

2022 BACKCHAT IN BRIEF #13

With this term only 2 weeks away from concluding, it is important for all students to remain on task and focused on their classroom work.

Rehearsals are taking place for the annual MAD Night on Thursday 23 June. Due to a limit on numbers of people in the hall, this event is a **pre-purchased ticket only event**. See the website for further information. The night will also be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person.

Year 8 and 10 have entered the very important phase of subject selections for 2023 and beyond. Year 11 move into their last term of Preliminary courses in Term 3, and most significantly Year 12 will be entering their final school term as they prepare for the completion of all their required course work, with the HSC Trials in Week 4.

Zone Cross-Country Team

Congratulations to our Zone Cross-country team who finished an outstanding second in the recent Zone carnival at Meadowbank. With such an excellent result we had 15 students qualify for Regional this week. Well done to the new Year 7 students with 5 of them moving through to their first High School Regional Championships in this event.

Regional Representative are:

- **Yr 7** Alex Braendle, Kobe Jenkins , Hunter Ryan, Braedan Searles, Matthew Searles,
- Yr 8 Ellis Tutty
- Yr 9 Elias Chapman, Julian Cotterell, Ethan Legge, Mitchell Smith,
- Yr 10 Jack Mooney, Kade Rowley
- Yr 12 Kyal Cruickshank, Rory McFarlane, Ethan Oliver

Subject Information Evening – Tuesday Night (Year 8 and 10)

It was excellent to conduct the Subject Selection Evening in person for the first time in a couple of years. It was an informative and well attended evening by Year 8 and 10 students and parents. The evening provided an excellent opportunity for all students and their parents in these year groups to be presented with the most up to date information regarding NESA guidelines, school subjects offered, detailed subject information from all the faculty Head Teachers and their staff, as well as outlines of possible study patterns for either Year 9, 10, or Preliminary and HSC courses.

A reminder that Year 8 students will be required to select their subjects and submit them online by Friday 24 June.

Year 10 students will bring their subject choices list to their Subject Selection Interviews on Monday 27 June. Please ensure that you have made a booking for your Subject Selection Interview with your son on Monday 27 June via this link. This is a critical part of the Stage 6 (Preliminary and HSC course) subject selection process and formation. There will be no formal lessons for Year 10 on this day.

Semester 1 Reports for Years 7 – 11

The last four weeks have been extremely busy for all staff with respect to the completion of student assessments, marking, feedback, recording results and importantly report writing. A big thank you to the ABHS staff for their efforts in this area, especially for the quality feedback that they always provide for both the parents and students.

Semester 1 school reports will be finalised and edited in the coming weeks in preparation for issuing them before the end of Term 2.

Due to the significant number of Stage 4 staff changes in TAS over Terms 1 and 2, some classes may only receive a generic comment. I do apologise for this in advance. We continue to keep working tirelessly to fill the void created by the changeover of staff in this faculty.

An advanced notification that our second and final Parent and Teacher Evening for the year is scheduled for Tuesday 26 July, which is early in Term 3.

NEW Mobile Phone Policy

The staff have been most impressed with the response from the student body to this new policy. While some students are still making the error of not having their phones 'OFF and AWAY', the number of students not complying with this policy has been minimal and importantly decreasing every day. Thank you also to parents who are supporting the implementation of the policy by communicating with their sons only at break times or if it is urgent via Reception.



Local Road Works

Hornsby Council has emailed us regarding information in relation to the completion of the intended roads works outside the Bowling Club. These works are anticipated to commence and to be completed in the very near future, which include:

- the completion of the crossing down near Citrus Avenue and Lodge St
- completion of the share path from Lodge St up to Old Berowra Road
- replacement of the trees in the central median
- rectification work to cover defects from the previous contractor (replacement of some of the paths – small sections where services were covered, or alignment was not correct)
- Transport NSW have also approved for the speed to be reduced to 50km/hr. At the completion of the project new signage and line marking will be installed to reflect that. The 40km/hr signage for the construction period will remain in place until the works are completed and, at that time, the signage will be changed over.

We continue to appreciate parents:

- Keeping students' home if they have ANY symptom of being unwell, however mild and use the provided RAT kit.
- Following normal absentee procedures, should your son be to unwell to attend school.

Congratulations to:

- **School Cross-country team** for finishing second at the Zone Carnival and to our 15 students who qualified for Regional Cross-country on Thursday.
- To all **ABHS staff** for the completion of the school reports.
- Congratulations to all of our **high achieving students** who continue to impress and work to the very best of their abilities in all subjects a fact that will be highlighted on their Semester 1 reports.

Mr Bryce Grant Principal

16 June, 2022



SYDNEY'S BIGGEST BOOK FAIR



THURS 14 to SUN 17 JULY

Thurs-Fri: 9am-9pm Sat-Sun: 9am-5pm Weeks Senior Academy Knox Grammar School Pacific Highway, Wahroonga WITH THANKS TO





DO YOU LOVE TRIVIA?

The P&C will be holding a Trivia function later this year and we are looking for a group of parents to help get it all set up. No job is too small, from help setting up on the night, research questions, contacting local businesses for prize donations.

If this sounds like something you would like to get involved in, please email Melanie Guttman on abhscommunityfunday@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you

HORNSBY KURING-GAI PCYC POLICE

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Tuesday Thursday 3.00 - 4.00pm 3.30 - 4.30pm



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4 SALE ABHS Senior Blazers

Green worn 2yrs, size 16, \$120

Maroon worn 4yrs, pocket needs mending, size 20, \$50

Ties \$10 each all recently dry cleaned.

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