Backchat

FEBRUARY 2013

Honour Certificates ABHS High Achievers

2012 Higher School Certificate

EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT
Zhenkang (Blake) Chen
James Dimento
Sam Gibbons
Brandt Read
Nathan Sloggett

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
Seungjoo (Ray) Baek
Jeffrey Rodrick
Mizael Santos
Hamish Spinney

EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT
Thomas Caladine
Michael Jones
Alexander Pearson
Vincent Campbell

Jeremy Joyce
Leo Pham
Jack Everingham
Marcus Limbert

Max Sharkey
Aiden Jarvis
Samuel Miller
Jake Zwan

2012 RoSA

EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT
Christopher Bissett
Benjamin Cant
Oscar Duretto
Harry Gibbons
Adhish Panta

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
Nicholas Bulmer
Daniel Griffin
Benjamin Olsson
Oliver Parry
James Somerville
Joshua Wiercinski

EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT
Max Andersen
Liam Covey
Samuel Fox
James Furzer

Matai Koroi
Lachlan Miles
Aaron O’Brien
William O’Donohue

Jacob Roberts
Andrew Stockley
William van Egmond-Jones
Anthony Woodward
Thank you to family members who attended this special assembly and supported their sons’ achievements
Speech by John Hartigan @ High Achievers Assembly

Good morning to everyone, a special good morning to Terry Griffiths your headmaster and all the teachers of Asquith Boys High School. I’d also like to congratulate the award recipients for their inclusion in the Honour roll for their achievement in last year’s HSC, and very rightfully their parents who must be very proud.

I’d like to say how much I really am privileged to be here. I’m delighted to stand in front of you, being an old boy. I really do consider it a profound honour to be here.

One of the reasons I consider it such an honour is because of all the old boys who have gone through the School. I am, truly, the least likely to ever be asked to return in any capacity. I think that over the next 10 minutes or so you might get an appreciation of why that is the case.

It’s almost 50 years since I walked out the gate for the last time, prior to today. The most rewarding thing I’d had from that was to finally have the opportunity to put that wide brimmed felt hat that used to be part of the School kit, in the bin, as I walked to the railway station. It was the most useless part of any part of the uniform in my personal view and I promise you, that School hat was just about the worst.

I was at the School in the last year of the Leaving Certificate exam before the introduction of the HSC. I was what educators at the time would call a problem. I was rebellious. I liked humour more than hard work and the reason is truly, quite straightforward. There is no complexity to it, I was immature; put more simply I was really foolish with those last couple of years of my educational performance. I’ve regretted that ever since and my marks reflected that same state of mind. But strangely enough I was lucky and the reason I was lucky is that I was given a second chance.

In today’s more complex world, I doubt that many people would be afforded that same second chance that I got. Today, as you heard your headmaster say, you are not just competing against the people in your classroom, across the road or anywhere in the state or the country. Ultimately you are competing to be part of a global competition for the best jobs. The winners will get the careers they cherish; the losers will get the leftovers. Make no mistake the leftovers are going to become increasingly less attractive. But there is a frightening new category and reality. Many of the losers in the chase for new skills will be consigned to a relatively new under class and that is something we have not really seen in an affluent country like Australia before, certainly not in the numbers that I’m talking about. Because make no mistake, no skills, no jobs - no quality of life!

Whether we want to acknowledge it or not, countries of our region have raised the education bar. They are demanding new levels. They in their cases will be challenging you for the very jobs that you aspire to.

So let me take a step back and personalise this a little bit. You’re probably looking at me and saying, why did a boofhead like you, get a second chance? Well, it’s because I had an overriding passion, and that passion was journalism.

A newspaper company educated me on the run. I was 16 years old and 16 year olds are not afforded that same opportunity today. When you hit the ground running you’re expected to go through tertiary learning and once you hit the new job you’re expected to have the skills that I didn’t have. As you heard I got a job as copy boy which is about as basic, you know, running to get peoples cigarettes and lunches and all sorts of go for type jobs. But finally I got a cadetship in journalism, the thing I wanted so passionately. That took me two years. I became a runner for two years and that got me on to the ground floor. I was off and running, in arguably the most exciting and rewarding career that you can ever imagine.
And I’ll tell you a little bit more about that just to whet your appetite. It’s a career of absolute privilege, editing newspapers in Queensland and New South Wales. Spending two years working in London, two years working in New York was great, great fun and a great learning curve. Then to ultimately become the chief executive and chairman of Australia’s biggest and the world’s biggest media company in News Corporation and the Australian arm, News Limited. The Australian operation included 140 newspapers across every state and territory in the country and included management of Foxtel, the pay subscription company, it included the management of Foxsports, and a host of digital businesses, not the least being the majority shareholder in realestate.com which is an engine room of digital business that some of you might be familiar with. And then there was 50% of the NRL, the National Rugby League, and for god sake don’t mention the Storm salary cap issue because we also managed 100% ownership of the Storm and the Broncos, the Broncos being a public company but again we were the majority shareholder and still are. And then just to make it more attractive, to have at your whim a chauffeur driven car and indeed a private jet to take you around Australia and around the world!

So I can again see you looking at me and saying, is this the same old boy from Asquith Boys High School who was the problem child. And the answer I’m embarrassed to say is, yes it is! I wasn’t alone at being a bit of a misfit at school, one of my classmates became one of the country’s greatest artists, this, the same young man who was dragged feet first out of a geography class, after raising an inkwell to his lips, yes there were inkwells before biros when I went to school and he raised the inkwell to his lips and skull the ink as he toasted the teacher. In my day we didn’t have a peer group to adjust ourselves and to which we could gauge our progress. We were the first students in a new, entirely new, school. Today you have an amazingly good and talented successful school leadership group, the very boys that are here today from last year’s HSC.

In closing I’d like to offer some qualities that I believe today’s boys need to be able to go forward and to be confident about their role after school. To me it doesn’t matter whether you want to be a mechanic a butcher or a lawyer. The fundamentals are precisely the same. You need to learn how to compete in the world, and Australia’s place in that world. Imagine the future! Imagine how things are changing! Every business, it doesn’t matter whether it is a media company or a bootmaker, everything is changing at such a rapid rate because of the pace of technology driving innovation. There are no shortcuts. Hard work is the only thing that is going to get you to look across and be confident in getting what you deserve in the world. And make no mistake, if you really want to achieve you are entering not the 38 hour week but, if you really want to achieve, you’re entering the world of the 60 hour week. My other advice is to do something that you love, because as much as you love something, you are going to find days when it’s absolute rubbish, let alone something you don’t want to do at all.

Choose your friends wisely and I mean that during your schooling years particularly in the last two years because unless they share the inspiration and aspiration that you have they can drag you down, unbeknown. The other issue is the most important. When it comes to the December of your HSC year, the only thing that matters is your academic achievement as measured against everyone else in the state. You don’t get the second chances that I got. So don’t be fooled that you can goof off for a few days or a few months and still achieve your goal.

Finally, education is much, much more that simply sitting in a classroom. The most successful graduates that I ever came across were those that had widespread interests besides purely their academic learning. Whether its sport, debating, chess or any interests, the best students are the busiest students.

To wind up my contribution today, my advice is to put on your seatbelts and to enjoy the ride the education system gives you. The goals were there for me 50 years ago, and I believe firmly, they are still there for you with one small but important difference, today you must fight just a little bit harder to get them.

Thank you for listening to me. Just remember that your dreams can come true but you have got to work for them.

Thank you and good luck.
Welcome to 2013
A warm welcome to all new students and their families to the Asquith Boys High School community. We have had a very positive start to the school year. Our first formal assembly, to honour our 2012 Higher School Certificate and Record of School Achievement (RoSA) high achievers, was held on February 7th and it was great to see so many outstanding students from last year’s Year 12 and their parents. The guest speaker, ABHS old boy, Mr John Hartigan (former CEO News Ltd) gave a memorable speech designed to motivate our students. We have included Mr Hartigan’s speech in this edition of Backchat. I expect that 2013 will be a challenging and exciting year for the school as Asquith Boys continues to go from strength to strength.

New Deputy Principal
Long standing Deputy Principal, Mr Collins, retired during 2012. I am very pleased to introduce our new DP, Mr Andrew Skehan, to the ABHS community. Mr Skehan has already formed a strong connection with staff and students and he has started a regular column in Backchat.

Parent/Teacher BBQ
Our annual Parent/Teacher BBQ will be held next Tuesday, February 26th. I look forward to this opportunity to meet as many parents as possible, especially new parents to ABHS. The BBQ will be immediately followed by the P&C annual general meeting, commencing at 7:30pm. I look forward to working with the P&C throughout this year. I urge all parents to take an active interest in school affairs and to attend at least one P&C meeting this year.

Contributions
At the School Council finance meeting at the end of last year we were forced to make significant cuts to our 2013 budget. This was due to an increase in expenditure in utilities and other areas. I need to make it clear to parents that we are very dependent on the payment of school contributions (what used to be called “school fees”), in order for us to provide the ongoing resources of a first class education. My thanks to parents who have already paid their contributions for 2013. There will be an invoice sent in the next few weeks for outstanding school contributions. Prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to pay the full amount, arrangements can be made to pay in instalments. In cases of extreme financial hardship, applications can be made to access funds through the Student Assistance Scheme. Contact the school office for details.

Uniform
It was great to see nearly all students return at the beginning of the year so well attired. The boys look great when they present in their full school uniform, including the appropriate black leather shoes. I ask all parents and students to maintain this standard throughout the year, especially when we make the crossover to winter uniform in Term 2.

Terry Griffiths, Principal

Woolworths Earn & Learn Promotion
A VERY BIG THANKYOU to all who helped out collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers last year. We have now received our resources from this promotion in the form of books and chess sets which can be borrowed from the library.

Early notice: If the promotion runs again this year we will be aiming to collect sufficient points to get another interactive whiteboard for the school. We were only 120 points short last year.

Mrs Laffer
Our 2012 annual Presentation Night was an outstanding success. It was very pleasing to see so many of our students receiving recognition for their efforts in a variety of fields in school life. There was a wonderful celebratory mood in the hall as parents joined staff in acknowledging the outstanding achievements of our students.

Thanks to our distinguished guests who attended the night and assisted with handing out the awards:

- Mr Jason Miezis, School Education Director Hornsby Network
- Mr Paul Fletcher MP, Federal Member for Bradfield
- Mr Matt Kean MP, State Member for Hornsby
- Councillor Nathan Tilbury, Hornsby Shire Council
- Lieutenant Commander Alan Parton, Royal Australian Navy
- Ms Karen Di Stefano – Relieving Principal Asquith Girls High School
- Dr Kim Pinnock, President, School Council
- Mr John Koellner, President, P&C Association
- Mr Richard Dawes, President Hornsby Legacy
- Mr Colin Hunter, representing Berowra Lions Club
- Mr Graham Hosking, representing Hornsby Lions Club
- Mrs Sarndra Schoenmaker, Hornsby World of Fitness
- Mr Christopher Kent, representing ABHS Old Boys
- Mr Daniel Arnamnart, ABHS Old Boy and 2012 Olympian

Below is only a small selection of photos from the evening. There are many more which you can view on a contact sheet at Reception.

To place orders please go to Reception during office hours and fill out an order form. The cost is $5 per photo.
Deputy Principal’s Report

It is with great pleasure that I take up the position of Deputy Principal at Asquith Boys High School this year. I have found the students, staff and community to be incredibly welcoming and helpful.

My thanks to Mr Griffiths and the school for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

I come to Asquith Boys after holding the position of Head Teacher Social Sciences at Epping Boys High School. Prior to that my career was spent in South West Sydney at Granville South High School, where I was the Head Teacher HSI E/Administration and classroom teacher. My teaching subjects have been primarily Economics, Business Studies, Commerce and Geography. I have the good fortune to be taking an Economics class on a temporary basis at present here at Asquith Boys.

In preparation for a year characterised by engagement and positivity, it is essential that we clarify some of our expectations. These are as follows:

**Early Leavers**

Any student wishing to leave school early on any day must have a valid reason and present a note to me signed by their parent/guardian. This is particularly the case on Wednesday during sport, where permission to leave early is only given for appointments that cannot be scheduled at another time. It is imperative that where possible, medical or other appointments are scheduled outside of school hours. Parent notes will be verified by a phone call on a random basis.

**Uniform**

Families are reminded that students are expected to be in full school uniform every day. The Asquith Boys uniform should be worn correctly and with pride at all times. As the weather begins to cool, some will no doubt be tempted to wear other jumpers or jackets, which is not acceptable. If for some reason your son must wear an odd item of clothing on a temporary basis, a note should be forwarded to the school explaining the situation.

I look forward to a positive and productive year at Asquith Boys High School.

Andrew Skehan
Deputy Principal

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**FOR SALE**

Drum Kit complete includes stools, sticks, extra symbols and skins, single and double bass pedals.

Percussion instruments maracas, triangle, tambourine, cow bell etc.

For more information please phone Annette on 9457 8027 or 0419 978 033
“Don’t you have any homework? “

How many times have you asked your son that question?

The school has a policy requiring students to use their organiser to record the dates and requirements for all homework and assignments. While this is a good way to organise the students, it sometimes leaves parents wondering whether or not homework has been given.

We have introduced a system this year where staff will post notifications of homework and assessments to an electronically available calendar. Parents are invited to look at this resource to see upcoming work.

**Accessing The Calendar:** The calendar can be accessed by visiting our school website at [http://www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

Then select the "**Useful Links & e-Learning menu**" and then the "**SENTRAL – Homework Calendars**" link. **Once there, you should bookmark it to avoid this procedure in the future.**

Finally, select the appropriate year calendar from the list provided. Each year has their own calendar except for years 9 and 10 since many of their classes have both year 9 and year 10 students enrolled.

**Sample:** An example of part of the calendar is shown below.

The calendar shown here is the Year 7 Calendar. Look through the calendar for entries related to your son’s subjects. For example on Feb 4, there are three entries. Ms Zhou’s Yr7 Maths class has homework set on that day. The details of the homework will appear in the black box when you hover your mouse over the entry.
This year’s Artexpress started with a road trip. Ms Holder, Ms Cooke and our old teaching friend, Mrs Ainge jumped aboard the “Cookie Express” just before 5pm on Friday afternoon, 8 February. Our road trip was taking us to “The Shire” (yes, the place where they create exceptionally successful and quality TV shows). After last years dazzling opening where we got to “mix it up” with the “hoi polloi” at the Art Gallery of New South Wales we were wondering what was waiting in store for us on our arrival at the gallery. It took us a good hour and a half to drive across Sydney in Friday afternoon traffic. This had us wondering if we should have packed our overnight bags! On arrival, the streets around the gallery were packed with cars. We had to venture further afield to park the car but the walk to the gallery gave us the opportunity to take in the ambience of this new experience. As it turned out, the gallery was packed with people and the atmosphere was filled with the excitement of students, parents and teachers anticipation at viewing the wonderful work in the gallery. We were all treated to cubed cheese and biscuits, party pies, chips and a dry white wine, classic art opening fare.

Artexpress is a showcase of excellence in the HSC. As the curator said in her speech; “I went out to Homebush where there were about 425 works that had achieved the cut off mark in the band 6 range. Only 220 works were selected for Artexpress with 52 being exhibited at Hazelhurst”.

Being considered for Artexpress is impressive and a huge honour. Our student for the 2012 HSC was Tom Caladine. His work was hung in pride of place and was visible as you entered the gallery doors. Both Ms Cooke and Ms Holder were exceptionally excited. Ms Cooke describes Tom as “a miracle”. Tom worked very hard on his abstract triptych “After Blanchflower” that was a homage to abstract Australian landscape painting. He attended holiday studio access and also spent Sunday mornings resolving his body of work. More importantly, he respected the advice and his relationships with the Visual Arts faculty. These were the ingredients to his success. We weren’t the only proud ladies there. Tom brought along his dad and he too was beaming with pride. After many years of art teaching, we have made many contacts in the art teacher world. It was lovely to receive many accolades as to the success of Tom’s work. One very experienced teacher and ex-head of marking, described the work as a “painters painting”.

High praise indeed, as she was describing his understanding of colour, mark making and application and his ability to resolve the work in a sophisticated way.

The 2012 Artexpress exhibition is continuing to include all pieces of works which enables audiences to truly value the brilliance of these young artists and the hard work that they have expended to achieve excellence. Unfortunately due to the vast distance, we will not be taking our younger boys to Hazelhurst but would urge parents to pop in and see the show if you are passing through “The Shire”. The Visual Arts staff will be taking senior boys to the Art Gallery of NSW to see other works in the exhibition however we urge all VA students to get along to the show at any of the venues. I am sure mothers would love a day out with their sons!

For those of you who don’t get to go, the works are also showcased on the Art Gallery of NSW web page; http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/exhibitions/artexpress-2012

Hazelhurst also has lots pics on Facebook. ENJOY!
Also take a look at the Arts Units page on Artexpress that showcases work from the previous four years; http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/HowAEhappens.html

Ms Caroline Cooke
Visual Arts Teacher

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On December 1st 2012 I had the pleasure of hosting a luncheon for all of our scholarship boys, years 7 – 12 and also those coming in from year 6 from our feeder primary schools. This was an occasion for all members of the scholarship program across the school to be recognised for their talents and participation and also to welcome new members and farewell departing members as the program enters its eighth year.

We shared a wonderful lunch in the common room gallery catered by Mrs Miller from the canteen. We enjoyed the gallery space while viewing a retrospective exhibition of all Stage 5 student work from both Ceramics and Visual Arts in 2012.

We welcomed and congratulated:

- **Jackson Tuynman, Jack Argent and Aidan Waters to Stage Band Scholarships**
- **Joel Peterson and Aran Dennis to Stage 5 Music Scholarships**
- **Christopher Bissett and Benjamin Cant to Stage 6 Visual Arts Scholarships**
- **William O’Donohue to a Stage 6 Music Scholarship**
- **Oscar Duretto to the Mervyn Brown Academic Scholarship for English**

I also had the proud task of commending Chris Bissett and Ben Cant for completion of their Stage 5 Visual Arts Scholarships. I was honoured and sad to congratulate & farewell Sam Gibbons and Aidan Jarvis who completed their HSC scholarships in 2012. We wish them well in their very different future studies and career directions.

It is always such a pleasure to meet and socialise with the parents of our scholarship boys and once again the CAPA staff delighted in the opportunity. This was especially the case with the year 6 Stage Band Scholarship boys, though disappointingly Aiden Waters was unable to attend. Brother Keegan however bravely filled the void and willingly represented his family at the table, demolishing a respectable amount of party pies, fruit and sandwiches.

Mr Christopher Kent (former Head Teacher CAPA and Asquith Old Boys rep), staff and year advisers from ABHS and members of the executive from Mt Kuring-gai, Mt Colah and Hornsby North Public School were represented.

Huge thanks to: Mrs Beckerleg (invitations & certificates), Mrs Miller (catering), Mrs Wilson and all the Front Office Staff (RSVPs), Ms Cooke (photography) Mr Williamson (music) for helping to make this lovely end of year luncheon such a success.

*Catherine Holder,*
Head Teacher Creative & Performing Arts & Scholarships Coordinator
BREFAST CLUB @ ASQUITH BOYS

Breakfast Club needs your support. Are you able to donate 45 minutes a week to help with Breakfast Club?

Breakfast Club started in Term 4 last year and has been a resounding success. Breakfast Club runs Mon-Fri 8.10 - 8.35am in the common room. Breakfast Club is free of charge and is open to all boys.

In order to keep it going this year we need your support.

What do we need you to do?

Be available 1 morning a week between 8am and 8.45am to assist with preparing breakfast, serving breakfast and packing up afterwards.

Please help us in keeping this worthwhile programme running.

If you can help please contact Colleen Sweeney Student Welfare Officer on colleen.sweeney2@det.nsw.edu.au.

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

Welcome to 2013 which promises to be an exciting year in gifted and talented education at Asquith Boys. One of our main focuses as a school is to raise the bar for our highest achieving boys by developing new differentiated learning programs that extends and engages them. These programs will lead into the new National Curriculum that starts in 2014 for years 7-10.

With help from the P & C we have been able to create a position of Head Teacher Teaching and Learning for this year to accelerate the development of cutting edge strategies for boys’ education that matches any school in our region. Ms Caroline Cooke will fill this role and we look forward to her input with enthusiasm. Many bigger and well-resourced schools already have a Head Teacher Teaching and Learning so as the school grows over the next few years we hope this position becomes permanent.

I welcome all of Year 7 Enrichment Class (7E) boys and hope you are settling in well to the rigours of high school. We are having our annual placement test for our 2014 Enrichment class in March and I encourage all parents with boys in Year 6 to consider this test as it will give your son the opportunity to work in an academic and supportive learning environment. See our website for details.

Asquith Boys is continuing to run programs and activities to cater for our gifted and talented boys again in 2013. This includes debating, stage band, kitchen challenges, literature clubs and various external competitions such as Maths, Science and English. Peer leadership programs such as helping primary school students to read also add diversity to our gifted and talented program.

Ms Kelly is working on a Project Based Learning (PBL) unit for our Year 9 boys that will be completed across faculties and will let the boys drive their learning through student centred projects rather than teacher centred traditional learning. Research has shown students learn and retain more when they actively learn from each other rather than passively absorbing information.

‘Imagination is more important than knowledge’ (Albert Einstein). Please encourage your sons to be creative. It will benefit them in the long run.

Mr S Robertson
Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator
Exceptional learning opportunities for boys

Open Night
Tuesday 5 March 2013
from 6.30pm
Principal’s Address at 7pm followed by tours of the school and faculty displays

ABHS
Asquith Boys High School
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Website: www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Come and hear about our exciting and innovative programs designed specifically for the needs of boys.

- Unique Music and Creative Arts Scholarships for Years 7, 9 & 11
- Senior Academic Scholarship Years 11&12
- A fully integrated cross curricular Literacy and Numeracy Program, Years 7-10
- Opportunities for gifted and talented students - Academic Enrichment class for Year 7 & 8
- Habits of Mind Program
- Personal Interest Projects (PIP)
- Annual International Soccer Tour

2014 Enrichment Class Examination
Asquith Boys High School is offering places in 2014 for a Year 7 Enrichment Class.

Entrance into this class for academically gifted students, is based on the results of a placement test.

The Enrichment Class placement test will be held on Saturday 9 March 2013.

Applications close Thursday 28 February.

For an application package go to our website www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au or contact Stuart Robertson Enrichment Class Co-ordinator - 9477 3508

Leadership and citizenship, technology, community participation, creative arts and sporting
Canteen Volunteers
Thank you to those who have volunteered your time to assist in Canteen this year. We will be contacting you during this week, if we haven’t yet done so.
We still need more volunteers so please consider helping in our school canteen. We are short staffed on several days which means that the boys have to queue for longer periods to be served and preparation of our full menu becomes more difficult.
You can contact the canteen on 9477 3508.
Canteen hours, generally, are 9.30am-2.30pm.
Tuesday and Wednesday are early days, finishing at about 1.30pm.

Cups of Hot Noodles
A reminder that these are only sold in the second half of lunch. The Canteen is less busy at this time, and therefore safer for foods containing hot water.

We Do Not Heat Food Brought From Home
A reminder that it is our policy NOT to heat foods brought from home by students, except for cups of noodles for which we charge 50c to add hot water. This service is NOT available at recess or the first half of lunch.

Lunch Orders
Lunch orders can be placed at Canteen before school. Ordering can ensure that your favourite food is available at lunch and you can also avoid queues at lunch. To collect your ordered lunch, just wait at the end of the canteen counter…no need to queue.

Price Rises
A Price List is included in this issue of Backchat. Any changes to the menu, or prices, will be notified via Backchat.
Juicities have risen to 70c, and Moosies have risen to $1.30.
New stock of Visual Arts Diaries will cost $15.00 each.

Red Days
Canteen usually holds two Red Days per term. On these days, cakes, lollies and soft drink are available. We usually give approximately one weeks notice ahead of a Red Day, via notices displayed in the Canteen.

Ice Creams
We have a variety of ice creams available for sale in the second half of lunch only.

New Items
Thai Chicken or Beef Rolls
   Chilli Sauce, Chicken or Beef, Coriander, Tomato and lettuce….$3.20

Maryanne Miller
Canteen Manager
### ROLLS & LAVASH
- **available daily**
  - Chicken/lett/Mayo: $3.00
  - Lavash ½:
    - Beef & Salad: $2.00
    - Chicken & Salad: $2.00

### ROLLS & LAVASH
- **available by order**
  - Buttered: $0.60
  - Cheese: $2.00
  - Chicken: $3.00
  - Chicken & Salad: $4.00
  - Egg & Lettuce: $2.00
  - Ham: $3.00
  - Ham & Salad: $4.00
  - Peanut Butter: $1.50
  - Salad: $3.20
  - Shredded Beef: $3.00
  - Vegemite: $1.50

### Lavash:
- Chicken/Lett/Carrot/Cheese/Mayo: $4.00
- Beef/Lett/Carrot/Cheese/Mayo: $4.00

### SALADS
- **available by order**
  - Plate/Tub: $4.00
  - With Meat: $4.50

### SUSHI
- **Tuesday & Thursday**
  - Tuna/Beef/Chicken: $2.90

### FRUIT
- Seasonal Fruit available daily......Price varies

### YOGHURT
- $2.00

### CAKES & SNACKS
- Cheese & Bacon Rolls: $1.20
- Pikelets: $0.70
- Banana Bread: $2.20
- Muffins (Low Fat-when available): $1.80
- Fun Buns ( “ ” ): $1.80
- Chips: $1.00

### HOT FOOD
- **available daily**
  - Beef Roll - with Tom/Cheese/Tom Sauce... $3.80
  - Chicken Burger - with Lett/Mayo...... $3.40
  - Chicken & Corn Roll................... $1.50
  - Chicken Chips.......................... $1.50
  - Chicken Wraps:
    - Chilli Chicken Tenders/Lett/Carrot/Cheese/Mayo... $4.20
  - Egg & Bacon Roll...................... $3.70
  - Garlic Bread.......................... $1.00
  - Hot Dogs.............................. $2.30
  - Lamb Roll:
    - With Tom/Cheese/BBQ Sauce........... $4.00
  - Meatball Roll:
    - With Tom/Cheese/Tom Sauce........... $3.70
  - Meat Pie................................ $3.00
  - Pizza Pie.............................. $3.00
  - Potato Pie............................. $3.00
  - Potato Wedges........................ $1.50
  - Pizza................................... $2.80
  - Pizza Rounda.......................... $2.40
  - Noodles................................. $2.20
  - Sausage Roll.......................... $2.00
  - Sweet Chilli Tenders(2)............... $2.40

### HOT FOOD
- **available by order**
  - Beef Spring Roll...................... $1.60
  - Chicken Burger:
    - On Buttered Roll..................... $2.40
    - With Lett/Mayo/Pineapple............ $3.60
    - With Salad.......................... $4.00
  - Corn Cobbettes........................ $0.70
  - Dim Sims (3)........................... $1.80
  - Vegetable Burgers.................... $3.40

### HOT MEALS
- One available daily
  - **Butter Chicken & Rice**.................. $3.40
  - Ravioli................................ $2.20
  - Spaghetti Bolognaise................... $2.20
  - Vegetarian Hokkien Noodles........... $2.20

### DRINKS
- **Milk:**
  - Plain 600ml................................ $2.10
  - Flavoured: 300ml........................ $2.30
  - 600ml.................................... $3.40
- **Juice:**
  - 375ml.................................... $2.20
  - 500ml.................................... $2.60
- **Up & Go**............................... $2.20
- **Fruit Box Poppers**.................... $1.30
- **Quencher Flavoured Spring Water**..... $3.20
- **Water 600ml**........................... $2.00
- **Pump Flavoured Water**............... $2.80
- **Cans**.................................. $2.00
- **Bottles of Diet Drink**............... $3.40
- **Hot Chocolate:**
  - Before School/Winter Only)........... $1.50
Welcome to 2013 from the ABHS P&C

The first meeting for the year will be on Tuesday 26th February 7:30pm. This will be the AGM when we elect our committee and set dates for the key events. New members are always welcome.

The P&C is an important group within the school and this year we will be continuing with some key events as well as continuing to support the school, its staff, students and families. Presentations often occur at the start of meetings and have included tours of the kitchens, the demonstration of new educations programs and tools used within the school.

Improvement in communication via email is being developed in 2013 and we are looking for someone who can act as the Student Welfare Officer Liaison to support our treasurer who is currently performing multiple roles on the committee. The Community Day Organising Committee is also in need of new members.

Key Events:
- **Working Bees** are generally held twice each year. The first is before the open day in early March and the second before the community day in September
- **The Community Fun Day** is likely to be in early September
- **The Bus Shopping Tour** will be held in November just in time for Christmas shopping

Programs:
- The sale of **second hand blazers** for year 11
- The **grounds committee** is working to improve the outside environment in the school. Last year the cricket nets area was resurfaced, a new contract for the mowing was negotiated, a new ride on mower purchased and we continue to fund the oval maintenance
- **Literacy and numeracy programs** are supported by funds
- The **Student Welfare Officer** is employed by the P&C and is a vital member of the team at ABHS

I look forward to seeing you at a meeting or communicating via email.

_**Kim Pinnock**_
ABHS P&C Secretary
# ABHS Calendar of Events Term 1 2013

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## 2013 Terms

- **Term 1** – Tuesday 29th January till Friday 12th April
- **Term 2** – Monday 29th April till Friday 28th June
- **Term 3** – Monday 15th July till Friday 20th September
- **Term 4** – Tuesday 8th October till Friday 20th December

### Staff Development Days:
- Tue 29th Jan, Mon 29th April, Mon 15th July, Thu 19 & Fri 20 Dec

### Community of Schools Day:
- Tue 2nd April
THE WORD FROM ENGLISH

What do we do in English?
This year promises to be an exciting, engaging and energetic year in the English Faculty! Our goals this year are firstly to improve the results of all our boys by focusing on skill development, with a particular emphasis on extended, structured writing and secondly to extend the experience of English beyond the classroom by providing the opportunity for boys to attend a fabulous range of excursions and workshops.

Who are we?
We welcome a wonderful new staff member to our faculty – Mr James Kitto who has taught casually at Asquith Boys last year and Mrs Robin Riedstra who has returned one day a week from Maternity Leave. We are also fortunate that Ms Rebecca Kelly, Mr Nicholas Kennedy, Ms Rachel Lee (ESL), Ms Shadi Nabavieh and Mr Dave Roberts continue as experienced, active and enthusiastic members of the English Faculty.

Upcoming Events:
Year 7 – Theatre Excursion
Year 8 – Theatre Excursion
Year 9 – Romeo and Juliet
Year 11 – The Removalists
Year 12 – Advanced English Study Days
All Grades – Debating and Public Speaking Workshops

Ms J. Schadel
Head Teacher English

Welcome to another year from the HSIE Faculty!

2013 promises to be a very full year of educational experiences and from the efforts of students so far, a highly academic journey.

Already the boys have settled down to hard work.

Ms Patricia Byrnes, an outstanding and what I refer to as the “perfect” teacher, made her difficult decision to retire from teaching after over 25 years at Asquith. Trish – as we knew her – leaves an almost irreplaceable position. Her efforts each year were suitably rewarded with excellent results at all stages and she was duly proud of the number of Band 6 results she helped boys achieve in both the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate.

Trish Byrnes was not only a great teacher but also a great friend to all (not just “many”) who knew her and we know that with all she has planned, she will have a very long, very satisfying and very productive future ahead. Bon Voyage Trish and all the best from all of us.

To the job at hand – Year 12 have begun the task of continuing towards the HSC in October and until a replacement is found, we are fortunate in having the experience of Mrs Kontos looking after the Year 11 and Year 12 Legal Studies and Year 11 Economics. Without hesitation, our new Deputy Principal, Mr Andrew Skehan volunteered to take the Year 12 Economics, filling a very difficult position with his experience and expertise as a former HSIE Faculty Head Teacher. Thanks, Mr Skehan.

SCIENCE

Year 12
Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Senior Science are in full swing and the boys should be preparing for their topic assessments and the half yearly exams. Boys are reminded to dedicate extra time to practising past exam questions and ask for help when needed. There is a good selection of books with past HSC Exam questions available to the boys.

Year 11
It had been a positive start for the boys doing Science in senior school for any boys who are struggling in Physics or Chemistry there is the option to drop to Senior Science which is a less demanding but very relevant and interesting course. Senior Science is a full ATAR course.

Year 9
All of year 9 will be going on an excursion to Gibberagong Field Study centre at Bobbin Head as part of the Hawkesbury topic. This will be held on Friday 5th April. The boys will get a bus to the centre and back and partake in studying the local ecosystems we are so lucky to have on our doorstep.

Year 7
All year 7 boys are doing Science as it is a core subject. We are starting on an introduction to the lab and our first topic is called ‘Being a Scientist’. As the boys are new to the Lab environment we mainly focus on skills and familiarisation for the first term.

Year 8 Horticulture
Mr Yates is teaching horticulture this year and he will continue to develop the vegetable garden with fresh vegies. The school is erecting a greenhouse to aid the growing of some plants during the winter months.

Mr S. Robertson
Head Teacher Science
Year 12 Geography are off to do their Physical Geography Study of Coastlines on Monday with Mr Laing and in early March, Miss Evans and I will be taking the Ancient Historians to the Museum at Macquarie University. Mrs Kontos is going with Legal Studies to the Tom Mann Theatre in the city for a series of Professional Lectures – all in all a rapid start! Assessment Tasks are listed on the Calendar as well as in the booklet handed to all Year 12.

The Year 10 students are completing the last stage of the old Syllabus for their RoSA and this indicates a brand new start for Year 9 – Australian Studies. A combined Course over two years, this will give greater scope and time to further the skills of all our students and we will be watching their progress with interest. **Years 8 and 7** have begun with History in the first semester and already they are planning the Kinesthetics – Projects and Models that will be due in a few weeks.

All in all, a great start!

*Mr G. Moscos  
Head Teacher HSIE*

**MATHS**

Your school and the mathematics department welcome back all the students. You would have been joined by some new friends and in particularly your Year 7 peers; hope you help them adjust in their new school thus making this transition a pleasure.

We are almost in full swing already. It really pays to be disciplined, organised, punctual and to complete your work on time. Homework is an important aspect of your learning, it gives you an opportunity to revise the concepts that you have learnt recently and apply those concepts to solve a variety of problems. It is very important that you spend time completing the homework in a timely manner. Completion of your homework also helps you in revising the concepts already learnt and thus preparing you for the concepts to be taught later.

I hope you are all aware of the Mathematics Competition that will be held in term 2. This competition will be held as part of the Mathematics department enrichment program. Students of **Year 12** will have an early challenge; their half yearly exam will be at the end of Term 1. Start preparing; this is an important and crucial time of your school life. Good luck to you all.

*Mrs B Sharma  
Teacher Maths*

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**House Captains for 2013**

**COOBA**  
Captain: Matt Di Bernardo  
Vice Captain: Jake Bartley

**KURRAJONG**  
Captain: Sam Fox  
Vice Captain: Jive Johnston

**MYALL**  
Captain: William O’Donohue  
Vice Captain: Chris O’Rourke

**WANDOO**  
Captain: Liam Szabo  
Vice Captain: Liam Stone

Congratulations boys  
and may you lead your teams well this year!
CAREERS

Recent Events

TAFE Enrolments

Over 37 students in Years 11 and 12 have now enrolled in various TVET courses as part of their HSC programs. Whilst most students will attend Hornsby TAFE each Tuesday afternoon others will gain their TAFE credentials at Bradfield, Meadowbank and North Sydney TAFE. It is very important that they attend the full 4 hours EVERY WEEK from 2-6pm as attendance is crucial to fulfill course requirements. In addition, there is no occasion when a student can leave a class early!

9 Year 10 students have also enrolled in Manufacturing Pathways - Timber Course at Hornsby TAFE. They attend every Thursday for 2 terms and will gain Cert 1 and receive accreditation on their RoSA certificate. A large number of Year 10 students are also attending TAFE Outreach courses in Landscaping, Automotive and Carpentry courses. They study accredited Certificate 1 and 2 vocational units and key learning, communications and employability competencies.

It is pleasing to see many students gaining valuable skills in their vocational education.

Important Information

Tax File Number School Service- The easy way to get a tax file number

The Tax Office, with the co-operation of schools, offers students aged 13 years or over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN.

Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account or deferring university fees.

Applying for a TFN through school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the Tax Office. The application form is available from the school (Mrs Fry) and students can complete it at home and return it to school. The form requires information such as the student’s address and date of birth. Students also need to provide the following details:

- Students born in Australia will need to provide their birth certificate number, state of issue and year of registration
- Students born overseas will need to provide their overseas passport number and country of issue or Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue.

It is important that the application form is completed correctly and in full, and signed by the student. All information provided on the application form will remain confidential.

The school (Mrs Fry) will certify the application form by cross-checking against the information held on school records. Students are not required to show identifying documentation. The application will then be forwarded to the Tax Office and students will receive their TFN via a notification letter sent to their postal address within 28 days of the application being received by the Tax Office.

Application forms are available in the careers office in the library and if you need further information please ring Mrs Fry on 94773508.

Mrs J. Fry
Careers Adviser
No Parking
Drivers may stop in this zone to drop off or pick up children, but note:
- Maximum stop time is 2 minutes
- Driver must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle
- Vehicle must not be left unattended

No Stopping
- Stopping is not permitted at any time

Bus Zone
- Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on the sign

Double Parking
- Drivers are not permitted to stop or park between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during the times shown.
The stated fines and demerit points apply in school zones and are current as at 1 January 2013.
Cultural Fun Day Out!
Hornsby Greek Festival invites members of the community to explore Greek culture, music, dancing and delicious food in a family friendly atmosphere. Loads of entertainment including dodgem cars, Camel rides, and jumping castles. Everyone welcome!

Where: Greenway Park, Shepherds Drive Cherrybrook
When: Sunday 10th March – 11am to 7pm
Free Admission

For your newsletter

Student Exchange – Memories and Skills for a Lifetime!

World Education Program Australia (WEP), a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments, is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2013/14 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year.

WEP is offering two $3000 scholarships towards semester-long student exchange programs to Argentina and China commencing in 2014.

Find out more!
- Visit www.wep.org.au
- Attend one of WEP’s information evenings and open days
- Call 1300 884 733

Upcoming Information Sessions

Sydney
13 Feb, 13 Mar, 14 May 2013
7:30-9pm
Bowlers Club of NSW
Level 2 / 95-99 York Street
Sydney

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

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Helping learner drivers become safe drivers
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