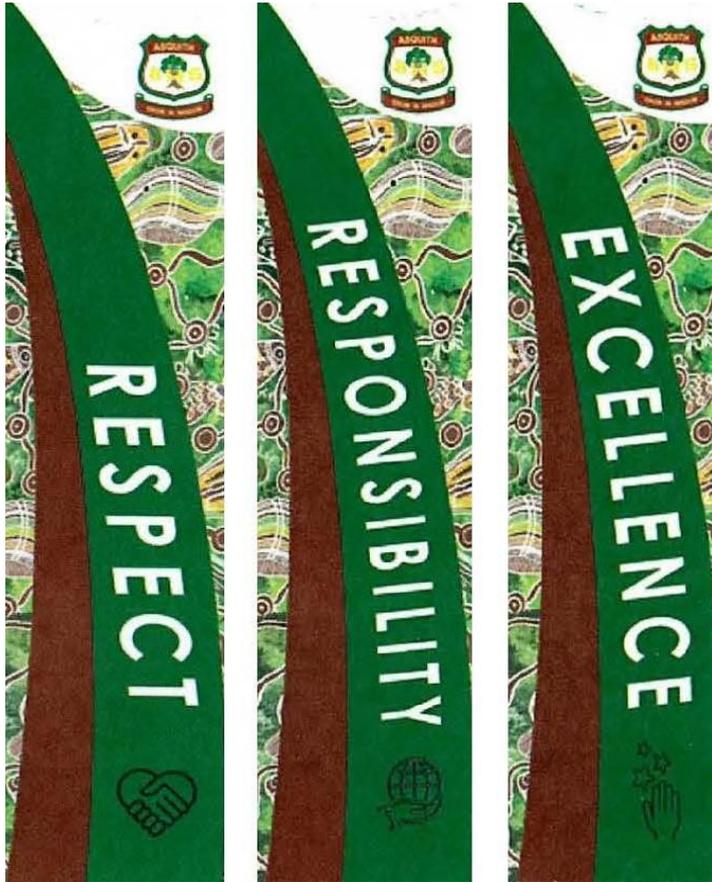


We are now entering into the busy end of the final term for the year, with Yearly Examinations now completed, marking and student report writing well underway.

Year 7 students are undertaking swim school this week and learning invaluable skills for resuscitation and lifesaving. I look forward to visiting the pool this week to see their development and hopefully get some photos to post on our Facebook page.

School Values Banner Competition Winners



I am excited to be able to finally announce the winners of our School Values Banner Competition. Congratulations to *Archie Robinson* (and mother Ashlie) and *Evan Parise* (and father Daniel), they will each receive a \$100 voucher for their designs. After much debate and deliberation, we have morphed these two student designs into one, as seen here. Honourable mentions must also go to the following students: *Darby Ryan* (11), *Jae Foster* (12), *Doug Price* (10), *Riley Pearce* (7), *Ethan Zgolak* (7), who will receive \$20 vouchers. We thank them for their participation and contribution to the final design that incorporates our three values of Respect, Responsibility and

Excellence, while also embracing our indigenous designed background in consultation with Diyan Coe. As well as thank Ms Jackson (ABHS TAS Staff) for her assistance and support in the final design.

High School Experience Day – Thursday 17th November

Last Thursday we welcomed over 150 students to Asquith Boys High School for our annual Year 5 – High School Experience Day. All attending students had the opportunity to experience the normal day to day classroom activities that our current students experience, by attending lessons in Hospitality, PE, Science, CAPA and Metal Work classes.

Parents were also invited on a school tour, visiting classrooms, seeing many of the staff, classrooms and resources that their sons will be able to access when they enrol. As well as, most importantly, having the opportunity to ask any questions that they had regarding Asquith Boys High School and their son's future high school education.

Thank you to all the staff involved in the organisation and coordination of these lessons for the prospective enrolments throughout the day, as well a big thank you to all the student volunteers who supported the Year 5 students and the staff with lessons.

Walkathon 2022

We are thrilled to let you know that we will be holding the 2022 Walkathon on Friday 9 December for which you should have now received an email regarding further information.

Some important points regarding Walkathon Day:

- This is a non-uniform day and boys need to wear sturdy walking shoes/joggers.
- 8.40am start for roll call assembly and year photos at school.
- On completion of the walk, your son will receive lunch, which includes two sausage sandwiches, a drink and a donut.
- Boys will be dismissed from school at the end of the afternoon activities at around 2.30pm.
- Any students wishing to fundraise can collect a sponsorship card from Mr Melrose in the English staffroom.

Year Adviser – Well Being dates for Week 10 Reports

Students received the following information early in Week 5 about the activities organised for them in Week 10:

Year 7 - Tree Tops (Thursday 15th December)

Year 8 – Tree Tops (Monday 12th December)

Year 9 and 10 – Wet 'n Wild (Wednesday 14th December)

Year 11 – Eastern Creek Go Karting (Wednesday 14th December)

I know that the Year Advisers and several staff are excited that these excursions will be available to all students in these year groups. Further information can be accessed from your son's Year Advisers. This is a wonderful initiative and excellent opportunity for all year groups to look forward to. If you have any questions regarding these excursions and your participation in these activities, please feel free to communicate with your son's Year Adviser.

DET COVID Updated Guidelines

The guidelines have been updated to include: -

- Staying home if unwell and/or showing any symptoms.
- Mask-wearing strongly encouraged, particularly when indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and on public transport.
- Using rapid antigen tests (RATs) when showing symptoms or exposed to COVID-19.

We continue to request and do greatly appreciate parents:

- Keeping students home if they have ANY symptom of being unwell, however mild, and use the provided RAT kit.
- Report the positive result to NSW Health and the school for recording and communication purposes.

If you require any further RAT's, please contact reception to enquire about receipt of more tests.

Congratulations to:

- Heath Cameron for being selected into the NSW Metropolitan State Championships team for Futsal.
- Our School Values team for their tireless work to complete the School Values framework and judge the best design for the banner competition.
- The 3 Oztag teams who all won the Gala Day Northern Region League Tag Championship Grand Final at Koola Park in East Lindfield this week.
- Sy Jason for finishing 1st in the recent NSW Outrigger Sprint Championships for 14-year-old boys.



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