HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY

HIGH SCHOOL FOR A DAY ... WHAT A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

High School Experience Day at Asquith Boys High School last month saw over 190 local Year 5 boys attend a really great day of high school lessons and understanding.

We were really impressed in the high interest shown by the students and their parents attending the day. This was by far the largest turnout in many years and the quality of the lessons presented by the teachers at Asquith voluntarily was very impressive. Eight groups of over 25 students experienced a variety of subjects in TAS, English, Maths, Science, History, Languages, Creative Arts and PDHPE as well as having the all-important Sausage Sizzle for lunch.

Friends were made on the day and the boys learnt a great deal about how exciting High School would be in two years.

Feedback of the day was mostly very positive. Students really liked the active subjects and making ... and eating... Cookies!... was highly popular – as was Science “…because we did really cool experiments...” and PE. History, for a majority “…was fun and great…”

A very interesting parent comment:
“I believe my son had a very enjoyable day. He stated: It was all pretty amazing! From a parent’s point of view, it took a little of the mystery out of High School which helps reduce the stress involved in the first day for many children.”

Thanks must go to Mrs Beckerleg for her hard work, experience and understanding in putting this day together along with Miss Evans for her professional timetable and to all the staff who volunteered their time on the day. Thank you to Ms Bird and Ms Booth for providing an amazing spread of yummies for the parents to have with morning tea at the conclusion of their tour of the school. Last but not least thank you to our quality school leaders – the Prefects – who were outstanding role models as team leaders to their groups.

Well done to all.

Mr G. Moscos
Below is the updated Uniform Policy flyer clearly listing the school uniform that the boys are expected to wear each day. Please be aware of the following:

- Shorts and trousers need to be belt loop style NOT elastic waist or cargo style. They are called “Deluxe College shorts/trousers”.
- Sports socks are now available in long and short style – it will depend on what sport your son plays as to what type of sport socks he needs to wear.
**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**Leadership Opportunities at ABHS**
Our recent formal assembly highlighted the numerous leadership roles that exist at ABHS for our students. This assembly saw the induction of the SRC members and executive, the induction of House Captains, and presentations to Peer Leaders. At an earlier assembly we saw the induction of Prefects and Sports Captains. Of course there are many other formal or informal leadership roles in the school, such as School Council Student Representatives, Transition Leaders and the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. In addition it was very pleasing to see the number of students receiving Principal’s Awards and Medallions. **Asquith Boys High is an established leader in the promotion of student leadership. No other school I am aware of has such a high proportion of boys involved in leadership responsibilities.**

**End of Year/ Presentation Night**
The last school day for all students is Wednesday 17th December. The last two days of the school calendar (Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December) will be Staff Development Days. Presentation Night is on Monday 15th December. I look forward to celebrating the 2014 achievements of our students with you on this night. My thanks to Ms Holder and Mrs Beckerleg for co-ordinating this event.

**Grounds Upgrade**
We have been successful in gaining a $200,000 grant to totally replace our aging and unsafe quadrangle. Work has already commenced and we hope it will be completed by the beginning of the 2015 school year. We also have plans to use some programmed maintenance funds to complete some external painting and carpeting of some rooms. In addition, plans have been submitted for a major upgrade of the old basketball area adjacent to the Pacific Highway entrance. By mid 2015 the school grounds should have had a very significant makeover.

**Our Community**
I would like to once again thank all members of the ABHS School Council led by President, Dr Kim Pinnock, and our hard working P&C, led by Mrs Linda Stanford, for their tremendous commitment to our school community. Thanks also to all staff for their continued dedication to boys’ education. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and I look forward to 2015 with great anticipation.

**Dignitary Visit from Vietnam**
In December ABHS hosted a visiting delegation from the Vietnamese school system.

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*Terry Griffiths, Principal*

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*Bronze Principal Medallion recipients at 4 December Formal Assembly*  
*Silver Principal Medallion recipient*  

*Photography by Ms Cooke*
Deputy Principal’s Report

As we commence the final weeks of the 2014 school year it is essential that we take a moment to look back at the many great achievements of our students, staff and community in a diverse range of fields. This issue of Backchat will outline many of these.

Whilst the year is drawing to a close, it is still our firm expectation that students maintain outstanding conduct at all times and complete all class and home work right up until the end of the last day. There are some organised activities, involving both large and smaller groups, which students will have already brought notes home for. Other than these, the school timetable will proceed as normal.

Lastly, I would like to thank the students, staff and parents for another great year at Asquith Boys High School. I hope that the holiday season is an enjoyable and restful one for all.

I look forward to seeing everyone again in 2015.

Andrew Skehan
Deputy Principal

ARTEXPRESS SUCCESS

Chris Bissett’s work was selected for inclusion in the 2015 ArtExpress exhibition. The work will be exhibited at the Hazelhurst Gallery in Gymea and Maitland Regional Gallery.

A wonderful outcome - Congratulations Chris!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

On the 31st October & 1st November, 25 Year 9 Bronze participants took part in their qualifying expedition. They walked the coastal path from Bundeena to Otford in the Royal National Park south of Sydney. They covered about 30km over 2 days and camped on the beach at North Era.

The photo shows the boys on the cliff top near the start.

Thank you to Mr Murphy and Mr Yates for accompanying the boys.

HORTICULTURE NEWS …

Our first harvest of nectarines from the school orchard.

Year 8 Horticulture class have planted a vineyard in the school orchard. The first vintage made from Chambourcin grapes should be ready about the time they sit their HSC.
Elections & Peer Mediators

Theodore Roosevelt said: "Do what you can where you are with what you've got." I think many of the boys that are involved within the school and the Asquith community do just that - They see leadership as an opportunity to serve.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. The School Representative Council, or SRC, and the Prefects are these kinds of leaders.

On the Monday the 24th and Tuesday the 25th of November a group Asquith Leaders attended a 2 day leadership camp, at the Crusades in Galston. During these 2 days, the boys, from Year 7 through to Year 12, developed and demonstrated their leadership skills through organising games, event planning and running meetings.

The boys in the SRC have been selected by their year groups because they trust them, like them, respect them and think they have the initiative to get the job done. There are 5 representatives from each year who are the voice, who listen to their year groups’ thoughts, ideas and opinions. They have been chosen by them to help serve the school - to listen, to inspire and to improve.

The SRC Representative Members for 2015 are:

**Year 8 Representatives**
- Brody Camp
- Dylan Hopkins
- Aruto Isobe
- Matthew Jollie
- Luke Mueller-Byrnes

**Year 10 Representatives**
- Saber Atter Motlagh
- Jack Bridekirk
- Garrett Fitzgerald
- Konrad Morton-Stroud
- Benjamin Parnell

**Year 12 Representatives**
- Max Darwin
- Matthew Evans
- Brandon Lukich-Yang
- Zachary Smith
- Harrison Tuynman

**Year 9 Representatives**
- Jack Cotton
- Benjamin Dallimore
- John Fordham
- Christopher Robinson
- Jackson Tuynman

**Year 11 Representatives**
- Matthew Fitzsimmons
- Fredrick Fordyce
- Charles Shepherd
- Joel Winch

**The SRC Representative Executive Positions for 2015 are:**
- **President** – Max Darwin
- **Vice President** - Fredrick Fordyce
- **Secretary** - Matthew Fitzsimmons
- **Treasurer** - Brandon Lukich-Yang
- **School Council Representatives** - Joel Winch and Garrett Fitzgerald
- **Junior District Representatives** - Matthew Jollie and Jackson Tuynman
- **Senior District Representatives** - Benjamin Parnell and Harrison Tuynman

On behalf of the school I would like to thank them and congratulate them, and I look forward to a great 2015!

Peer Mediators

Peer Mediation is a process that involves two senior school students who are there to help other students who may need facilitation or support in a disagreement. The students are there to provide support and an ear to listen and offer advice.

Mediation is a process that emphasizes the participants own responsibility for making decisions that affect their lives.

Eleven boys were selected by Ms Kelly, and trained by myself, in the last week of Term 4. We believe these boys to be a great addition and a confident mediator within the school.

**2015 Peer Mediators**
- Benjamin Adams
- Matthew Fitzsimmons
- Fredrick Fordyce
- Jarrod Griffith
- Camron Hanna
- Aden May
- Bryce Nielsen
- Charles Shepherd
- Joshua Solinas
- Gregory Stanford
- Scott Williams

Ms Mashman, SRC & Peer Mediator Coordinator
**Messages from Administration**

**Did you know that you can make payments to your child’s school online?**

Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website [www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) by selecting **$ Make a payment**. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sport costs, creative and practical arts activities (these includes band) and sales to students. There is also a category called ‘Other’ - this is to cover items not covered in the previous heading. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the **$ Make a payment** you must enter:

- the student’s name and class and reference number
- the student’s name and date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

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**Not returning to ABHS in 2015?**

If your son is not returning to ABHS in 2015 he will need to sign out before the 17th December. Please email or phone the school and speak with Ms Simms who will let you know of the sign out procedure.

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**2nd Hand Senior Blazers**

By now all the current Year 10 boys have been measured up and fitted with their required size by Ms Cooke. In the Backchat is a flyer from LOWES advertising the $50 discount they will offer for a 4 week period early in 2015. Senior Blazers are compulsory for the winter terms (term 2&3).

As the P&C no longer offers the buy-back scheme for the blazers we have offered to the outgoing Year 12 parents to advertise if they have a blazer for sale. Please see the list below and contact them directly if you are interested.

Some parents have chosen to donate the senior blazer to the school. They are available for you to see/purchase from the clothing pool in the Print room. These range from $30 - $70.

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There is no doubt that the Year 12 Formal is one of the social highlights of the year. After spending six years with our boys, it is wonderful to see them ‘brush up’ beautifully in their suits. Many of the boys brought gorgeous dates and it was evident that there had been some coordination with the colour of dresses and ties.

Imax is an excellent venue with vistas of Darling Harbour. Daylight savings provided both magnificent daylight views and a dazzling show of lights after dark. The menu was an extravaganza of meat, ‘feed the man meat’, the choice of our boys! Entrée was a chicken Caesar salad or a Thai Beef salad (Miss Mashman enjoyed her Greek Salad as the only vegetarian in the group). Mains comprised of Lamb Shanks or Beef Fillets. Hearty serves for the starving amongst us, half the guests I would suggest. The best was last with beautiful deserts of lemon meringue tarts and chocolate mud cake that were beautifully presented.

The boys proved themselves to be elegant young gentlemen, enjoying conversation at the dinner table throughout the meal. Afterwards School Captain Ben Cant and Vice-Captain Mark Wilson presented some humorous awards to some of the ‘key players’ of the year. The boys appreciated some of the ‘in jokes’ behind some of these awards. Unfortunately the microphone was not working but the training in public speaking provided both boys with the skills to ‘go on with the show’.

A formal would not be a formal without Mrs Laffer and her side-kicks encouraging the boys onto the dance floor with the Macarena and Nutbush.

It was an elegant evening and everyone had a wonderful time. As usual, I worked the room with my camera and captured everyone at their glamorous best. Photos are for sale with proofs at the front office. Large prints $5, Postcard size prints $3. This is a part of our fundraising for Photo/Digital Media.

Ms Cooke, CAPA teacher
NEWS FROM TAS ....

In the textiles room:
We have had another very successful term in Textiles Technology. 8DV1, already equipped with sewing skills, constructed brilliant boxer shorts complete with internal and external pockets, and a range of designs.

In the kitchen:
Stage 5 Food Technology students have enjoyed designing and creating some fabulous cakes as part of their assessment criteria in the unit Food for Special Occasions. The students took the task quite seriously and they had a three hour period in which to complete their chosen design.

Ms K Bird, TAS teacher
Time to Celebrate

…the talents of Year 9 and 10 Industrial Technology Timber students. They have been having the ‘time of their lives’ creating wall and mantelpiece clocks.

Industrial Technology Students Grow in Wisdom

On Friday 14th November students from Years 9 and 11 studying Industrial Technology (Timber) spent a very hot day exploring Cumberland State Forest. From the ranger guiding our walk we learnt about the sustainability of forests as part of ecosystems, industries and for recreation. Along the way we identified many types of tree species that are harvested for our class materials.

Bridging Sydney

Year 11 Engineering Studies students recently spent a day investigating the bridges spanning Sydney Harbour and Parramatta River. After catching the train to Milsons Point the students explored the Sydney Harbour Bridge northern abutment before walking across the bridge to the Pylon Museum. The history of this iconic structure left the students shocked by the lack of safety provisions as well as the cost of construction.

This was followed by a leisurely RiverCat trip up Parramatta River to Meadowbank viewing the many feats of engineering along the way. The students acted as knowledgeable tour guides; each sharing their classroom research on a particular structure.
Kitchen Battles 2014

Kitchen Battles has been hard fought and won by an Asquith Boy, Keegan Waters, who has regained the shield after being the inaugural winner two years ago. Also, winning a third place was Oliver Bidgood. An excellent effort by both students, with a Turramurra High student winning second place.

Big congratulations to all students who participated this year. The standard of dishes produced was of an extremely high standard and as the competition progressed the difficulty of the dishes increased.

First round was a Warm pan-fried chicken and orange salad in a fried pasta shell with a homemade orange mayonnaise.

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<td>80g chicken Thigh</td>
<td>1. Mix egg and flour together with a pinch of salt, add a drop of water if necessary. Knead mix and leave in refrigerator for 20 minutes to rest.</td>
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<td>½ orange</td>
<td>2. Seal chicken and roast, allow cooling and slice thinly.</td>
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<td>40g mixed leaves</td>
<td>3. Segment orange, wash leaves, julienne onion, roast and crush walnuts.</td>
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<td>1/5 Red Onion</td>
<td>4. Mix yoghurt and S.C. sauce</td>
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<td>4 walnuts</td>
<td>5. Use pasta machine to roll out pasta till a thickness of 1-2mm, cut into square.</td>
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<td>1 T Greek yoghurt</td>
<td>6. Deep fry at 140°C, drain excess fat onto paper towel</td>
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<td>1 t sweet chilli Sauce</td>
<td>7. Set up plate and serve.</td>
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<td>100g flour</td>
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<td>1 egg</td>
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<td>Salt</td>
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All the boys performed extremely well!

Second round and the last of the qualifying rounds, was demonstrated by the Sous Chef of Blu Water Grill – Owen. He created a self saucing chocolate pudding. Once again the competition was very tight and the atmosphere in the kitchen was very tense.

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<td>75g Butter unsalted</td>
<td>1. Melt chocolate and butter</td>
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<td>150g Dark Chocolate</td>
<td>2. Whisk yolks, whole eggs and sugar till a cold sabayon is formed</td>
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<td>90g Flour Plain</td>
<td>3. Fold in flour</td>
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<td>120g Castor Sugar</td>
<td>4. Fold in chocolate mix</td>
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<td>3 Egg Yolks</td>
<td>5. Butter and lightly flour moulds</td>
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<td>3 Whole eggs</td>
<td>6. Pour in mixture and leave in coolroom for 10minutes</td>
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<td>1 orange</td>
<td>1. Zest and juice orange, add to 1000ml orange juice and sugar.</td>
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<td>100ml Orange Juice</td>
<td>2. Crush cardamom pods and reduce to a syrup and strain.</td>
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<th>Basil Sugar</th>
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<td>½ Bunch</td>
<td>1. Using a robot coupe, blend basil and sugar together and leave in a warm place to dry slightly</td>
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<td>60g Castor Sugar</td>
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After the first two qualifying rounds, the competition was reduced to eight competitors. The next dish became very complicated with three major components. Adam Foy from ‘Adams Cakes and Chocolates’ at Turramurra came in and demonstrated a ‘Deconstructed Lemon meringue Pie’.

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<td>250g plain flour</td>
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<td>200g butter</td>
<td>2. Rub in butter, add 1 yolk</td>
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<td>1 t salt</td>
<td>3. Knead together on bench</td>
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<td>100g icing sugar</td>
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<td>5 eggs</td>
<td>1. Bring cream to the boil and allow to cool</td>
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<td>180g castor sugar</td>
<td>2. Place lemon juice and zest on top of sugar in a mixing bowl</td>
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<td>150ml double cream</td>
<td>3. Mix eggs in, then whisk in cream</td>
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<td>2 lemon zest</td>
<td>4. Pour into flan dishes and cook till firm in low oven</td>
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<td>2 juice of lemons</td>
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<td>8 egg whites</td>
<td>1. Whisk sugar, vanilla and whites together over boiling water.</td>
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<td>500g Castor Sugar</td>
<td>2. When sugar dissolved place on machine and whisk till meringue has cooled</td>
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<td>1/3 punnet strawberries</td>
<td>1. Chop whole strawberry and place in small saucepan.</td>
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<td>80 castor sugar</td>
<td>2. Cover with water and add sugar and cornflour</td>
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<td>1 t cornflour</td>
<td>3. Bring to boil, blend and strain</td>
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After the semi-final the two top competitors then went on to the **Grand-Final**. They went up against the best from Turramurra High and Epping Boys High Schools. Steve Kasciski, the Assistant Food & Beverage Manager/Executive Chef from the Shangri La Hotel Sydney came to Asquith to demonstrate an extremely complicated dish, with six major components.

A ‘Scallop Tortellini with fresh Spanner crab, Citrus Lobster Bisque, Pea and garlic puree, Tomato confit and fresh pan-seared scallops’.

The techniques needed, and time management skills required where very necessary to get through this final. The dish was the most complicated in the Kitchen Battles short history.

### Butter Emulsion

**Ingredients:**
- 20mls of chicken stock
- 40 grams whole butter
- Table spoon of peas
- 10 grams picked spanner crab
- Salt and pepper

**Method:**
- In a pan bring stock to boil
- Wisk in butter
- Add crab and peas
- When emulsion is warm, season with salt & pepper.
- Dress plate

### Confit Tomato

**Ingredients:**
- 1 tomato

**Method:**
- Bring water to the boil
- Add tomato until skin shrivels (approx. 30 seconds)
- Refresh in ice water
- Peel tomato, cut into a circle
- place on oven tray, season with salt and sugar
- dress with olive oil and place in oven at 160
- Reserve rest of the tomato for shellfish jus

### Pea puree

**Ingredients:**
- 200gm peas, shucked
- 65gm onions, chopped finely
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 20 grams butter
- 20ml cream
- 100ml chicken stock
- Salt and pepper to taste

**Method:**
- Sweat onions and garlic until translucent
- Add peas and cook until soft
- Add butter and cream
- Top with hot chicken stock and cook for 20 mins
- Blend and strain

### Shellfish jus

**Ingredients:**
- 1 lobster head
- 10g tomato paste
- sliced onions
- 30g sliced fennel
- garlic
- Two whole and chopped ripe tomatoes
- Fish stock or water
- Lemon and orange peel

**Method:**
- crush shells and mix with tomato paste and chopped tomatoes
- add vegetables to the shells and just cover with fish stock
- Bring to the boil uncovered, let simmer for 20 minutes
- Pass and reduce to consistency
- Finish with drop of lemon and orange juice to finish

### Pasta

**Ingredients:**
- 150g plain flour
- 1 egg
- 2 egg yolks
- Splash of olive oil
- Pinch of salt

**Method:**
- mix the flour and salt together
- Mix eggs and olive oil together
- Mix the two together using hands or kitchen machine

### Scallop mousse

**Ingredients:**
- 80g scallops (for mousse)
- 1 scallop small dice for garnish
- 40 ml cream
- ½ egg
- Chopped tarragon
- Salt
- Pepper
- 35 grams picked spanner crab

**Method:**
- Blitz 80g of scallops until smooth consistency
- Add egg, continue to blend
- Add cream, seasoning
- Fold in the diced scallops, spanner crab and the tarragon
1st Prize - $150 dinner voucher at the Shangri La Hotel Sydney & chefs book package from Hospitality Training Network (HTN)

2nd Prize - $100 dinner voucher at the Four Season Hotel Sydney

3rd Prize - $50 dinner voucher Blu Water Grill

Plus all competitors in the Grand Final received a chef’s jacket and a complimentary days training at the prestigious ‘Kenvale Hospitality Training College’ in Randwick.

Congratulations to all competitors. I would also like to thank all our sponsors and supporters for all their assistance, and encourage our local community who support Asquith Boys High school.

Shangri La Hotel Sydney
Four Season Hotel Sydney
Blu Water Grill - Hornsby
Adam’s Cake and Chocolates – Turramurra
Kenvale College –Randwick
Hospitality Training Network
Asquith golf Club – Asquith

Mr T. Josephs, Kitchen Battles organiser

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**Year 8 Food Technology**

It was another fantastic year in Food Technology for Year 8. The students certainly performed at their best showing great skills and ability. I would like to thank personally all the parents, uncles, aunties, grandparents and family friends for their assistance and support during the year.

The students needed to research old family secret recipes or recipes that are or have become a tradition in their family homes. The students took to this assignment like ducks to water. Over the year they have created some marvellous dishes that have always impressed me. All the students should be very proud of their efforts this year and I look forward to working with a lot of them next year.

I wish them all a very safe and Merry Christmas.
Year 9 Food Technology

This year the Year 9 students studied four units of work including Food in Australia, Food Equity and Sustainability, Foods for Special Needs and finally Foods for Special Occasions. They performed extremely well and have really engaged in the final task assessment of designing and producing a children’s birthday cake. Their designs and creations show much creativity and thought. A great effort by all.

I wish them all a very safe and merry Christmas.

Mr T. Josephs, TAS teacher

FRIGHT DAY

Year 9 and 10 Commerce participated in the Halloween ‘Fright Day’ event on Friday 31 October.

Two classes collaborated in hosting the event in raising money for EBOLA to be donated to Medecins Sans Frontieres, Australia (Doctors Without Borders). This was the first time Asquith Boys High School has held this event.

As part of the ‘Running a Business’ topic, the boys worked in small groups to operate small market stalls at lunch in the school’s quad under the shade of the trees. Sausage sizzle BBQ and cold drinks raised the most money followed by mufti gold coin donations, then the takings from the assorted stalls such as fizzy drinks, gingerbread men, lollies, water balloons, popcorn and a movie.

Altogether, over $1000 was raised.

All in all it was a successful day of trading and a great entrepreneurial experience for the boys.

Ms L Stopford & Ms M Fulbrook, Commerce Teachers

ABHS @ the Botanic Gardens

On Monday 8th December a group of Year 7 & 8 students went on an excursion to the Botanic Gardens in Sydney to study plant classification and adaptation.

The photo shows some of the boys luring the eels in the pond with crumbs from their lunch.
HSIE EXCURSIONS IN NOVEMBER

**YEAR 7**

On the 28th of November Year 7 went on an excursion to Taronga Zoo. We learnt a lot about how the aboriginals lived and dream time stories about some of the animals. After learning about the dreamtime, we got to go around and look at all the animals. We saw lots of gorillas; one of them had a baby. We also saw an Andean Condor which is the largest bird of prey, with a wing span stretching about 3 meters. My favourite animal that we saw would have to be the Asian elephant but it was very disturbing to see it do its business right in front of me - but I guess that’s just nature!

While we looked at the animals we had a little worksheet on endangered animals. It was actually pretty funny and I learnt a lot. I had a great time seeing all the animals that I love and learning a tonne at the same time.

*By Hamish Perring (7B)*

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**YEAR 8**

Year 8 was very fortunate to be able to attend the "Aztecs" exhibition at the Australian Museum in College St in the city. Beautifully behaved and a credit to our school the boys were thoroughly entertained and learnt a great deal about dinosaurs, indigenous Australians and of course the Aztecs. Below is proof that pictures speak louder than words.

Thank you to all the staff who attended and to the boys who behaved so impeccably.

*Ms A Cufre-Sadnick, HT- HSIE*
Our Amazing Art Mentors at HNPS!

On Wednesday 3 December, Ms Holder had the pleasure of being invited to Hornsby North Public School to teach Kindergarten. Sharon Gates, teacher of KG, and wonderful ex-ABHS parent, also asked if she could bring some lovely big boys to work with Kindy.

So Ms Holder selected four of the most wonderful year 10 Visual Arts students: Aran Dennis, Ben Adams, Ben Herden and Greg Stanford to accompany her.

Ms Holder introduced the idea of environmental installation to Kindergarten (which our year 10 boys were very excited about since they had loved that unit of work when they were in Year 8.) After learning metalanguage to do with environmental installation, the Kindy kids organised themselves into groups of four (two boys and two girls). Each group were given a bucket, an artwork to inspire them and the job to collect materials and find a suitable site for their work.

Ben Herden was the event photographer, roving with his DSLR camera to capture the action. Ben Adams, Greg and Aran, all roved around with the groups, assisting Kindy to construct their appropriated environmental installations in the landscape of the bush corridor at HNPS.

Both Aran and Ben H enjoyed reminiscing with Mrs Moyes and Mrs Gates about their time at Hornsby North. All four of our wonderful students were fantastic leaders and mentors as they worked with the five and six year olds at Hornsby North.

It was a delightful and exciting morning’s artmaking with KG and KA and Mrs Gates and Mrs Moyes have asked that we return next year to make installations with Kindergarten 2015.
Ryde TAFE Excursion - Horticulture Department
A group of interested students from Years 9, 10 and 11 visited the Horticulture section of Ryde TAFE to learn about the TVET Horticulture courses they can do as part of their HSC program. The students were given a tour of the facilities including the one hole golf course, tennis court and bowling green to see the different turf studied as part of the green-keeping course. They saw the glass houses and propagation of plants and took part in a potting on exercise. Of particular interest was the lesson in how to lay pavers and students did very well creating a variety of patterns.
It was a very informative day which ended well with each student given a plant of their choice.

Year 10 Work Experience
This has been the first year of the flexible approach to work experience with students doing work experience at different times during the year. It has been very successful with almost all year 10 students completing their week of work experience. Reports from employers have been encouraging and several students have gained fulltime apprenticeships or part-time and casual work. Some of the interesting placements were with NSW Fire and Rescue, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Reptile Park, Taronga Zoo, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital and the Ensemble Theatre. Year 10 student Jarrod Griffith went to Jacobs Engineering Firm. He has written “From 13th to 17th October I went to Jacobs Engineering where I experienced a day in the life of an engineer. I was able to experience the practices and requirements of being an engineer and this has helped me choose my future career path”.

The current Years 9 students have been issued with a letter for parents outlining work experience in 2015. Early in February 2015 all Year 10 students will be issued in class with the student placement record, Employers Guide to WorkPlace Learning, Workplace Learning Guide for Parents and Carers and a Work Experience Information Guide. A White Card is compulsory for all construction type work experience placements. A White Card course is being held at school on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December 2014.
Important Information

A Free Careers Advisory is available for Year 12 leavers from 18th December to 23rd December 2014 from 9am to 5pm. Get online at www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au or phone 1300 300 687 for free advice. The website also contains helpful information in clarifying course choices, employment opportunities, career pathways and training options.

Most of the universities are holding information Days on Tuesday 6th January 2015 before the close of preferences on 7th January 2015.

Please remember to log in to mhscareers.com (password “14caims”) to keep abreast of all important career news and events.

Mrs J. Fry
Careers Adviser

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Hello ABHS community,

Christopher Bissett (Year 12) has been nominated for ArtExpress and Daniel Adam and Daniel Griffin has been nominated for Industrial Technology Display. Congratulations and well done boys.

Four year 7 boys have put together a youtube clip of ‘Best Day of My Life’ - highly recommended viewing: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJ23VCZuZD0.

Also congratulations to Jackson Besley who was a featured artist at the recent 2014 Schools Spectacular. This talented musician has entertained us at many ABHS functions. Well done Jackson!

The School Representative Council (SRC) 2 day Leadership camp was held recently, with the leaders of our school learning how to be leaders and bonding together, as well as electing their 2015 office bearers.

We are coming to the end of a very productive and eventful year. The school Presentation Night is on the 15th December and I would like to congratulate all the students receiving awards.

On behalf of the P&C we would like to wish everyone a safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Next year will be another busy one with several fundraising events already planned. There will be a trivia night, the annual community day as well as another father’s day breakfast.

Thanks,

Linda Stanford
P&C President

The first P&C meeting for 2015 will be on Tuesday 24 February. This will be the AGM following the annual Parent Teacher BBQ.

2015 DATES

Term 1 – Tuesday 27th January till Friday 2nd April
  Years 7, 11 & 12 start Wed 28th January, Years 8, 9 & 10 start Thu 29th January
Term 2 – Monday 20th April till Friday 26th June
Term 3 – Monday 13th July till Friday 18th September
Term 4 – Tuesday 6th October till Friday 18th December

Staff Development Days
Tue 27th Jan, Mon 20th April, Mon 13th July, Thu 17th & Fri 18th Dec
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Tuesday Dec 30

Wednesday Dec 31

Thursday Jan 1st, 2015

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Stage 4 Visual Arts students have been very busy learning about landscape painting and impasto surfaces. Year 8 students went to the Blue Mountains earlier in the year and were able to gain inspiration from the magnificent vista.