

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER BACKCHAT

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Poppy tributes at the School Remembrance Service





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Bryce Grant

Term 4 has commenced and in true Asquith Boys High School fashion there is always an amazing range of activities and learning opportunities for the benefit of all the boys to participate in or undertake at Asquith Boys.

Interstate Rugby Tour

In the recent holidays the Junior Rugby teams participated in an interstate rugby carnival in Queensland where they represented themselves and the school extremely well. With numerous reports of commendation being received for the behaviour our students and their sporting talent. Thank you to Mr Miles, Mr Broome and Mr Melrose who generously gave of their holiday time to take the students on this excellent experience.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Miles for his commitment to Asquith Boys High School, especially in the teaching areas of Mathematics and Rugby, as well as being the Year 7 Adviser. We wish him the very best at his new school and position.

Hall Forecourt Commemorative Pavers and Garden Area

Thank you to the P&C who have generously provided the funds towards a much needed project for the school. The construction of the beautiful new paved forecourt and garden area located outside the School Hall. This new construction has incorporated the commemorative pavers that were purchased by staff, students and families. The new path provides a nice flowing, level access pathway from the carpark near the Administration Block, through to the School Hall. Seating for the students has also been incorporated into the newly constructed garden beds, with the Year 8 Horticulture class busily preparing these garden beds for planting, in preparation for our upcoming Presentation Night.

Prefect's Induction Assembly

The Prefect Induction Assembly for the newly elected Year 10 and 11 Prefects, held in the first week of this term, was a very proud moment for both the parents and Ms Bird who has mentored many of these students over the past 4 years as their Year Adviser. Our Prefects are all quality young men who I am certain will represent themselves and the school proudly and extremely well. I am confident that they

will continue to uphold the long tradition of excellence in student leadership that exists at Asquith Boys High School. To achieve one of these positions, the Prefects were selected from an extensive list of almost 30 nominees, all of whom were worthy of the position of School Prefect. Other leadership positions will present themselves over the coming terms at Asquith Boys High School for those students to undertake, and I look forward to seeing them succeed in these positions and roles.



HSC Examinations

HSC Examinations commenced in Week 1 of this term for our Year 12 students. All reports from the HSC Presiding Officer, Mr Rolf Jacobson have been positive and glowing of our boys' behaviour, politeness and all round effort to achieve their personal best in all examinations. I look forward to all Year 12 students completing their sign out procedure in the coming weeks and discussing with them their thoughts and ideas on the examinations, how they performed and what they would like to do in 2019.

Many teachers are looking forward to attending the Year 12 Formal which will be on Tuesday 20 November at Curzon Hall, Eastwood. This will be an excellent opportunity to catch up with the class of 2018, as well as admiring them in their formal attire and acknowledge them as fine young men.

Remembrance Day Service – 100th Anniversary

On Thursday 8 November, the school assembled for a Remembrance Day service for the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War. Ms Cufre and her Year 9/10 elective History class lead the assembly with moving personal speeches about their Great Grandfathers or other relatives who were involved in proudly fighting for their country, and how grateful they were that they returned safely to enable them to have the existence and life that they may not have had otherwise.

The School Captain and Vice-Captain placed a wreath at the base of the school flag after walking through a guard of honour formed by the Prefects. Colin Newland then performed an incredible rendition of the 'Last Post', before a minute silence, followed by 'Reveille'.

Finally, in what was a very special and touching moment, the Year 9/10 elective History class placed their hand made poppies, along with the Prefects at the base of the school flag pole. *'Lest we forget!'*







Year 11 Yearly Reports

Year 11 students have received their final reports via email, with all staff spending an extensive amount of time reflecting on each students' strengths and weaknesses and overall performance in their Preliminary courses. The overall quality of the feedback that teachers have provided is impressive and importantly supports the idea that every student at Asquith Boys High School is known and valued. They have identified the most important areas for your sons to address in the immediate future to improve their overall educational outcomes. While their HSC is still 12 months away, and this may feel like a long time, it will go by very quickly and it is crucial that each student reflects upon this feedback and endeavours to achieve to their very best over the next 3 terms in the lead up to their HSC Examinations.

Year 11 students will be permitted to withdraw from certain subjects in the coming weeks, but must continue to attend these classes until the end of the term. Students who wish to drop a specific course will be required to see Ms Laffer to discuss their options and alternatives.

Musical - 'Much Ado about Nothing Everything'

Asquith Girls High School production of the musical – 'Much Ado About Nothing Everything' created an excellent opportunity for Asquith Boys to be involved in their wonderful production and performance at the Chatswood Concourse Hall in Week 4 of this term.

Jackson S, Bailey K, Conor S, Cameron JC, Sam A, Callum R and Lachlan T all performed exceptionally, and were all seemingly at home on the stage. Congratulations are also extended to our wonderful Stage Band students who supported and performed at the musical.

A number of the school staff attended the performances and were highly impressed by our boys and their talented participation in this excellent production. Thank you to Ms Gowthorp and Mr Newton for their involvement and drive to support and develop our Drama and Music students who performed in this production. A big thank you must be extended to Asquith Girls High School for their invitation to our boys to participate in the musical. We eagerly look forward to seeing further joint performance opportunities between the schools in the coming years. (A detailed article on the Musical is scheduled for the December issue.)

Multipurpose Court

We have received excellent news in recent weeks with regards to the multipurpose court to be constructed on the grass in the Year 7 area. Despite our best efforts to have the construction commence this term, for completion before the holidays, we have been advised that it will commence early in the new year, aiming to be completed for the beginning of Term 1 2019.

The funds for this project have been raised over a number of years through the Spring Walkathon and other fundraising activities, as well as a grant from our local Federal Member - Julian Leeser. The court will become a valuable asset for the school, containing a full size Futsal Soccer field and Volleyball court for the students to use during PDHPE lessons, School Sport, Recess and Lunch times. It may even become a possible source of income for the school, with interest already being expressed from community organisations wishing to hire the court.

Links2Learning

The Links2Learning program recently concluded for our participating students of 2018. On the final day of the program, the organisers conducted an awards presentation followed by an afternoon tea for the participating students and their parents. At the presentation a number of our students received excellence awards, with Travis H being awarded the 'Tradesman of the Year Award', Dylan M the 'Barista of the Year Award' and Patrick O'H awarded the 'Attendance and Engagement Award' for 2018. Congratulations to all of our award winning students and to the many others who participated in this and the many other programs that Mr Laing coordinates across Years 9 and 10. We thank Mr Laing for his energy and enthusiasm for working with our students who wish to transition from school at the completion of Year 10, and the many hours that he invests in supporting and assisting the extensive number of students who invariably grow through the experiences and opportunities that he offers.

Excellent Citizens and Community Members

I thank the parents who continue to remind their sons, as we regularly do on assemblies and at Year Adviser meetings, that while they are on their way to and from school, in school uniform, they represent themselves and the school community and are accountable for their behaviour. Asquith Boys High School has a proud reputation in the community we are very protective of this great name, and firm in our resolve to address inappropriate behaviour if and when it occurs. It is imperative that students wear their uniform to and from school and maintain the highest possible standard of behaviour especially on public transport. Students are provided with free public transport on the understanding that they will vacate their seats for adults. This is not a matter of courtesy it is a condition of being provided with the school Opal travel card.



BRONZE MEDALLION RECIPIENT - TERM 4

Congratulations

RSL ARTEX ARMISTICE ART COMPETITION

21 students Year 9/10 visual arts students entered the ARTEX Armistice Art Exhibition run by the Hornsby RSL Club, to honour the men and women who served Australia in "the war to end all wars". Their art works were displayed on the weekend of 10-11 November 2018 in conjunction with the Remembrance Day Service at Hornsby Cenotaph.



This was an excellent cross curricular learning activity that gave the boys a new perspective of the first world war and the effects it had on those men and women who bravely fought for all Australians.

Nathan P received first prize for his abstracted surreal soldier inspired by the artist, James Gleeson. Oliver F achieved a Highly Commended Prize for his intricately detailed pen and ink drawing of a war torn town during a World War one air raid.

This is an outstanding result due to only two prizes awarded in the junior section.

Ms Linda Robson, Head Teacher CAPA





DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ms Catherine Holder

Term 4 is a busy term and already this term there have been many exciting activities both in and outside of the classroom which demonstrate the range of opportunities available at Asquith Boys. So far there have been a Premiers Sporting Challenge Workshop, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Drama and Band festivals, VALID Science examinations,

the joint musical production with AGHS of "Much Ado About Everything" and a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for Year 7. In all of these fantastic events we commend the efforts of our boys but must acknowledge the tireless efforts of the teachers who drive them.

The HSC is finally finished for another year and the elated faces of our Year 12 students as they each completed their final examinations were wonderful. We wish them a safe and fun celebration of this milestone and look forward to celebrating with them at the Formal on 20 November at Curzon Hall. We are very proud of every one of our boys and eagerly await the release of the final results. It is opportune to remind students that should they not receive the results they hoped for, there are numerous other avenues they can take to credential themselves post school. Studies show that young people today can expect to have multiple jobs, even multiple careers, in the modern workplace. So whilst we aim for great HSC outcomes and encourage students to do their best, it is important to remember that it is only one short stage of their life.

This week, Year 10 have had examinations from Monday to Thursday and on Friday Year 9/10 VA and PDM visit Cockatoo Island for a day of creativity in an inspiring historically important, industrial site. Year 7 Swim School will be undertaken in week 7 as well as Peer Support Training for 2019. Upcoming are also High School Experience Day, Orientation Day, VET Work Placements and another Duke of Edinburgh trek as well as the Year 8 camp to Stanwell Tops.

I have been greatly impressed by the efforts students have made to come to school in full uniform since the start of term. If for some reason a student cannot wear a particular piece of uniform, it is essential that they bring a note from home which explains the reason.

In terms of footwear, the Department of Education has a safety guideline around footwear, which requires appropriately safe, enclosed footwear as required by the individual school to meet their needs. Students at Asquith Boys are required to wear black, polishable, leather, lace up shoes cut below the ankle, as detailed in the student organiser.

Students in all years will now be in the thick of assessment tasks and examinations. I encourage all students to study hard and try their best. Class teachers, Head Teachers, myself, Mr Bolger and the Learning and Support staff are always on hand to assist in this period should a student need particular assistance.



YEAR 12 2018 - GRADUATION ASSEMBLY









Thank you to the parents, friends and family who came to support the Year 12 students at their Graduation Service, celebrating their years at ABHS and their growth into young men.











2019 STUDENT LEADERS

2019 YEAR 12 PREFECTS

Brody C, Thomas D, Ethan D, Sebastian E, Nicholas F, Jarrod H, Blake H, Qijun (Joe) H, Zachary H, Aruto I, Mathew J, Stephen M, Aaron S, James T, Lachlan T and Harrison V

School Captain - Thomas School Vice-Captain - Zachary Senior Prefect - Harrison



Mitchell B, Luke B, Matthew B, Jayden C, Thomas H, Matthew H, Nathan J, Tom K, James McL, Corey M, Jeremy M, Samuel P, Joshua P, Patrick R, Jake TJ and Otis van E





















SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS

HSC

Congratulations to all of our HSC students in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Senior Science. All examinations are now finished and the feedback from the boys was very positive. This was the final year of the old syllabus so it was an end of an era not only our boys but also for the syllabus that started around 2002. A big congratulations to Kefah who was the highest performing Science student coming first in both Chemistry and Physics.



Year 11

Our first cohort of students have just completed the Preliminary HSC under the new syllabus. Our boys found it challenging in its content but they enjoyed the emphasis on practical depth studies as part of the assessment.

Temperature related equilibrium of nitrogen dioxide studied in the new HSC Chemistry syllabus.

Surfing Scientist

The boys enjoyed a visit from the Surfing Scientist, Ruben Meerman, for an entertaining and informative incursion. Ruben focuses on engagement in science through demonstrations with liquid nitrogen, balloons and lasers.

Year 8

Year 8 students have just completed their VALID assessment, which is the standardised science assessment for all students in

NSW. The VALID assessment gives schools valuable insight on how the students are thinking about science and provides information about how to improve science teaching in the classroom. The results will be available to parents early in 2019.



Year 7

7E have been studying natural resources and recently completed an exercise in mining choc chips out of choc chip cookies to find a percentage yield and as a way to understand the economics of mining as well as the science. The idea of the exercise is to try and excavate as many choc chips out without biscuit on them, as the biscuit can be regarded as impurities that will need further refinement which adds cost to the project.

The boys found the percentage of choc chips in the cookies was between 25-50% by weight which agreed on average with the quoted figure on the label of 40%.

Year 8 Horticulture

With spring in the air our Horticulture class has been busy planting, weeding and pruning. As well as our vegetable garden the boys have some other projects they are working on. They are preparing garden beds around the new paved area of the hall as well as planting a new hedge at the end of the Peats Ferry Road carpark. The boys have also been learning to maintain a vineyard which is producing a wide range of table grapes.







HSC Construction Team helping out

The Horticulture area is having a new greenhouse erected by the HSC Construction class. The project allows the Construction class to complete mandatory hours for their HSC course whilst completing a worthwhile piece of infrastructure for the Horticulture classes of the future. I would like to thank the boys and their teacher Mr Blackwood for their efforts.

PDHPE FACULTY NEWS

Wow, the year just goes by quickly! With not long to go, a lot has been covered and undertaken within the PDHPE faculty.

Earlier in the year we reported on the three major School sporting carnivals. Since then, we have had many students go onto higher levels of representation and their efforts are highlighted below.

Swimming

Hamish R (12 Years)

Zone - 2nd 50m Freestyle

Sydney North – 9th 50m Freestyle

Jake S (12 Years)

Zone - 2nd 50m Butterfly, 2nd 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Backstroke and 1st 50m Breaststroke.

These fantastic results also earned Jake the title of Zone Age Champion for 12 Years.

Sydney North - 8th 100m Freestyle, 5th 50m Freestyle, 5th 50m Backstroke and 2nd 50m Breaststroke.

NSW CHS -14th 100m Breaststroke

Cross Country

15 years

Ben Tr – 9th at Zone

Sam P – 10th at Zone and 32nd at Sydney North

16 years

Jayden C - 2nd at Zone and 22nd at Sydney North

Jarrod H – 4th at Zone and 32nd at Sydney North

Lachlan M – 5th at Zone

17 years

Christopher R – 4th at Zone and 23rd at Sydney North

18years

Anthony L – 6th at Zone and 25th at Sydney North

Oliver M – 10th at Zone and 26th at Sydney North

AWD

Edward P - 1st at Sydney North in the Open's Multi Class division. Edward then went on to come 4th in the Open's Multi Class event at the NSW All Schools Cross Country Carnival.

Athletics

Jackson T (Opens)

2nd place in High Jump and Shot Put at Sydney North.

Ethan O (14 Years)

1st in Hurdles, 2nd in 400m, 2nd in Long Jump, 2nd in Javelin and 3rd In Discus at Sydney North.

These results also crowned Ethan the Sydney North Age Champion!

At NSW CHS, Ethan came 3rd in Hurdles, 5th in Javelin and 400m and 6th in Long Jump.

Edward P (16-19 AWD)

1st in 100m, 200m, 800m, Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump and Javelin at Sydney North. These results also crowned Edward the Sydney North Age Champion!

At NSW CHS, Edward continued to excel, winning a gold medal in the 800m followed by 2nd in Discus, 3rd in the 200m and 6th in Shot Put and Long Jump.





CARNIVALS - FORMAL ASSEMBLY 5 JULY

Winning House - MYALL

Myall House won all the 3 Carnival trophies for 2018
Atheletics
Swimming
Cross Country

Alister P and Samuel P were the happy House Captian and House Vice Captain receiving the trophies on behalf of all the Myall students.

2018 WINTER GRADE SPORT SEASON

In the 2018 Winter Grade season, Asquith entered 33 teams across 7 sports. This meant we had over 350 students participating in Grade Sport every week, which just goes to show the popularity and value of competitive sport at Asquith Boys

By the end of the Winter season, 12 of our teams had made the semi-finals. From these 12 teams we had 5 teams progress to the Grand final. This included:

1st and 2nd Grade Football, 15 A Football and our 1st Grade and 15's Rugby Union teams







An important note in regards to the **payment of grade sport fees.** These are listed on the initial permission note package that the students receive when they make a grade team. All students who play grade sport are required to pay these, and if you are yet to make your payment for the current Summer season, please go to the 'make a payment' section on the school's website.

MAJOR AWARDS

Premiership Team

1st Grade Football

Champion Rugby School Asquith Boys High School



INDIVIDUAL SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Rugby Union

Oskar E, Tevita F, John F, Tevita P, Nicholas MP, Sau F and Inoke L were all selected to play for Sydney North at the NSWCHS Rugby Carnival Championship in Dubbo which was a massive achievement. Sau F was a standout at this carnival and earned himself a starting position in the NSWCHS 1st grade team where he scored a try in nearly every game against the private school organisations.

Oskar E was also selected in the NSWCHS 16's team and impressed the Waratahs selectors throughout the tournament. This also earnt Oskar a position in the U16's Waratahs Gen Blue 1st grade team.

Football

Lawrence F was selected to represent U16 NSW CHS 2nds team which competed at the NSW All Schools competition on the 25/26th June. Out of the 3 games they played, CHS 2 remained undefeated winning 1 and drawing 2 games to win the whole competition.

Jordan S continued from where he left off last year. Firstly, he was selected to represent NSW CHS 1sts which competed in the NSW All Schools Carnival on Monday 25 & Tuesday 26 June 2018 at Valentine Park, Glenwood. Further to that, Jordan was selected to captain CHS 1sts which is a great honour.

Excellent results at the carnival lead to NSW CHS 1sts winning the whole event with Jordan scoring 2 goals in 3 games. But even better for Jordan, he was then selected into the NSW All Schools 1st grade opens side.

AFL

Earlier in the year, Oliver South was selected for the Sydney North AFL side. Oliver then travelled with the team to Nelson bay for the Northern NSW trials. In fantastic news, Oliver was successful in making the Northern NSW team. This team played at the NSW All Schools championships where they came fourth overall and 2nd for Public Schools.

Lawn Bowls

Ethan SB (Year 7) was selected to represent Sydney North at the NSW CHS Opens Lawn Bowls Championships. A marvellous achievement for a student in Year 7! To top it all off, Ethan tied for 3rd in the singles event.

Cricket

Earlier in the year, both Corey M and Jayden C represented NSW when they competed in the under 15 National Championships which was held In Brisbane. Both students performed well and NSW made the final. Unfortunately, in a very competitive game, they went down to Victoria Metro to finish runners up at the carnival. Furthermore, both Jayden and Corey recently represented Sydney North at the NSW CHS Opens Cricket championships, which were held in Armidale. Both Corey and Jayden played outstanding cricket — Corey scoring 88 and 64 and Jayden 50* and 19* as Sydney North made the Grand Final against Sydney East. Unfortunately, Sydney East were just a little too strong and Sydney North finished in 2nd place for the carnival. In fantastic news, Corey gained selection into the NSW CHS 1st Squad. We wish him all the best as he competes at the NSW All Schools Cricket Championships!

IN THE CLASSROOM

All our classes are currently working hard in preparation for assessments but here is a snapshot of the topics they have been undertaking.

Year 7

In Health, our students have been unpacking issues related to Healthy eating and the developmental changes that occur during Puberty. In practical lessons, they have shown their skills in Soccer, Fitness, Basketball, Pateka and T-ball.

Year 8

In the classroom our students have been busy looking Physical Activity Guidelines and the consequences of a sedentary lifestyle. They have also spent much time learning about harm minimisation techniques in relation to substance use. In practical lessons, they have shown their skills and ability in Cricket, Oztag and Fitness.

Year 9

In Health, our students have been unpacking issues related to Nutrition, Relationships and Sexual Health. A large emphasis during these units of work has been placed on providing relevant and factual information so that students are able to make positive, informed life decisions. In practical lessons, they have shown their skills and ability in AFL, Mini Tennis, Soccer, Resistance Training and T-ball.

Year 10

In the classroom our students have been busy looking at the risks associated with adolescence which include substance use and sexual health. In order to help students deal with this challenging life stage a key aspect of this unit involved focusing on harm minimisation strategies and decision making.

In practical lessons, they have shown their skills and ability in Vortex, Oztag, Resistance Training and Futsal.

9/10 PASS

In theory lessons, our students have been unpacking issues related to Sports Nutrition and Drug use in Sport. The boys have been particularly interested with the level of commitment needed from elite athletes to maintain a satisfactory diet that promotes top performance and recovery.

In practical lessons, they have shown skills in Softball, Touch Football and Netball.

YEAR 7 SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM

During week 7 of this term, all of Year 7 will be participating in a swimming and lifesaving program at Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre. This program has been running successfully for the last 16 years and we have seen dramatic improvements in the standard of swimming over that time. The program will be run by qualified AUSTSWIM instructors and PDHPE staff, along with the assistance of Bronze Medallion trained Year 10 PASS students.

The program is designed to meet the needs of non-swimmers, right through to experienced and squad swimmers. The students will cover a range of theoretical and practical modules such as resuscitation, first aid, lifesaving rescues, swim-stroke correction and survival skills.







YEAR 10 PDHPE SNOW EXCURSION 2018

On Monday 13th August 2018, most of our boys from Year 10 arrived at school in a semi-conscious state for the 6am start to the annual ABHS PDHPE Snow Excursion.

Day 1 was a big travel day with stops including the War Memorial and lunch in Canberra, followed by Cooma to stock up for lunches and then finally at our accommodation in Berridale where we stayed for the week.

The organised chaos did not stop there of course - ski and snow board hire was next, followed by dinner and then the 'On Mountain' Safety Presentation - Day 1 was simply "full on' from start to finish.

5 a.m. wake up calls set the tone for the rest of the week and we know the boys really enjoyed those early starts - hahaha!! The next 3 days provided our boys with fabulous snow and plenty of skiing and snowboarding - the boys had nothing but great things to say about their opportunity to engage in these activities and all the staff were really pleased with their efforts and progress.

Thank you to all the students for being excellent ambassadors for ABHS - brilliant behaviour and attitude from our boys helped define the quality of the excursion.

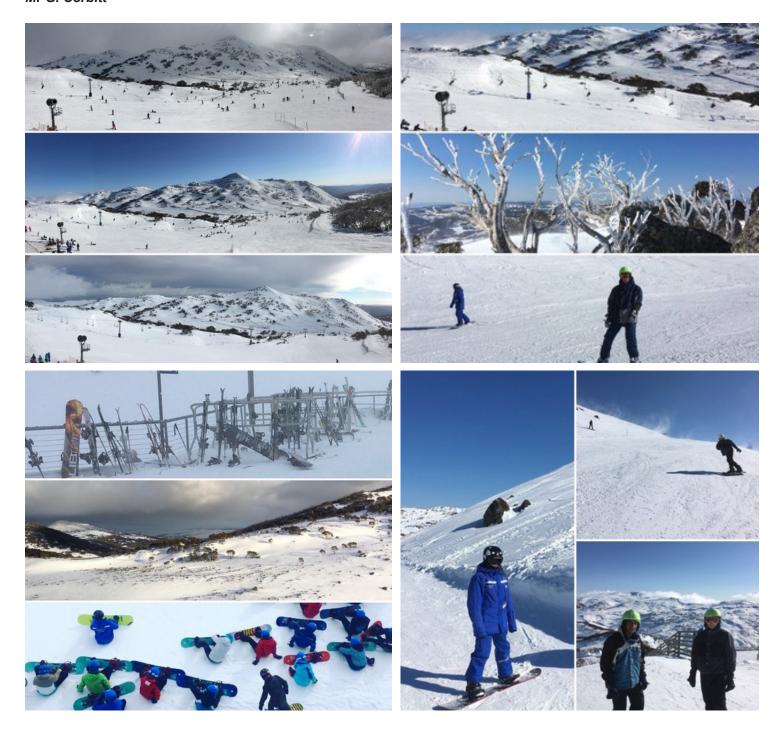
Thank you to our hosts at Southern Cross - Renee and her team were simply fantastic

Thank you to Garry our Coachie - the 2nd year in a row with us and he did not disappoint developing a tremendous repour with our boys over the week.

Finally, thank you to all the staff that gave up time with their families to assist on this great excursion - one that has become an institution here at ABHS.

Yours in Sport

Mr G. Corbitt



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Term 3 was even busier than usual in the library; the PIPs program concluded, two 3D printers were installed and many new books were added to the collection.

YEAR 7 PIP - Personal Interest Project

2018 marked the twelfth year of the PIPs program at ABHS. Over a period of ten weeks, the Year 7 students design, plan and create something that is related to their personal interest whilst following a series of related activities in the Library. The projects are subsequently presented to their class and a panel of judges. Prizes are funded through a very generous donation from the P&C, Thank you!



First Prize Winners 2018

Hugh K - created a Poseable Dog with lights.

Derby R - built a Micro Bat Box and presented interesting information about these bats.

Iziah G - designed a Timber Model Bicycle and produced a companion portfolio.

Malakye E -drew and painted Cultural Designs on Soccer boots, he also spoke about the cultural significance of the symbols.

















3D PRINTERS

The installation of the 3D printers early in term three has encouraged some of the junior boys to explore their creativity and also to practice or learn how to design with 3D modelling software. Photo depicts the first student to print his own design: a bespoke Bull Ant Nest.

The printers are available for anyone in the school community to use, the booking system runs through the library.



NEW BOOKS

Adding to the library collection is a constant activity. The following Fiction titles were requested by students and are now available for borrowing.



James Dashner the highly acclaimed author of 'Maze Runner' has created this fantasy series. The books are highly readable and would serve well as an introduction to this genre.

Strange letters, complex riddles and a new reality are encompassed in a plot, which begins when Atticus, a smart loner at school, who prefers his family, the library and the Internet to hanging out with friends, receives a letter from a stranger. It is postmarked "Macadamia, Alaska." Intrigued, he decides to join with his correspondent to save lives. Atticus is a smart loner at school, a boy who prefers his family, the library and the Internet to hanging out with friends. So he's surprised to receive a letter from a stranger postmarked "Macadamia, Alaska." Intrigued, he decides to join with his correspondent to save lives.



'The 100' by Kass Morgan is Science Fiction series set in a dystopian future.

The Earth has become uninhabitable due to the toxic atmosphere. The remaining population live on giant space ships continually circling the Earth. This situation has been ongoing for too long. Who will be sent back home to discover if the Planet has become a safe place to live? The answer, a group of 100 juvenile delinquents, who are seen as expendable by the governors of the space ship city.

The stories revolve around the teenagers' rediscovery of a unpoulated rugged planet. The plots also examine how members of the group struggle to accept their individual pasts and communal future.

The 100 books were the inspiration for the recently screened TV series



The Mistborn series is a trilogy of Fantasy novels which has been critically acclaimed by adults and teens.

'This is easily one of the finest fantasy stories I've ever read, and my only regret is that I read it so quickly'

Erik Kain Games contributor Forbes Magzine

The Author Brandon Sanderson has created an original magic system called 'Allomancy' and developed the characters with more insight than is traditional in a fantasy.

The story itself revolves around a world blackened by ash, which pours perpetually from a series of volcanoes turning the earth brown and the sky red. It is a society deeply divided between the skaa (peasants who may as well be slaves) and the nobility.

LEGACY COLLECTION DAY

Legacy is a charity providing services towards Australian Armed Services families whose family member died during or after their service in the army. On September 6, Year 9 Asquith Boys students and Prefects went out as a group to various local areas to help raise money for Legacy, led by the leading teachers Mr Broome and Mr Moscos.

Students went out on a bus around the local area, getting off at various drop off points. Together we went out in groups of two so that we could cover more area. Some of the drop off points included: Asquith Coles, Mt Kuring-Gai Industrial Area, Berowra Coles, Thornleigh Industrial Area, and Hornsby. In groups of two, we went door to door working hard to raise as much as we could. Many residents were enthusiastic about Legacy and were willing to donate as much as they could. This was a great boost of confidence for all the boys as they kept working hard.

After a long, tiring day of collecting, the group of Asquith Boys students took a bus back to school. Once back at school and the students then counted all money in the hall. Together we raised over \$10,000 dollars for Legacy. This was a great day for these students to recognise Legacy and to represent Asquith Boys High School as a whole.

Robert C - Year 9 Student



RAISE GRADUATION - MENTORING 2018

On Wednesday 26 September, 10 boys from Years 8 and 9 were presented with certificates for completing the RAISE Foundation mentoring program for 2018. This is the fourth consecutive year that the program has run successfully at Asquith Boys, and the graduation ceremony was held in the school library.

The program involves a one-hour session once per week for Terms 2 and 3, where the boys are paired up with a volunteer mentor from the local area to talk about life at school as an Asquith Boys High student, take part in team activities and work on group. The boys quickly established a rapport with their mentors and both mentors and mentees were thankful to have been part of the program and reported positive outcomes for all involved.

Program Director Sarah Herriot and Program Manager Amanda Rademaker were in attendance for the graduation and boys were presented their certificates by Mr Laing and their Year Adviser, Mr Melrose.

A big thank you goes out to all of the mentors who have given up their own time over the past two terms to help the mentees succeed in the program. Our boys were willing participants each week and the positive achievements gained were clearly reflected in the gratitude shown toward their individual mentors on graduation day. We hope that RAISE will be able to return in 2019 to work with a new cohort of Asquith Boys.

Boys who graduated in 2018 were:

Ashkan S, Rayan K, Nataniel P, Lachlan C, Sione K, Nathan S, Ronin KW, Lachlan T, Leo A, Joshua S.



Links to Learning Graduation 2018

On Wednesday 7 November, five Year 10 boys from Asquith Boys High graduated from Links to Learning course that they have been taking part in over the past 30 weeks. The graduation ceremony took place at "Granma's Refuge" at Ingleside, where the program has run throughout the year. The boys have travelled to this location each week to take part in a range of activities designed to help them connect with their classroom learning and build on various skills that will help in both the school setting and in pursuing a future career.

Travis H, Patrick O'H, Nathan J, Jayden B and Dylan MP from Year 10 all received Certificates of Completion for the "Reconnect 30" program (2 days per week). All of the boys from Asquith were commended for their application and effort throughout the program, with special awards handed out to Travis (Best Tradesman), Patrick (Attendance and Engagement) and Dylan (Best Barista).

Barista—made coffee and food was served by the boys on the day, with landscaping projects that have been completed through the year revealed and officially opened. Parents got to see their boys graduate from what has been, once again, a successful program in 2018. Congratulations to all the boys involved. Year 9 boys Noah VA and Jakobb J will graduate from their "Rengage 15" program (one day per week) in Week 5 this term. A big thank-you to all of the Links to Learning staff who have made this program a great success once again this year.

Mr Cameron Laing Head Teacher Student Engagement















MM Fundraiser and Public Launch

A great night of music and dancing to classic Aussie Rock to raise funds and celebrate the public launch of Mentoring Men.

The vision for Mentoring Men is for:

"Supporting men in their life journey"

Entertainment will be provided by the awesome eight member band Ministry of Rock who play the Aussie rock hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s.

Date: Fri 23rd Nov from 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Venue: Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 52 Yarrara Rd, Pennant

Hills NSW 2120

Tickets: \$20 adults and \$10 for students and under 18s

(tables of 10) available through:

https://events.humanitix.com.au/mentoring-men-fundraiser-and-public-launch

Full menu dinner & drinks available at the venue.

Tickets strictly limited so book now!!

For more information call lan Westmoreland on 0400 606 768



FROM THE CAREERS ADVISER

Safework NSW White Card Course

There will be 2 courses held on Friday 30th November 2018 and Monday 10th December 2018 at Asquith Boys High. The cost is \$99 and is conducted by OHS Coastal Services. This course is mandatory for all students doing a construction work experience.

TSFX Mastering the HSC

Sunday 18 November | 9am to 5pm | University of Technology, Sydney, For students in Year 11 or 12 in 2019. Proven advice. Top HSC Teachers. Industry Specialists. A+ Notes. Valued at over \$250, "Mastering the HSC" is FREE when you make a \$10 donation to The Fred Hollows Foundation on the day. See Mrs Fry or phone 1300364173.

UTS & Macquarie University – ACE the HSC Free Seminars

November 11 | UTS Building 6 and November 18 | Macquarie University

Discover the secrets to HSC success across a series of free seminars. Designed for both students and parents, the ACE the HSC Seminars are tailored to those beginning their HSC year and those in Year 11 next year.

Find out more - https://www.hscintheholidays.com.au/our-program/ace-the-hsc-free-seminars-november/

UTS - Law Discovery Day

November 27 | City – Haymarket AND November 29 | City - Haymarket

Year 11s with an interest in law. As places are limited, this program is available to up to four students per school. Careers advisers and/or teachers are welcome to accompany the students.

Find out more - https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-law/events/law-discovery-day-tuesday-27-november-2018

New South Wales Police – Recruitment Information Session

December 1 | Parramatta

Attend an information session to find out more about being a NSW Police Officer and the recruitment process. Sessions are generally run at Police Headquarters. Find out more - https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/news/information sessions

CCUSA Job Fairs

Sydney: Sun, Dec 9 | 12pm - 4pm | The Grace Hotel

Up to 25 US & 1 Canadian camp hiring in ALL activity areas at camps in the USA & Canada. Over 400 jobs available. CCUSA Camp Job Fair offers the Most Camps giving you access to the Most Jobs!

CLICK HERE to download your Camp Job Fair quick Reference Guide

Find out more - https://www.ccusa.com.au/MORE-INFORMATION/Camp-Job-Fairs

Macquarie University – Explore Your Options Week

December 13 – 22 | Macquarie University

We're showcasing what's on offer when you study at Macquarie. During this time, you can chat one- on-one with our team about our flexible courses and pathways to uni, visit our campus and check out our facilities. It's a great opportunity to get your questions answered and know you're making the right uni choice. Find out more - https://www.mg.edu.au/study/events/explore-your-options-week

UNSW - Info Day

December 15 | UNSW, Sydney

Attend lectures, explore the campus and chat to academics and current students in the Advisory Centre. Come and see what studying at UNSW is all about.

Find out more - https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/unsw-info-day-2018-0

UTS Info Day is your last chance to visit the campus before UAC preferences close the following day. Attend an info session or chat with staff and students. Ask those last-minute questions before you lock in your uni choice.

Find out more - https://infoday.uts.edu.au/

University of Sydney Info Day - Save the Date

Saturday 15 December | 9.30am—3pm, Camperdown/Darlington Campus, University of Sydney Info Day allows you to get answers to all your questions below finalising your main round preferences. More information to come. Find out more - https://sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/events-for-students/undergraduate-events.html

Important Information

TAFE

TAFE NSW – Fee-free Apprenticeships

There are 100,000 funded apprenticeship positions available. The NSW Department of Industry will pay the student fee on behalf of any apprentice who commences their apprenticeship training on or after 1 July 2018. Find out more - https://www.TAFEnsw.edu.au/fee-free-apprenticeships

NSW Smart and Skilled

Now's a great time to look for fee-free training through the Government's Smart and Skilled package.

You'll need to be over 15, and have left school.

You can search for free courses near you here - https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/

William Angliss Trial a Trade

Sat 12 January 2019 | 9am - 1.30pm | Alexandria

A trial-a-trade is a collaborative class which allows students to experience what different Angliss courses are like. Run by our highly experienced trainers, trial-a-trades offer a taste of what studying at William Angliss Institute

entails – and you get to eat what you make!

Trial-a-trades are complimentary but bookings are essential and can be made for individuals or groups.

Book here - https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/trial-a-trade-cookery-patisserie-plate-like-a-chef-cupcake-decoration-coffee-tickets-51996551084?aff=erelexpmlt

TAFENSW – Scholarships

Everyone deserves the opportunity to explore their talents and to fulfil their potential. Regardless of your circumstances, you deserve the chance to create a better future through education and training. Every year we award hundreds of scholarships to our students, so make this year your year to be rewarded.

Find out more - https://www.TAFEnsw.edu.au/enrol/payment-funding/scholarships

For Year 11 and 12 students

UAC - Heading Into Year 12 And Thinking Of Dropping A Course?

As you start Year 12, it's not uncommon to think about dropping an HSC course. You might be struggling with the content of a particular subject, or you may simply want to study fewer units and have more time to focus on your remaining courses. These are legitimate reasons for dropping a course, but before you make any rash decisions, ask yourself the following three questions.

Medview - Uncovering the UCAT

November 26 | Sydney

Unsure about changes in medical school admissions testing? Come decipher the shift from UMAT to UCAT for Australian med school admissions.

Find out more - https://www.eventbrite.com/o/medview-11179498502

Scholarships

Country Education Foundation of Australia - Scholarships

Scholarships are not just about money either – the application process will give you vital skills that will transfer when it comes to applying for jobs and will make you a great candidate. Another thing you will gain from a successful scholarship application is confidence. The knowledge that a panel of people believe in your skills and ability will drive you for years.

Find out more - https://cef.org.au/student-support/search-for-scholarships/

Macquarie University – Scholarships and Grants

Macquarie has a generous domestic coursework scholarships program. Some scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need and/or other hardship while others recognise factors such as academic excellence, community involvement, leadership potential or sporting achievement.

Find out more - https://www.mq.edu.au/study/why-study-here/scholarships/domestic-scholarships-and-grants

Apprenticeships. Traineeships And Cadetships

A great way to kick off a career. There are over 250,000 apprentices and trainees in training around Australia, across lots of different industries.

Open to everyone with very few barriers, employers create a job through the Apprenticeship scheme, so you're employed directly by them (full or part-time permanent jobs) and start earning while you train.

Once you've completed your apprenticeship, you'll have a nationally recognised qualification and work experience. With any luck you'll also have the option of walking into a job with the company you've trained with. Interested in an apprenticeship?

Cadetships are similar to apprenticeships, employers offer industry specific combined vocational training and work experience.

There are cadetships available within Australian Government Departments and lots of private companies from Jetstar through to the Guide Dogs Association and everything in between. Bear in mind that many cadetships have higher entry requirements and can be competitive.

There's tonnes more information about different pathways on this Government site.

Mrs J Fry Careers Adviser

CANTEEN MENU

RECESS MENU			
Bacon & Egg Tart	\$2.00		
Cheese Burger	\$4.00	Jaffle Toasties:	
Homemade Ham & Pineapple Pizza	\$5.00	Cheese	\$2.00
Mixed Sandwiches from	\$3.00	Cheese & Tomato	\$2.50
Breakfast Wraps	\$4.50	Spaghetti & Cheese	\$2.50
Chicken Ceasar Salad Subs	\$6.00	Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
BLT Roll	\$5.00		
Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$4.50		

Fresh Made Sandwiches On W Bread (available daily)	/holemeal
Chicken, lettuce & aioli	\$4.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna & Lettuce	\$3.50
Cheese & Salad	\$3.50
Ham & Tomato	\$3.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
TOASTED TUDKISH DOLLS	

TOASTED TURKISH ROLLS

(available by order)

WARE TOUR OWN	
Turkish Roll	\$2.00
Cheese	\$1.00
Chicken	\$2.20
Ham	\$2.20

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Egg	\$2.00
Cucumber	\$1.00
Tomato	\$1.00
Carrot	\$1.00
Beetroot	\$1.00
Salad - lettuce, carrot, tomato &	\$3.50
cucumber	·

CONDIMENTS add 50c

Mayonnaise Tomato relish Gherkins relish Aioli

Ranch dressing

FRESH SALADS (when available)

Tandoori Chicken Rice	\$6.50
Tomato & Chicken Penne	\$6.50
Tuna Pasta	\$6.50
Potato, Bacon & Egg	\$6.50

HOT FOOD

(available every lunch and by order) Chicken Burger: Wholemeal Bun, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Aioli, Chicken patty **Beef Burger:** \$6.00 Wholemeal Bun, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot, BBQ Sauce Bacon & Egg Roll \$5.50 \$3.00 **Hot Dogs Noodle Cups** \$3.00 Beef, Chicken & Hot & Spicy **Potato Wedges** \$2.00 \$3.50 **Chicken Chips** Chicken Chilli Tenders (2) \$4.00 Meat Pie (with sauce) \$4.50 Sausage Roll (with sauce) \$3.50 Gluten Free Noodles \$3.50

AVAILABLE BY ORDER ONLY

\$6.00

Butter Chicken and rice Beef Korma and rice Sweet Chilli Chicken With Rice Pasta Bolognaise

CAKES & SNACKS		DRINKS	
Banana Bread	\$2.50	Milk: Plain 600ml \$2.	50
Café style Muffins	\$4.00	Flavoured 300ml \$3.	00
		Flavoured 500ml \$4.	00
		Juice \$3.	
JJ's	\$1.50	Flavoured Mineral Water \$3.	
Chicken, BBQ, Salt & Vinegar, Pizza		Cans \$3.	
Pretzel packets	\$1.20	Coke zero - bottle \$4.	50
Popcorn unsalted	\$1.20	Sprite Zero - bottle \$4.	50
Rice crackers packet	\$1.20	Chill Iced Tea 250ml \$3.	00
Crunchy Canola Bars	\$2.00	500ml \$4.	00
Baked Oat Bars	\$1.50	Chill Aloe Water \$4.	00
FRUIT		Pump Flavoured Water \$4.	00
Seasonal Fruit available daily	50c	Up & Go \$3.	00
Fruit Cups	\$2.00	Water 600ml \$2.	50
YOGURT with mixed berry & muesli	\$4.00		
LOW FAT CREAMY SORBETS & Ice	. 0	Juice Bombs \$2.	5 0
Coconut	\$3.50	Watermelon	30
Chocolate	\$3.50 \$3.50	Vanilla and Lime	
Tropical	\$3.50 \$3.50		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$3.00	Grape	
Passion Mango		Apple Cola	
Lemon	\$3.00	Apple and Raspberry	
Zaanar Daanara	E0c	Orange and Passionfruit	
Zooper Doopers	50c		
Paddle Pops	\$2.50		
Splice	\$2.50		
Calippo	\$2.20		

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders can be placed at Canteen before school, or at Recess. Ordering can ensure that your favourite food is available at lunch and you can avoid the lunchtime queues.



Your lunch will be waiting for you inside the canteen on the bench for collection no need to queue.

Canteen Weekly Order Form

Attached is a new Weekly Order Form for parents who wish to place an order for the whole week. Pre —payment is necessary. If paying via POP it needs to be done on a Sunday afternoon before 4pm. The student then hands the completed form to the Canteen on Monday morning. If paying in cash this needs to be done on the day the form is handed in.

EFTPOS is now available at the Canteen

The boys are now able to pay for their Canteen purchases using EFTPOS. There is a minimum purchase amount of \$10.

Canteen Volunteers

We still need more volunteers so please consider helping in our school canteen. We are short staffed on several days. Please call the office on 9477-3508 or email the school if you could help. Canteen hours, generally, are 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Tuesday is an early day, which will finish at 1.30pm.

Wednesday's finishing time is around 1pm.

ABHS - WEEKLY CANTEEN ORDER FORM

Student Name:		Roll Class:		
Parent Name & mobile number:				
Date:				
			Cost:	
Monday	Recess			
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
			TOTAL:	

PAYMENT SLIP

CASH

POP PAYMENT - Receipt No:

Total Payment: \$

P&C ASSOCIATION

Parents and Citizens working together for our school

Presentation from the school Counsellor, Dorothy Wakelin

Thank you to Dorothy Wakelin who gave an excellent presentation to the P&C on 'Some of the issues facing boys / students today'. Topics included getting sufficient sleep, computer time and the importance of communication.

If you are unaware, the Counsellors are available 2 and ¼ days a week. Parents are able to call the school to make a referral for their sons. Students can also self-refer. Confidentiality will be assured.

Year 12 Dinner - Class of 2018

A fantastic evening was enjoyed by Year 12 students and their families on Monday 24 September, at the Year 12 Family Dinner. The team of Year 11 parents and students excelled themselves this year with LED balloon lights, test tube favours and the '2018' photo wall.

Thanks go out to Michelle Roscarel and her team of Year 11 parents and students who helped plan, set up, decorate, serve and tidy up on the night. Thankyou also to the delicious dinner provided by Hornsby Ku-ring-gai PCYC catering.













School Hall Forecourt Improvement Project Completed

The P&C funded school hall forecourt improvement works were commenced in the October school holidays. Despite heavy and continuous rain and at least four different paving sizes, David and the team from Spire Landscapes completed the timber planters and laid the brick pavers over the holiday period. Planting is to be undertaken by the school following completion of these works. We greatly look forward to using this new special entry area to the hall in association with school events and as part of the accessible path from Peats Ferry Road to the Hall.

The P&C approved the overall payment of \$25808 for the project including the clearing of the site. Enormous thanks go to Spire Landscapes and Paul Cameron Maintenance for their excellent work as well as all who have contributed to P&C fundraising events and the P&C garden levy! Thanks also to Mr Bryce Grant for his tremendous support for this project and acting as liason between the P&C Committee and the contractors.

New Grey School Socks at Lowes

In case you might have noticed the grey school socks are now available in plain knit at Lowes Hornsby Westfield. Discussions with Angela from Lowes reveal that they are gradually changing to plain knit socks to address complaints regarding the elasticity of the ribbed socks. The new plain knit socks are the same price and are made by Mitch Dowd with double weave for increased strength and elasticity. We welcome your feedback!

DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2019

Tuesday 26 February - 7.30pm

P&C Annual General Meeting following the Parent Teacher BBQ.
All welcome.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very festive season!

Tempe Beaven
P&C President
president.abhspnc@gmail.com

Next P&C meeting - Tuesday 27 November @ 7.30pm in the Library.

Special Guest:

Linda Robson – Acting Head Teacher CAPA

All welcome.



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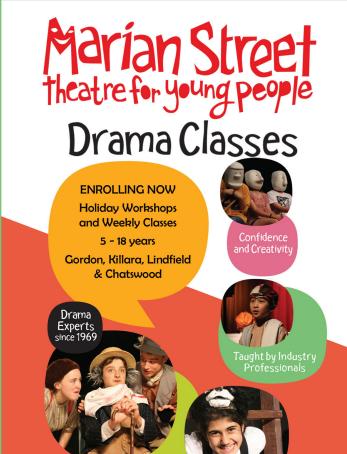


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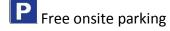


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ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 4 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 6B	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22 HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY	November 23	November 24/25
		Yr12 Formal				
Week 7A	November 26 Yr7 Swim School	November 27 Yr7 Swim School	November 28	November 29 Yr7 Swim School	November 30 Yr7 Swim School	December 1/2
		P&C Meeting (Visual Arts)		Formal Assembly (SRC Induction & Winning House)		
Week 8B	December 3 Yr 11 Work Placement	December 4 Yr 11 Work Placement	December 5 Yr 11 Work Placement	December 6 Yr 11 Work Placement	December 7 Yr 11 Work Placement	December 8/9
		YR7 2019 ORIENTATION DAY		Duke of Ed - Bronze	Duke of Ed - Bronze	
Week 9A	December 10 Yr8 Camp	December 11 Yr8 Camp	December 12 Yr8 Camp	December 13 Beach Day- Winning House	December 14	December 15/16
Week 10B	December 17 Reports Issued PRESENTATION NIGHT	December 18	December 19	December 20 Staff Development Day	December 21 Staff Development Day	December 22/23

2019 DATES

Term 1 – Tuesday 29 January to Friday 12 April (11 wks)

Years 7, 11 and 12 start Wed 30 January,

Years 8, 9 and 10 start Thu 31 January

Term 2 – Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July (10 wks)

Term 3 – Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September (10 wks)

Term 4 – Monday 14 October to Friday 20 December (10 wks)

Staff Development Days

Tue 29 Jan, Mon 29 April, Mon 22 July, Thu 19 & Fri 20 Dec

