



Asquith Old Boys Club Newsletter



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EDITORIAL

THANK YOU, members, for returning your 'Expression of Interest' in the 50th Birthday brochure, sent with the last edition of your ABHS Old Boys Newsletter. If you plan participation in the Schools 2010 Celebration, your E.O.I will be invaluable to School Staff. Your return will ensure that planning resources are matched to your needs. The 50th Birthday Brochure is reprinted with this Newsletter, for your convenience.

The ABHS Old Boys 50th Birthday Short Film Competition was launched recently, at a meeting of the School's Student Representative Council. At the launch I shared some recollections, of the role of the SRC, and its valuable contribution to the School over the decades. Students listened with interest when I outlined the challenge of this Competition: to 'Tell an Asquith Boys High School Story'

The meeting proposed to encourage student participation, and to promote the Short Film Competition on future School Assemblies. Sponsorship of one of the prizes was also assured. Winning entries will feature, in the ABHS 50th Birthday Souvenir DVD.

Further sponsorship is sought for this Competition. Offers of new donated goods, or money to purchase prizes will be appreciated. Are you able to assist? Does the ABHS Short Film Competition provide a promotional opportunity for your company? Recognition of sponsors will be made throughout Semester I 2010, through School publicity vehicles, including: ABHS School Community Newsletter – Backchat, ABHS Old Boys Newsletter, School website and 50th Birthday Program. This opportunity will represent good value during the School's 50th Anniversary.

A previous Old Boys Newsletter outlined opportunities for member's participation in the 50th Birthday Souvenir DVD (video). Former students and staff are invited to enter the Short Film Competition. Further details of the Competition are included with this Newsletter.

The project of scanning the archive of School Magazines to the School's website has begun. Thanks to Andy McQueen, the 1966 & '67 editions are in place. Members who have mislaid their personal copy of their School Magazines requested this resource.

Are you able to assist by scanning your old School Magazine? It takes approx 30 minutes to make a scan on a flat bed scanner, depending on the model scanner being used. A PDF file of less than 10Mb is ideal. Your emailing it, as an attachment to the School, or myself, will ensure it will be placed on the School's website early in the New Year. This archive may assist entrants in the Short Film Competition, who choose this form of research for their ABHS Story.

Thanks to all who have offered suggestions and assistance for the Schools 50th Birthday. Support from School staff, former students and staff, and from School parents has been generous.

Season's greetings to you and your family.



Chris Kent
Former student 1960 – 1965
Former Head Teacher
Creative Arts 1982 – 2005

50th Birthday Short Film Competition

Tell an Asquith Boys High School Story

The ABHS Old Boys 50th Birthday DVD (Video) committee is keen to engage the School's community, in the celebration of the School's 50th Birthday in 2010. To this end a 50th Birthday Short Film Competition has been launched. Participants will be invited to tell an Asquith Boys High School story. The archive of School Magazines are being scanned to the School's website, to support this project. The first School Magazines were published in the mid 1960's. Go to www.abhs.nsw.edu.au 50th Birthday Celebration, Web Links 1966 School Magazine, etc. Thanks to Mr Bennett for assisting with this access.



Information, Entry form and Guidelines for the competition can be viewed/downloaded from the ABHS website in 'Featured News'. A copy has been added to this email.

CAN YOU HELP?

The ABHS Old Boys 50th Birthday DVD (video) Committee has other strategies for this production. We welcome contact from other with interest, knowledge, and expertise. We are also open for any expressions of sponsorship from individuals &/or commercial organizations.

If you would like more information please contact Chris Kent, email: christopher.kent7@det.nsw.edu.au.

PREFECTS, FORMER STUDENTS AND SCHOOL STAFF GATHER TO PROMOTE ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL 50TH

On a very hot Sunday in November, Asquith Girls High School held their 50th Birthday Celebration Open Day. Representatives of Asquith Boys High School met at The Girl's School, to staff a stand in support of this occasion, and to promote our School's 50th Birthday in 2010.

School Captain, Nathan Clarke with Year 12 Prefect, Jonathon Estherby, assisted in setting up a favourable site, beneath the shade awning adjacent the School Canteen. This site provided an excellent location, in the breeze, near a busy meeting point with lots of passing visitors. Occasionally stronger gusts threatened to blow away some of our literature, until stone weights were installed.



During the day many sisters, former ABHS students and their partners called by to chat about connections, past events, future plans and to collect a brochure for Asquith Boys 50th, next year. Former students, Peter Achterstraat and Phil Thirgood, graduates of the 1972 HSC, used their meeting as an opportunity to discuss plans for contacting students from their group, for next year's celebration.

Thanks to Jenny Lewis, for providing the eye-catching banner, well-designed and informative promotional material and for organisation on the day. Thanks also to Year 11 & 12 School Prefects, who were punctual, impeccably attired and enthusiastic supporters, including Zoheb Ali, Viliami Alipate, Patrick Blanco, Mitchell McAskill, Max Morris, Scott Rigby, Dylan Seifert, Ben Wallace and Stephen Wilson.

The assistance of other former students Peter Achterstraat, Graeme Bolton, Max Fisher, Chris Kent and Bruce Northcott and family was also appreciated and of benefit.

Leadership

In early December, the newly elected 2010 SRC and Prefect body attended the annual leadership camp at Crusader Camp at Galston Gorge. This essentially bonded the groups and developed strategies for the coming year.

On the first day, Steve & Liz from Rising Generations, a company that provides leadership training and advice for young people, addressed us. Their experience was much appreciated as they offered ideas for the efficient production of tasks as well as building teamwork through a range of activities.



Also on day 1, we were split up into a Prefect group and an SRC group. The Prefects were given a session of public speaking by the Prefect Coordinator, Mr Laing. All the boys valued Lainger's words of wisdom very much and are now keen to put the skills into practice, speaking on assembly. SRC used their time to elect their executive body which includes Ryan Stewart as President, Chris Pigott as Vice President, Jake Martin as Secretary and James Logan as Treasurer.

After a well-earned dinner break, the Games & Trivia Night was kicking off. The games involved thinking outside the square as well as communication and teamwork, and the broad range of trivia questions strained brains. With some free time, the boys had the option of watching a movie or having a productive study session. Many thanks to Mr Moscos for his tutoring.

The next morning Mrs Rui and Mr Laing having their patience tested as they attempted to wake the boys from their slumber.

The groups were split for the day with SRC's objective to build on the previous day's hard work. Aime Liiband took a combined Prefects group to identify leadership styles. We were then further split as Mr Laing guided the Year 11's and Aime took the Year 12's to define a plan of attack for 2010 objectives.



The camp was a very worthwhile experience for all boys involved. Results from SRC & Prefects will be reported back in Backchat throughout the year. A big thank you goes to Crusaders, Rising Generations, Aime Liiband, Mr Moscos, Mr Laing and especially Mrs Rui, the Camp Organiser.

Nathan Clarke, School Captain 2010

YEAR 7 SWIMMING AND LIFESAVING PROGRAM

The Year 7 Swimming and Lifesaving Program was held at Hornsby Aquatic centre during Week 3 of this Term. With 116 boys, attending the week was one of the most successful in memory with the behaviour, level of cooperation and enthusiasm of the boys being outstanding.

The boys showed a genuine interest in learning the skills. The conditions were not perfect and at times, we had to deal with rain and 32 degree temperatures, making teaching difficult. To the boys credit they never whinged or complained. There was a mix of swimming abilities from complete non-swimmers through to representative squad swimmers and the Swim and Survive levels are designed to challenge all abilities. Deserving special mention were the 16 students that completed the highest award on offer the 'Swim and Survive 7' Award.



Each day is divided into a number of different activities including swimming lessons with Aust swim qualified instructors, lifesaving skills, resuscitation, first aid, theory and video's. I would also like to thank the teachers involved in the program and the Year 11 SLR students who gave up their time to help instruct the Year 7's. The SLR students had previously completed their Bronze Star or Bronze Medallion Awards during their aquatics unit in class.

Once again congratulations to Year 7 on your outstanding behaviour, it made teaching a pleasure.

Ryan Bolger, PDHPE

NEWS



Joan Wilson (front) and students Nathan Clarke, James Parkinson and Dylan Seifert try out the new equipment at Asquith Boys High. Picture: PETER KELLY

Boys jump to it

TRACEY FINDLAY

STUDENTS at Asquith Boys High School needing to burn off some energy have a new place to do it.

The school's new outdoor fitness area, comprising 14 exercise stations, was opened on Monday.

Year 12 teacher Mike Blackwood said the equipment was purchased with government funding and installed by the students as part of an overall upgrade of the oval.

"The majority of the work was by year 12 construction students. Three or four other classes have helped," he said.

The equipment will be used during PE lessons and by students training for the annual overseas soccer tour. Next year's tour is to Greece and Cyprus.

Tour co-ordinator and teacher George Moscos said the students recently had an opportunity to try out the new equipment.

"They found it quite ardu-

ous but they also found it very, very satisfying to complete the circuit," Mr Moscos said. "It basically makes the training process more variable."

The facility was opened by long-time school receptionist Joan Wilson in recognition of her invaluable role at the school.

"She's just outstanding, we can't speak highly enough of her," Mr Moscos said. "We wanted her to be recognised as a very important figure at the school."



**Complete your
Expression of Interest
from the 50th flyer
and return ASAP**

**Contact Chris Kent regarding
Donation of Prizes and/or
Sponsorship for the
Short Film Competition, and
Sponsorship for the Old Boys
Academic Scholarship
to be the
Mervyn Walkden Brown Scholarship**

**Offers of Assistance for
Scanning of photos/magazines
Anzac Sunday March – 18 May
Promotional Displays
Memorabilia and photos
Souvenir sales**

Ms Anne Nielsen Retires



It is with great sadness and with great joy that Anne has announced her retirement at the end of 2009. Great sadness in that we are losing a highly gifted and committed School Counsellor and great joy because she deserves the time to enjoy another life outside of work after 33 years of great service to public education.

I remember so well my first day at Asquith Boys High School in 2000 and meeting up with the members of the Welfare Team. My first impression of the school was that it had a caring and supportive environment where boys were made welcome and could reach their personal best. Pivotal to achieving a strong caring culture is the role played by the School Counsellor. In my first meeting with Anne I knew I was in the right place. Anne has worked incredibly hard over the years to support boys at our school and with parents and teachers have changed the lives of so many boys and ensured their futures. However, Anne has not only helped our boys but many boys and girls at

Asquith and Berowra Public Schools where she is also the School Counsellor.

Before coming to Asquith Boys in 1997 she was School Counsellor at Broken Hill High School (1980 to 1985) which included Broken Hill North, Broken Hill Central, Margas St, Wilcannia, White Cliffs, and Tobooburra Public Schools along with the School of the Air and the Correspondence School. Anne then moved to Northlake's High School as School Counsellor (1984 to 1997) which included Northlake's Public School and public schools in northern Wyong and the Dooralong Valley.

Anne completed her university education as a teacher and graduated from Macquarie University with a Bachelor of Science degree with a Diploma in Education in Science. She also completed a Masters Degree in Counselling at the same university. Her first appointment as a Science Teacher was at Erina High School (1977) and then onto West Wyalong High School (late 1977 to late 1978).

So from all of us Anne a fond farewell and a deep hearted thank you from every boy that you have had contact with at Asquith Boys High School. The school owes you a great debt of gratitude not only for your strong values and kindness but for your skill and intelligence. You have left a great legacy that the boys in particular will not forget.

Bruce Collins, Deputy Principal

Reunion Dinner

Saturday 15 May, 7pm Hornsby RSL Club

Cost \$65 per person (paid in advance) *partners are welcome*

Appetisers, 2 course meal, tea and coffee plus 50th celebration cake

Table seating from 4-12pp and can be booked by cohort, family etc.

Detailed registration form will be available from February 2010

For further details contact Jenny Lewis (School Administration) Reunion Dinner Co-ordinator at jennifer.f.lewis@det.nsw.edu.au

HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE ASQUITH OLD BOYS CLUB?

(If you receive Asquith Old Boys Club Newsletters by e-mail you are already registered as a Member)

This Club was commenced in 2006 with the purpose of:

- Assisting former students of The School maintain links with their peer group and their former School and teachers
- Organising and communicating information about former student events
- Assisting in the development of a program for celebrating the School's 50th Birthday, to be celebrated in 2010

To facilitate these goals, an Old Boys Newsletter is published twice a year. This is e-mailed to members free of charge

ASQUITH OLD BOYS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name: (please print) _____ (tick your preferred contact)

☐ Address: _____ Post Code: _____

☐ E-mail: _____ Phone () _____

Calendar Year Graduated: _____ Academic Year/form: _____

What recollections do you have of your school days? Do you have any photos? _____

What benefit did you derive from your time at Asquith Boys? _____

How would you like to celebrate your years at Asquith Boys, in 2010? _____

Mail to: Asquith Boys High School Old Boys Club: PO Box 242 Hornsby 1630 or

E-mail: Chris Kent (former student & Head Teacher): christopher.kent7@det.nsw.edu.au

Thanks to current members for passing this Application to prospective members



CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

- ☐ Administration
- ☐ Graphic Design
- ☐ Printing
- ☐ Scanning of photos / documents
- ☐ Event Logistics
- ☐ Video Production
- ☐ Promotions
- ☐ Other (specify)



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**ASQUITH BOYS
HIGH SCHOOL**

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It's time to celebrate!

14, 15 & 16 May 2010



*We look forward to
celebrating with you*

HIGHLIGHTS FOR OUR BIG WEEKEND

14, 15 AND 16 MAY 2010

Friday Program

Golf Day – 8.30am ‘Shot gun’ start at Asquith Golf Club
Barefoot Lawn Bowls – Afternoon start at Asquith Bowling and Recreational Club

Saturday Day Program 10.30am – 4pm

Open Day commences with meet and greet, registration and collection of map and detailed program for the day including displays and entertainment.

Visit our ‘decade rooms’ to view faces from the past. This will be the best place to swap yarns with your peers and meet teachers you thought you’d never see again.

Donate your memorabilia for your decade time capsule. Be interviewed by enrolled students – become part of the 50th birthday video production, which will be conducted in the recording studio or you could choose your favourite place in the grounds where you hung out with mates.

Visit the Photo and Document Scanning studio and have your school photographs scanned on the spot.

Visit Faculty displays, our new industrial Kitchen, the Library and new Gym.

Refreshments will be available from the canteen and a BBQ will be available throughout the day.

Saturday Night Program

beginning 7pm at Hornsby RSL

The evening program begins with canapés at 7pm followed by a 2-course meal, tea and coffee at Hornsby RSL. Make up a table and enjoy an evening program of music, trivia, memories, laughs and the glories of school life. Bar will be open from 7pm

Sunday Program

The day begins at 10am with a church service led by Asquith Boy High School’s Chaplain, Peter Thomsett. Stay and have a BBQ in the school grounds or participate or watch a game of soccer with our recently returned International Soccer Team.

Barefoot Lawn Bowls – afternoon start at Asquith Bowling and Recreational Club.

WANT TO HELP?

Can you distribute these brochures to others or refer them to the school website? Please phone the school or check our website (see below) for copies.

SPONSORSHIP

Ex-students and ex-teachers can become a major sponsors in our 50th year. All donations over \$25 are listed on our school letterheads, newsletters and in our 50th birthday publications. You can become a Patron with a donation of \$300 or more, a Sponsor with a donation of \$150 or more or a Supporter with a donation of \$50 or more. Following the weekend celebrations, profits will go towards an Old Boys Senior 2 year Academic Scholarship. Profits will also defray set up costs for the 50th Birthday events and projects. Receipts will be available on Saturday 15 May.

 Fill in the form  cut it out and  return it today 

Return your form to Asquith Boys High School 50th Birthday Celebrations

 P O Box 242, Hornsby 1630 Fax  02 9482 2546  asquithboy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone 02 9477 3508

Website: www.abhs.nsw.edu.au

Expression of Interest Due ASAP

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____, Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Finished school in year _____ in Year _____

This keeps you up-to-date and ensures you get a copy of the Old Boys Newsletter

To help our planning please ☒ indicate your possible interest in any of the following:

☐ Anzac Sunday March, Sunday 18 April

☐ Attending Dinner (\$65 pp paid in advance)
partners are welcome

☐ Golf Day Friday

☐ Barefoot Lawn Bowls ☐ Friday or ☐ Sunday afternoon

☐ Having a BBQ lunch Saturday

☐ Donating memorabilia for decade time capsule

☐ Attending the Sunday church service

☐ Having BBQ at school Sunday

☐ Participate Soccer game – ex-students vs current students

NB: All events held for 50th birthday have a fundraising component

Donations \$2 and over are Tax Deductible

I would like to make a sponsorship donation of \$_____

Please acknowledge my donation in the name(s) of: _____

Payment Advice

☐ Enclosed - cheque for the sum of \$_____ (cheques payable to Asquith Boys High School) or

☐ I would like to pay by credit card:

Name on card: _____

Card type: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Expiry Date: _____

Please debit card number:

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Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



50th Birthday Short Film Competition

TELL AN ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL STORY

- Closing Date** Entries must be received at ABHS School Office reception, by 3.15pm, Tuesday 20th April 2010. **Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances.**
- Entrants** Short Film producers must belong to the Asquith Boys High School community¹. (Film producers may induct participants in their Short Film team from outside the ABHS community). Entrants must submit a signed Asquith Boys High School 50th Birthday Short Film Competition Entry Form with their entry. Members of the Judging Panel, and their families are precluded from entering.
- Entries** Must be supplied on DVD. The DVD must be clearly labelled with film title, film producers name and phone number. Please check that your DVD plays in your DVD player before you enter it. If your DVD doesn't work your entry will be disregarded. For further information read: Guidelines for ABHS 50th Birthday Short Film Competition Entrants (see website).
- Topic** Entrants must tell an Asquith Boys High School Story. It is recommended that entrants refer to the ABHS School website. Go to www.abhs.nsw.edu.au / 50th Birthday Celebration, Web Links School Magazines. A creative interpretation is strongly encouraged. Your film could be informative or humorous.
- Duration** Five (5) minutes maximum.
- Format** All Short Films entries will be at 16:9 widescreen² submissions.
- Credits** Short Films must include acknowledgement of the main actors and contributors to the submitted production.
- Number of Entries** Short Film producers may submit more than one entry. Each entry must be accompanied by a separate, completed Asquith Boys High School 50th Birthday Short Film Competition Entry Form.
- Prizes** Will be awarded to winning entries, by the end of May 2010. Prize details will be announced early in 2010. Prizes will be awarded in two categories: 1. 2010 Enrolled Students and 2. Members of the ABH School community, other than 2010 enrolled students.

Prizes will include electronic goods, sportswear vouchers and book vouchers etc.
- Copyright** Entries must be original and shall not infringe any copyrights or any other rights of any third parties. See Guidelines for ABHS 50th Birthday Short Film Competition Entrants (see website).

¹ Asquith B.H.S. community includes: enrolled students, staff, parents, former students & staff.

² See: Guidelines for ABHS 50th Birthday Short Film Competition Entrants



50th Birthday Short Film Competition Entry Form

TELL AN ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL STORY

Name of Film Producer: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Short Film Title: _____

I have agreement from all participants and contributors to my Short Film that it may be used for public viewing.

Please tick the box: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I agree to my Short Film being included in the Short Film section of the ABHS 50th Birthday Souvenir DVD.

Please tick the box: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Profits raised from the sale of the ABHS 50th Birthday Souvenir DVD will be used to support the Mervyn Walkden Brown ABHS Senior Student Scholarship³.

☐ I certify that my ABHS 50th Birthday Short Film Entry is my original work (*please tick*)

☐ I have checked copyright obligations that apply (*please tick*)

Signature of Film Producer: _____ Date: _____

³ Mervyn Walkden Brown was the first Asquith Boys High School Principal.



Guidelines for 50th Birthday Short Film Competition Entrants

TELL AN ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL STORY

1. Your Short Film Entry must be supplied on DVD

- DVD should be in PAL TV format
- DVD Regional code should be set to ALL REGIONS
- Record on any DVD disc, EXCEPT DVD-RAM
- Please check that the DVDs playback in your DVD player before you submit them; if your DVD doesn't work your entry will be disregarded.

2. Your film can be made on any format: HD, DVD, 35mm, 16mm, mini DVD, mobile phone

Films made on mobile phone must be:

- Resolution 640 x 480 pixels
- File size restricted to 100MB
- Film vision must be captured/acquired via your phone camera, but may be edited on any system e.g. Final Cut Pro or iMovie
- Audio may be post produced
- Acceptable delivery formats are: MOV, MP4, AVI, WMV

3. All Short Films entries will be at 16:9 widescreen submissions

This means if you shoot your film at 4:3 you need to convert it to 16:9 in post-production. There are two methods in which you can convert your film from 4:3 to 16:9:

- a) The picture is simply transferred from 4:3 to 16:9 leaving black bars on both sides of the image (this method is known as Pillerbox), or
- b) The picture is enlarged to fit horizontally on the screen. Note that this method means that the top and bottom of your picture is cropped to fit the 16:9 ratio.

There are pros and cons for both aspect ratio conversion methods. We suggest that you look into each method further and choose which best suits the look and feel of your film.

NB Please be aware that not all digital cameras (particularly older cameras) have the option to shoot 16:9 so if you are planning on shooting at this ratio, make sure you check your camera's features well before your shoot date.

4. Copyright: Film producers are advised to:

- Use their own work, &/or
- Use third party material where permission has already been granted e.g. creative commons material. (For information on Creative Commons, see the Smartcopying website at: <http://www.smartcopying.edu.au/scw/go/pid/956>

For an information pack for students and teachers on finding and using Creative Commons material)

The 'All Right to Copy' resource was developed as an educational tool to assist students with copyright. It is located at: <http://www.smartcopying.edu.au/scw/go/pid/564>

The DET Corporate site has links to copyright resources: <https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/marketing/copyright/>

Guidelines continued

5. Judging

Judges will be guided by the Asquith Boys High School 50th Birthday Short Film Competition criteria outlined on page 1, and confirmed in the Entry Form, page 2. In addition, Judges will ask the following questions of all entries:

- Does the story hold the viewers interest?
- Does the film have an identifiable beginning, middle and conclusion?
- Are the characters interesting or engaging or do they detract from the story?
- Are there continuity errors?
- Is there an original script that guides the story?
- Is the editing good or does it detract from the story?
- Is there excessive use of the same shots? (e.g. too many zooms or shaky, long pans)
- How did the film leave a viewer feeling? Is this what you wanted to achieve at the outset?

6. Some references

YouTube Channel www.youtube.com/tropfest

www.insideartexpress.com.au/education/video

www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/ed/712/peer2peer

http://www.cli.nsw.edu.au/services/games_and_activities/trop_jnr.htm

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