gala Day will showcase local primary school teams in football and Oz tag followed by Senior Teams and the heroic Blackwood and Moscos Cup matches. This is a fabulous day of competition and community and all parents and students are welcome. More news of this event will be in the next Backchat.

Monday 18th September – YEAR 12 FAMILY DINNER

The Year 12 Family Dinner is an opportunity for students to celebrate with parents and families, the achievement of their final year at the school. Last year's inaugural event was an enormous success that was enjoyed by over 100 guests. Supported by the Year 11 parents, invitations will be going out to all Year 12 families.

Messages will be going out inviting all parents who want to be involved in any of the above events to contact Sasha at secretary.abhspnc@gmail.com.

Finally the P&C committee would like to thank the amazing Michelle Roscarel for her superb efforts and limitless energy as P&C President, for setting the bar for all our events even higher and for having a car boot big enough to contain the quintessential ingredients of a constructive working bee or a 100 seat fundraiser!

Tempe Beaven

Vice President

The next P&C meeting

@ 7.30pm

Tuesday 25 July
in the Library.

All welcome.

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 3 2017

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat/Sun
Week 1A	July 17 Staff Development Day	July 18 Students Return Yr7-10 Reports issued (emailed)	July 19	July 20 Formal Assembly (Reports)	July 21	July 22/23 NSW Band Festival
Week 2B	July 24 Parent/Teacher Interviews	July 25 P & C Meeting School Council	July 26	July 27 Australian Maths Competition	July 28	July 29/30 Sun 30 P&C Working Bee 9-11am
Week 3A	July 31 HSC Trial Exams	Aug 1 HSC Trial Exams ICAS English Exam	Aug 2 HSC Trial Exams	Aug 3 HSC Trial Exams	Aug 4 HSC Trial Exams Duke of Ed Bronze Exp	Aug 5/6 Duke of Ed Bronze Exp
Week 4B	Aug 7 HSC Trial Exams	Aug 8 HSC Trial Exams	Aug 9 HSC Trial Exams	Aug 10 HSC Trial Exams	Aug 11 HSC Trial Exams	Aug 12/13
YR 10 SNOW CAMP						
Week 5A	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17 Formal Assembly (Winter Grade Sport)	Aug 18	Aug 19/20 Sat 19 P&C Trivia Night
Week 6B	Aug 21	Aug 22 P&C Meeting School Council	Aug 23	Aug 24 ART / TAS EXHIBITION	Aug 25	Aug 26/27
Week 7A	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31 P&C Father & Son Breakfast Yr9 Legacy Collection Day	Sept 1 WALKATHON	Sept 2/3
Week 8B	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9/10 Sun 10 P&C Sports Gala Day
Week 9A	Sept 11 Year 11 Exams	Sept 12 Year 11 Exams	Sept 13 Year 11 Exams	Sept 14 Year 11 Exams	Sept 15 Year 11 Exams	Sept 16/17
Week 10B	Sept 18 Year 11 Exams P&C Dinner/BBQ for Yr12 and Parents	Sept 19 Year 11 Exams Yr12 Beach Day	Sept 20 Yr12 Graduation Assembly	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23/24

Work continuing on the Pacific Highway, Asquith, from Thursday 29 June

The NSW Government is funding this essential maintenance work under its \$1.5 billion program to maintain and improve the 18,028 kilometre state road network.

Roads and Maritime Services is upgrading underground cables on the Pacific Highway at the intersection of Wattle Street and Jersey Street North.

We were scheduled to complete this work on Friday 26 May but had to postpone a number of shifts due to changes to our scheduling.

Our work schedule

To complete this work, we will be back on site for the remaining **six day shifts** and **six night shifts** between **Thursday 29 June** and **Friday 26 August**, weather permitting. Our night work hours will still be between **7pm** and **5am** from **Sunday** to **Friday**. Our day work hours will still be between **7am** and **5pm** from **Sunday** to **Friday**.

How will the work affect you?

Our work may be noisy at times but we will do everything we can to minimise its impact, including completing the noisier tasks by **11pm**.

Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe.

Lane closures will be in place and may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow signs and traffic controllers' directions. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our delivery partner, DownerMouchel, on 1800 332 660 or enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com. For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au. Thank you for your patience during this important work.



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Wu Kung-Yi (1900-1970)
Eldest son of Master Chien-Chuan

Wu Tai-Kwei (1923-1972)
Eldest son of Master Kung-Yi

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STUDY STRESS BUSTER SESSIONS

PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR SENIOR STUDENTS (YRS 10-12)

Where: KYDS Office (rear 265 Pacific Hwy, Lindfield)
NEXT AVAILABLE OPEN WORKSHOPS: July 3 or July 14, 2017 (10am-2pm)
Covering:

- > Understanding how you learn
- > Organisational skills
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Overcoming procrastination in adolescence: information evening



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Event Name Overcoming procrastination in adolescence: information evening

Start Date 3rd Aug 2017 6:00pm

End Date 3rd Aug 2017 7:00pm

Duration 1 hour

Description The Centre for Emotional Health in partnership with the Rotary Club of North Ryde* is pleased to present a FREE community information evening for parents, carers, and teenagers on dealing with academic procrastination in youth.

Stress around academic performance is very common during adolescence as pressures at school escalate. Increased stress has been shown to be related to worry and procrastination around school work, and reduced self-esteem around work output.

By the end of this presentation teenagers will have gained practical ideas in how to manage negative emotions and stay on task. Procrastination is largely a habit which can be overcome with the right strategies and plan. To maximise learning, the seminar will involve several hands-on exercises, and a portfolio of free worksheets.

In this information session, Dr Carolyn Schniering will discuss:

- the factors which make youth vulnerable to procrastination,
- practical strategies to manage procrastination in this age group for both parents and teenagers, and
- available treatment options for adolescents through the Centre for Emotional Health.

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About the Presenter

Doctor Carolyn Schniering is a senior lecturer, researcher and child psychologist. Carolyn's passion is to increase understanding of childhood emotional health problems and to improve treatment programs for anxiety and depression in youth. She has developed and evaluated a treatment that targets both anxiety and depression simultaneously for adolescents - a unique offering in Australia. She is also the creator of the Children's Automatic Thoughts Scale (CATS) which has been used nationally and internationally to identify unhelpful thinking styles associated with emotional difficulties in youth.

Event Information

Date: Thursday 3 August 2017

Time: Doors open 5.30pm. Event 6.00pm to 7:00pm

Venue: Australian Hearing Hub, Level 1 Lecture Theatre
16 University Ave, Macquarie University NSW

Parking: Free parking from 5.30pm in X3 and W4 car parks. All people who register will be emailed a parking permit.

RSVP: Bookings are essential as places are limited.

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