Our 54th swimming carnival was scheduled for Friday 21st February and this year, the weather was amazing with beautiful clear blue skies and a very pleasant 27 degrees.

Once again, we found our way back to Knox Community Aquatic Centre – a fabulous venue relatively close to ABHS with most of the latest and greatest features including now, an updated electronic scoreboard which the boys really enjoyed as they were able to see their place & time for their race instantaneously, as this worked in conjunction with the Electronic Touch Pad Timing System.

The Seniors thoroughly enjoyed their private outdoor space on the lawn & the Yr 12 boys also helped feed the competitors with their usual ‘a la carte’ Asquith style BBQ!

Participation was great on the day and all students who attended are to be congratulated. The day also served as ABHS selection for the North West Met Zone Swimming Carnival. As usual, our team was strong and reflected some excellent individual performances on the day but none better than the achievements of our Age Champions, which are as follows:

- 12 years - Mitchell Ferguson
- 13 years - Jack Cotton
- 14 years - Jack Ryan
- 15 years - Ben Parnell
- 16 years - Callum Fenech
- 17+ years - Jeffrey Featherston

A number of records were also broken on the day and these included:

- 14 years 50 Freestyle (old record 28.03 D. S. Szabo 2005)
  **NEW RECORD**: 26.66 – Jack Ryan

- 14 years 100 Freestyle (old record 1.01.07 S. Szabo 2005)
  **NEW RECORD**: 59.74 – Jack Ryan

- Open 400 Individual Medley (old record 4.50.00 P. Montgomerie 2000)
  **NEW RECORD**: 4.29.71 – Jack Ryan

Finally, our House Points for the day consisted of:

- 4th – Wandoo (147)
- 3rd – Cooba (215)
- 2nd – Myall (232)

And congratulations to Kurrajong (243) for winning the Swimming Carnival.

Yours in Swimming

*Mr G Corbitt, Carnival Co-ordinator*
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Parent/ Teacher Night
Parent/Teacher Night for Years 7, 11 and 12 was held on March 24th. It was very pleasing to see so many parents establishing positive links with their sons’ teachers. Analysis of the on-line booking system showed that almost two thirds of parents attended. This is indicative of the strong community partnership that has been developed at Asquith Boys over recent years between parents, teachers and students. It was gratifying to receive so many positive comments from parents about their sons’ progress and the commitment and passion of the staff for boys’ education.

School Council/ P&C
The School Council AGM was held on March 25th and Dr Kim Pinnock was again elected President. Mrs Michelle Roscarel is Vice President, and Mr Andrew Skehan is Secretary. The P&C AGM was held on March 4th and Mrs Linda Stanford was elected President. Vice Presidents are Mrs Mary Beijerinck-Gooley and Dr Kim Pinnock, Treasurer is Mrs Jenny Williams, and Secretary Dr Nicky Morrison. Grounds Officer is Mrs Michelle Roscarel, Publicity Officer is Mrs Dianne Stoddart, and the additional School Council parent representative is Mr Rizwan Ali. Co-ordinator of funding and grant applications is Mrs Maddie Steele. Our community is fortunate to have so many talented and committed people actively engaged in supporting your sons’ education. I would like to thank everybody who attended the first two P&C meetings this year and I urge all parents to attend at least one meeting this year.

Exams and Study Skills
Year 12 has completed their Half Yearly exams and their reports will be issued before the end of term. Year 11 students recently had the opportunity to participate in an advanced study skills program run by Elevate, and organised by Year 11 Adviser Ms Mashman. I have been constantly reminding our senior boys that an average of three hours of homework/study a night is a minimum requirement for academic success in a very competitive HSC. 47% of the 2013 cohort were offered a place at university and I expect that this year’s group will exceed this, but not without a serious commitment to regular study.

Behaviour on Public Transport
I believe that the vast majority of our students are well behaved on the way to and from school and also on trains and buses. However, there may be a minority who are tarnishing the image of the school by regularly breaking the state government’s code of conduct for school students on public transport. We have included an update on this in this edition of Backchat. I urge all students and parents to read this update. It is most important that the highest standards of behaviour are maintained when our students are on public transport. Reports of any poor behaviour will be investigated and backed up by appropriate consequences. I also ask students to stay out of the designated “Quiet Carriages” on the trains. All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 recently participated in Rail Safety Workshops conducted by Sydney Train staff.

Overseas Tour
Our annual international football tour, now in its twelfth year will be touring Singapore and Hong Kong in the next few weeks. These tours are a tremendous opportunity for our boys to experience other cultures. I would like to thank staff for their organisation of the tours, principally Mr George Moscos. I trust the lucky boys going on tour will have a memorable experience and I know they will be great ambassadors for their school and their country.

Mr Terry Griffiths
Principal
Student responsibilities

Whenever you're travelling with your [School Student Rail Pass], stay safe and respect your fellow passengers.

Stay safe
- Stand behind the yellow line on the platform.
- Board and alight the train in a way that's safe for you and other passengers.
- Move well inside the carriage in order to keep doorways clear.
- Never board a train or holding the door open after the whistle has blown. Some train doors are not like lift doors and will continue to close even if obstructed.
- Never ride bicycles, skateboards or scooters on station platforms.
- Never play with sporting equipment on the platform.

Respect your fellow passengers
- Offer up your seat if all the seats are full and adults are standing. Don't wait to be asked.
- Be polite. Wait for all passengers to leave the train before you get on.
- Be aware of where you're standing. Remember, your backpack can bump into people behind you.
- Have a look at the carriage before you get on. If it's full, spread out along the platform and use different doors. You'll see your friends again later.
- Take care with your school bag. Make sure it's not in the way of other passengers or blocking the walkway or doors and keep it off the seat.
- Help others. Keep an eye out for elderly people and those with disabilities. These people often travel by train and they could do with your help. Also people with babies in strollers or prams may appreciate a helping hand.
- Understand your behaviour counts. When you apply for your School Student Rail Pass, you're giving permission for CityRail to show security camera footage to your school principal or teachers should you be caught misbehaving and breaching the code of conduct.

Code of conduct
In order to comply with the code of conduct for school students on CityRail trains and stations, make sure you:
- Obey all signage instructions on stations and trains.
- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers.
- Behave safely at all times (e.g. avoid running or riding bikes, scooters or skates on stations and trains, keep off the train lines, keep arms, legs and other body parts inside the train, refrain from touching train doors, safety equipment or any part of a moving train).
- Use non-offensive language and behave appropriately at all times on rail property (e.g. avoid swearing, spitting, fighting, throwing items, keep feet off seats).
- Protect rail property and report graffiti and vandalism.
- Keep yourself and anything you are carrying clear of aisles, steps, thoroughfares and behind the yellow line on platforms.
- Take your rubbish with you and dispose of it thoughtfully.
- Follow the instructions of station staff, drivers, guards and transit officers.
- Carry your School Student Rail Pass during all school-related travel.
- Spread out along the platform so as not to overcrowd one carriage. Avoid boarding carriages that are already overcrowded.
- Allow other passengers to alight before boarding and then board the train without delay.
- Move inside the carriage and stand away from the doors during travel.
- Adhere to the Rail Safety Act 2008 that bans all commuters from carrying knives, spray cans and permanent marker pens.
- Adhere to the law that bans smoking and drinking alcohol at stations or on trains.

Your pass may be confiscated and a fine may also apply if you don't follow the rules.

Vandalism is a serious criminal offence. Students caught tagging, etching or vandalising stations or trains will be arrested and may face criminal charges.
Deputy Principal’s Report

Term 1 has been a very settled and productive one for Asquith Boys High School. The vast majority of students have participated well in their classes, with all indicators showing student behaviour and engagement in learning to be overwhelmingly positive. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the students to keep our school environment clean.

A reminder that all students, Years 7-12, are required to be at school before 8:40am each day. Prompt attendance ensures that all messages are received and that boys have adequate time to prepare themselves for the school day. I would like to reiterate my previous advice to students travelling from the Central Coast in regards to the morning trains: the service leaving Woy Woy at 7:56 am, arriving at Asquith at 8:31 am should be avoided; if it runs a matter of even 5 minutes behind schedule it will cause students to be late for school. The earlier service departing Woy Woy at 7:47 am sees students arrive at Asquith at 8:20 am, which allows students to comfortably arrive at school before the bell.

As of next term, students are required to be in winter uniform. This means all students must wear their tie, have their shirts tucked in and blazers must be worn by seniors. It is imperative that these items are found or purchased before the start of next term. Please contact the school if there are any difficulties in this regard.

Mr Andrew Skehan
Deputy Principal

Excerpts from the Uniform Policy

Juniors (winter) Dark grey trousers/shorts (no cargo pants or cargo shorts are permitted), lace up (black laces only) black leather shoes with a black sole (as per picture), green shirt with crest. Ties must be worn, with the top button of collar done up and the shirt must be tucked in. Grey socks with school colours, must be worn pulled up to the knee. If a belt is worn, it must be black. A green pullover with crest or polar fleece with crest may be worn.

Senior (winter) Maroon blazer, dark grey trousers/shorts (no cargo pants or cargo shorts are permitted), lace up (black laces only) black leather shoes with a black sole (as per picture), white shirt with crest. Ties must be worn with the top button of collar done up and the shirt must be tucked in. A maroon pullover with crest may be worn. Grey socks with school colours, must be worn pulled up to the knee. If a belt is worn, it must be black.

Please note
- Boys may wear a white "T" shirt under their shirt on normal school days as long as it has no logos and the sleeves are not visible below the school shirt sleeves.
- Any boy who has a variation to uniform on any school day must have a note from a parent/caregiver noting reasons.
- All items of school uniform are available from Lowes Westfield Shopping Centre, Hornsby.

If you have any enquiries please contact Mr Andrew Skehan, Deputy Principal
SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR

Asquith Boys High School.

SPECIAL SALES

WEEKS
Lowes Hornsby
Sat 12 / 4 / 14 – Sun 27 / 4 / 14
Westfield Shopping Centre, Hornsby.

RECEIVE 20% DISCOUNT
Off the regular price on all school uniform items plus any Store item with any school uniform purchase.

PLUS

BONUS EZY-WAY 5% DISCOUNT
additional for Lowes Ezy-Way customers

OR 5% REWARDS
Lowes Rewards Card holders receive in-store Gift Vouchers to the value of 5% of their purchase

PLUS

Lowes will pay your school annual 5% rebate on every uniform purchased in-store.
The sporting achievements from the 2013/2014 Summer Grade season were acknowledged at the Formal Assembly on 27th March. ABHS participates in one of the best organised and strongest grade sporting competitions within the state. Schools like Homebush and Epping are both over twice the size of our school and have the ability to field more teams with greater depth. So our success in this zone should be something we celebrate with much pride.

In the Summer Grade season we entered 19 teams across 7 sports and at the end of the round robin season we had 7 teams progress to the semi-finals. From these semi-finalists, we had 2 teams who were successful in advancing to the grand final. This included our 1st grade cricket team and 14’s Volleyball team.

Now, to win a premiership in any sport in this zone takes amazing commitment, skill and effort and amazingly, both these teams achieved this. The following boys and coaches should be very proud of their achievement

### 14’s VOLLEYBALL TEAM COACHED BY MS EVANS

**Hardworking – Teamwork – Encouragement**

These three words are synonymous with the 14’s Volleyball Team. The season started off with a struggle as we had a few losses but, after training and practising, the boys had some excellent wins in the competition. One of the positive elements in this team was their hard work. Whenever the team played at home, they always arrived at lunchtime prior to beginning the match to get as much practice and training as possible. Each player learnt new skills each week as they trained and played. Another aspect of the Volleyball team was their teamwork. They worked together as a group in both training and competing. As a team, they developed their communication skills, interpersonal skills and allowed each player to contribute to the best of his ability. Lastly, the 14’s Volleyball team was encouraging. If an Asquith Boy missed a shot, a team member would respond with “Good Effort” or “Nice Try”. Every member of the team did this. It was something that was initially instigated by Tristan Fisher early on in the competition and continued throughout the entire comp. Encouraging others to try their best was an element that helped the team to continue to play. The team should not only be congratulated for their win, but should also be congratulated for their hard work, team work and constant encouragement of others.

The Zone Premiership winning 14’s Volleyball team:

- Scott Davies
- Michael Paterson
- Benjamin Dallimore
- Tristan Fisher
- Matthew Burns
- Jack Beckerleg
- Kefah Farache
- Jackson Tuynman
- Anthony Cheah

### 1ST GRADE CRICKET COACHED BY MR BLACKWOOD

Firstly, I would like to say that out of all the Grade Sport teams I have seen over the last few years I don’t think I have seen one as dominant as our 1st Grade cricketers who have now won the Zone Premiership an amazing 4 years in a row!

Winning the North West Met Zone Cricket Premiership was always the No 1 priority for Edward Hollis and his team, and inevitably it came down to a final between Asquith and Normanhurst Boys. Normanhurst were convinced that after 3 years of Asquith dominance this was the year in which they took the Premiership away from the defending champions. After all, they had beaten Asquith during the season and were very confident of doing it again. Their players were up for it and they were clearly confident in the warm ups.

However, the game was dominated by Asquith who let their actions do the talking, and it was Normanhurst, who were unable to match their words with action. Normanhurst’s confidence gradually drained away as Asquith’s team spirit and ability to perform under pressure paved the way for a 5 wicket win. It was a great afternoon for the boys and Normanhurst were lucky the win was not by a bigger margin. After a break at the end of the day Normanhurst thought they had got away lightly when their team meeting was hijacked by the victory song, Asquith had done it... 4 years in a row!! The song was belted out louder than usual. It was a huge achievement.
Credit must go to the whole 13 in the squad. Players who often did not get a bat or a bowl still supported those who did and although there were some terrific performances from individuals in the team everyone recognised the important contribution that these players in the team had made in helping Asquith’s success.

The side also made it into the Resi cup semi-final which was a play off for the top 4 All schools in the state. Unfortunately it was washed out but in beating St Ignatius we had beaten the champion Catholic school who like Normanhurst had underestimated Asquith. It must also be remembered that this side finished 3rd in the Davison Shield (a state wide comp for state High Schools) in 2013 and the semi-finals of the Northern Districts Cup this year. Finally I would like to pay tribute to the behaviour and sportsmanship of all the boys while in the side. For some it was their 4th year in the side, for others it was their first but all took to the spirit generated over the last few years which not only lent itself to playing positive cricket in the right way but was also about playing for your school, your mates, and creating great memories to share again in later years.

Well done boys and I am sure that future sides can draw plenty of inspiration from your achievements.

The Zone Premiership winning 1st Grade Cricket team:

- Ciaran De Kort
- Aaron Fulwood
- Christopher Bissett
- George Blackwood
- Edward Hollis
- Liam Kissick
- Nicholas Miller
- Oliver Parry
- Bryce Sinicco
- William Spencer
- Liam Szabo
- Mark Wilson
- Jackson Wright

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL- BEST AND FAIREST SUMMER 2013/2014

Through participating in sport we learn about leadership, teamwork, fairness and equality and also how to conduct ourselves in a positive manner. The following lists of students have been recognised for their sportsmanship on and off the field and have displayed qualities such as leadership, fairness, co-operation and teamwork. Therefore these boys have been recognized as the best and fairest player in their team. We must all remember that how we present ourselves, irrespective of the scoreboard, is important and something that should never be underestimated.

CRICKET

1st - Nicholas Miller
2nd - Lachlan Gleave
15 - Jonathan Fulwood
14 – Edward Blackwood

OZTAG

Snr A - Connor Johnston
Snr B - Chris Allan
Jnr A - Benito Albace
Jnr B - Andrew Allan

VOLLEYBALL

1st – Daniel Griffin
2nd - Ben Gibson
15- Aden May
14- Matthew Burns

BASEBALL

1st - Aidan Heap

FUTSAL

Snr- Dwayne Leverett
Jnr- Christian Sinicco

WATER POLO

1st - Liam Stone
14- Robert Campbell

BASKETBALL

Senior- Harvey Tinoc
15- Jack Bridekirk
14- Mitchell Audette

Well done to all these boys!

Looking ahead we have plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved in sport here at Asquith. We are about to start our Winter season next week and it has been very encouraging to see such large numbers of boys who have trialled for a grade sport team. In fact, we are fielding a huge number of teams this season which is fantastic! I have always strongly believed that grade sport is one of the best opportunities for the boys at school to develop not only their sporting ability but their leadership qualities and relationships with their fellow students and teachers as well.

Mr D Jones, Grade Sport Co-ordinator
“In a world where the forests are falling and species disappearing we are blessed with places that can still be saved.” - Tim Winton, Australian author

During period 5 on the 28th March, Asquith Boys Student Environment Council, led by Isaac Orr Green, Bryn Lom, Zac Parsons, Ben Penno, Ms Parker and Mr Yates encouraged classes to switch off their classroom lights for Earth Hour and donate to the WWF Great Barrier Reef campaign.

"Earth Hour was founded on the principle that no one can do everything, but everyone can do something. Earth Hour provides a moment for you – yes, you – to have a conversation you normally might not. A conversation with friends and family about our need to tackle climate change and the carbon pollution that causes it, for the sake of our Great Barrier Reef and so much more. So thank you for making a stand." - Anna Rose (National Manager of Earth Hour Australia 2014)

For every dollar of the $106 we gave to the WWF, David and Barbara Thomas - through their Foundation - pledged to triple it, making it $318.

Clean up Australia Day

Asquith Boys High School was involved in the annual Clean up Australia Day event on Friday 28th February. Although the weather wasn’t the best, the boys were out and doing their bit.

Photos show Year 7 after their school grounds clean up and Mr Yates’ Year 11 Earth & Environmental science class at Asquith oval at end of Asquith streets clean up.

The 2013 Annual School Report is now available on the school website. It is listed in the OUR SCHOOL section.

We encourage all parents to read this report.
**Living with a hearing impairment**

At the beginning of the year, a special presentation day was conducted at Epping Boys High School specifically for high school teachers and other staff members to learn about how to improve learning outcomes for hearing impaired students in mainstream classrooms. The aim of this presentation was to provide an inclusive approach to teaching high school students who are hearing impaired.

Each year, we like to invite some students and their parents along to give them an opportunity to let their teachers know what it is like growing up and going to school with a hearing impairment. I am pleased to say that on 12th March 2014, our Year 9 student, Zakariya Belkadi and his mum, accepted this opportunity to have their say. Additionally, another Year 9 student Rachel Maree Taylor, came to speak on behalf of Asquith Girls High School.

I am pleased to say that Zak, his mum and Rachel gave excellent speeches to our high school teachers and staff. The students took time to prepare their speeches very carefully, knowing that they would be reading them out to an adult audience. The students parents were so proud of how well each student was able to present their public speaking skills, as were all the presentation participants. Zak and Rachel have made an exemplary example of representing their respective schools at this annual event.

*Marion Teichert, Itinerant Support Teacher (Hearing)*

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**Success @ the Regional Swimming Carnival**

The 14yr 4x50m freestyle team won their race with a time of **1.56.95** – narrowly missing the Regional record of 1.55.62!

Caleb Alipate  
Jack Ryan  
Michael Paterson  
Aidan Waters

Now they are off to compete in the NSW Combined State High Schools competition early April. Wishing you all the best!

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**Calling all past Brooklyn Public School students**

Do you want a lasting memory of your time at BPS? We are adding to our memorial paving area at the front of the school and would love for you to be a part of it. To obtain an order form, just email **annettetk@hotmail.com** or phone the school on 9985 7315.

DON’T MISS OUT – THIS OFFER IS LIMITED.  
(get your orders in by 2/5/14)
It has been a busy Term 1 for the SRC members.

In Week 2, Asquith Boys SRC members met with Asquith Girls SRC members for a ‘Meet and Greet’ breakfast, which was kindly served by Mr Josephs. The aim of the breakfast was to organise and coordinate events where the boys and girls could collaborate and find ways to work together. It was a great success and the boys are looking at holding one each semester.

As a result of the breakfast the Girls school invited a team of Asquith boys to band together for a friendly game of Oztag for Spirit Week at the Girls school. Spirit Week was held in Week 4, and Mr Broome refereed the game. In the end the girls won but it was a great game and Asquith Boys represented the school in another positive way.

In Week 5, Abbotsleigh invited the Asquith Boys SRC to attend their Breakfast Club. The theme of this breakfast was “Refugees and the transformative power of education.” The Breakfast Club offered a pleasant adult-like setting where students heard from interesting speakers from a range of diverse fields. The speaker at this breakfast was Dorothy Hoddinott. I received a lovely email from the Abbotsleigh Breakfast Club coordinator commenting on the positive way Asquith Boys presented themselves during the morning.

During Week 6 the Prefects and SRC members attended another breakfast. This time it was the annual International Women's Day Breakfast at Asquith Girls High School. This breakfast was a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and appreciate the progress of women. Proceeds from the breakfast went to Mahboba’s Promise, a charity that supports less fortunate children in Afghanistan including girls at AGHS’ sister school in the Panjshir Valley. Asquith Boys Prefects and SRC are investigating ways to become a brother school to the boys’ school next the Panjshir Valley.

In Week 8 the SRC helped raise money through a mufti day, supporting The Leukaemia Foundation and The World's Greatest Shave. Asquith Boys’ sponsorship will also support families when they need it most, providing leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma patients with a free home-away-from-home near hospital during their treatment. Many of the boys not only gave the standard gold coin donation, but donated extra loose change to support the likes of the brave Ms Kelly in shaving her long locks. Other members of staff also joined in the shave - Mr Bolger, Mr Lappas, Mr Murphy, Mr Yates & Mr Josephs. The SRC collected just over $647 in gold coin donations on the day, which brought the final ABHS & community donations to a total of $2300.

Well done and THANK YOU to everyone for showing their support.

And finally, the SRC held a disco during Week 10 in combination with the Asquith Girls School. Josh Collins, from year 8 was the student DJ, who played some great dance beats. The combined discos are a great chance for the boys and girls to interact and socialise.

We are looking forward to another strong term in Term 2.

Miss Mashman, SCR Coordinator
International Pi Day – March 14, 2014

(So named because of the way that the Americans write their dates 3.14.2014 and \( \pi = 3.14 \) to 2 decimal places)

The Asquith Boys High School Mathematics Department challenged all students to learn “pi” to as many decimal places as possible. Sheets showing pi to 1120 decimal places were put up around the school and were freely available to anyone who wanted a copy. Staff reported students practising during lessons and in lunchtimes with amazing accuracy.

It was a close contest. Successful candidates were:

- Tomas Triemstra (25 decimal places)
- Joshua Szeto (27 decimal places)
- Brendan McSweeney (29 decimal places)
- James Stoddart with (36 decimal places) was the winner was & received a canteen voucher for his efforts.

Many boys have since bragged about how many decimal places they could remember and we challenge them to participate in the Australian Pi day challenge which happens on 22\(^{nd}\) of July (22/7 is a common approximation used for \( \pi \)).

Mrs Laffer

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF YEAR 10 & 11 REGARDING THE NEW LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS

The first 2014 test window for the optional literacy and numeracy tests will be held from 22 to 28 May 2014.

Year 11 students who intend to leave school before October may sit the tests. Year 10 students who intend to leave school before the end of the school year but who may not be able to sit the tests during the Term 4 test window (November) are also able to sit the tests in May.

To be entered for the on-line Literacy and Numeracy tests in May 2014, you must inform the school by 20\(^{th}\) May 2014.

Please note:
The term ‘school leavers’ refers to students who are leaving school to undertake employment or further training. It does not refer to students who are transferring to another school. Year 10 students who are leaving the NSW school system to enrol in a school in another state or country are eligible to receive their Record of School Achievement credentials but are not eligible to sit the Literacy and Numeracy tests.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2014)

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13-15 May 2014 for all students in Years 7 and 9.

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Friday 16 May – A ‘catch up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.
**SCIENCE**

**Year 12** - Boys doing HSC Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Senior Science have all completed their Half Yearly Exams. The results in general were encouraging but it is a good time to reflect on areas where the boys are having difficulties and working hard to rectifying them. I believe the best way to improve on exam results is to practise past HSC exams on a regular basis and let them drive the areas you need to work on.

Well done to the boys who came first in each subject: Liam Covey (Physics), William Van Egmond-Jones (Chemistry and Biology) and Anthony Woodward (Senior Science).

**Year 11** - Most students have completed their first topic and it is important to focus on good study habits and lifting the workload as we head into Term 2. Physics have just completed the Waves Topic and are now working through Electricity. While it is important to complete all set homework I encourage the boys to do some further reading or practise questions to help consolidate their knowledge.

**Year 10** - Mr Robertson’s Science class has been completing their first topic area in Chemistry. This includes acids and Bases and many other reactions. As part of our push in Science to increase Project based learning the boys are competing in a Crystal growing competition run by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. They will be researching how to make high quality crystals and setting about producing the winning crystal. The boys are working in teams and the best crystals will be sent away to be judged.

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**Text Books**

Many text books handed out last year to Years 7-10 have not been returned. If you have a Science Focus Text form last year could you please bring it back to the science staffroom ASAP.

*Mr S. Robertson*
*Head Teacher Science*

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**HSIE**

It has been a busy term one in HSIE with fieldwork activities, exams and assignments across the variety of subject areas.

**Year 12** have completed their half-yearly exams and should have a refreshed understanding of what is required for success in their HSC later in the year. All boys need to listen carefully to teacher feedback and ensure that they are taking steps to putting a consistent and thorough Home Study regime in place for their future assessments/examinations.

Year 12 Geography carried out their first Fieldwork task for the year, with a trip to Sydney’s Northern Beaches, starting at Long Reef and finishing at Mona Vale Beach. The boys made observations of the health of different Dune Systems and the processes taking place in their formation.

**Year 9/10** Ancient Lives had an informative and successful excursion to Macquarie University’s Museum of Ancient Culture. Year 11 and 12 Ancient History have a visit to this museum organised for the final weeks of this term.

All students should be busy with a variety of Assignment and Assessment Tasks that are a part of all HSIE subjects. Boys are encouraged to maximise their efforts in the completion of research work, and take pride in the presentation of their assignments.

*Mr C. Laing*
*Rel. Head Teacher HSIE*

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**MATHS**

Did you know that 14 March was **World Pi Day**? You may know that pi is the name given to the ratio of circumference to diameter of a circle and is 3.14159. . . and on it goes. In fact, pi has an infinite number of decimal places which do not have a repeating pattern. It is called an irrational number because it can’t be written as a fraction. So why 14 March? Well, if you write the date the American way 3/14 you have the first three digits. Another date, 22 July also has claim to be world pi day because 22/7 is a reasonably close approximation to pi.
Year 12 half-yearly exams are now completed with pleasing results across the range of courses. The half yearly exams are a significant part of the school assessment program and are also an important part of the students’ development towards the HSC. The boys must ensure they are well prepared. As they say “fail to prepare, prepare to fail”. The best way to prepare for any Mathematics exams is to create a summary page which has all topics, formulas, important facts and worked examples. Then complete chapter review exercises from the textbook. Next step is to complete practice papers (past papers) to get some idea of the style, format and standard of questions they are likely to encounter. The key is to start revising early.

Year 11 will have their exams early in Term 2. Assessment for junior years happens through class topic tests as well as Half-Yearly and Yearly tests. It is vital that students revise regularly throughout the year. This will ensure that they are well prepared for tests.

Problem of the Month
If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number?

7
8
9
16
11

Mr. D. Lappas
Head Teacher Maths

TAS
HSC courses
As I write this, the marking dates for all HSC practical work rapidly approaches. Industrial Technology is about August 7th and Design and Technology on August 21st. These dates, which are set by the Board of Studies, are significantly earlier than in past years. All schools have the same due dates. Students are reminded to attend to their portfolios, which are marked on the same day as the practical work. Solid exam preparation is scheduled after this time to maximize the students marks overall.

Preliminary courses
Year 11 ends on the last day of term 3, meaning that preliminary courses are now nearly 1/3 of the way through. All students need to fulfill any overdue work and assignment obligations as they will be unable to progress to the HSC course in a given subject if they have two or more non-award warnings. This may mean that they are not eligible for the HSC if they are performing at this level in two or more subjects (excluding English) or if they have two or more unredeemed warnings in just English. It is TAS faculty policy that all work is to be handed in on the due date in order to avoid penalties.

Year 9 and 10
Students have been working solidly in all junior TAS subjects and exams are just around the corner. Students must submit all work for marking before it is taken home. It is natural that students would want to show off their latest creations, but they must ensure that their teacher gives them permission to take it to ensure it has been assessed beforehand.

Years 7 and 8
Students will finish off their current rotations for TAS/Creative Arts at the end of this term and will start their next rotation in term 2. This gives the students a chance to experience as many different subjects as possible before they select their electives for Year 9 towards the end of Year 8. TAS will have many different subjects to choose from, so the students should start asking their teachers about them in order to make informed choices.

New Staff Member
We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Jackson to the TAS faculty. She joins us from St Ignatius college and brings with her a background in Engineering. She has already impressed with her subject knowledge and ability, as well as with her incredible enthusiasm. She is a great asset for the school as well as for TAS.

Mr. C. Philip
Head Teacher TAS
CAREERS

Recent Events

Defence Force Recruiting Careers Talk
Defence Force Recruiting attended school on Monday 24th March to talk to interested students about career opportunities in the Australian Defence Force. There was a good attendance and students were able to gain useful information to help in their career planning.

During March, Macquarie University and Sydney University have both given a presentation to Year 12 students about their courses, university life, international exchange and alternative pathways to university.

Coming Events

Australian Training Company will talk to interested students about apprenticeships and traineeships on Monday 7th April at lunchtime in the library at ABHS.

Public Morriseby Report Test Session
The Morriseby Report is a well-established, assessment based career guidance system that takes into account individual aptitude, career interest and personality and blends these together to provide guidance in career planning.

A local educational and developmental psychologist will run a session on Sunday 13th April from 1-5pm at Thornleigh Community Baptist Church Activities Centre. The cost is $253 (which includes the test session, your individual 20 page bound report and a 30 minute interview with the psychologist).

To book into this session please email Emma Goodsr at egoodsir@optusnet.com.au or call 98755150 or 0422 537 627

APM College of Business and Communication and William Blue Open Day - 3 May, 10.00am - 2.00pm, Northpoint, Level 9, 171 Pacific Highway, North Sydney

Contact: enquiries@apm.edu.au or 1300 851 237
http://www.apm.edu.au/about-apm/upcoming-events

Institute of Chartered Accountants NSW Cadetship Evening - Thu 22nd May, 5.00pm – 8.00pm, Luna Park, Sydney, 1 Olympic Drive Milsons Point
Gain an insight into the variety of work in the business world, hear from HR experts about how to excel in the recruitment process and meet representatives from top firms and universities.

Contact: 1300 137 322 or service@charteredaccountants.com.au

National Institute of Dramatic Art Open Day - 27 May 10.00am – 4.00pm, 215 Anzac Parade, Kensington
Workshops, performances and presentations.

The Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo 2014

The SMH HSC and Careers Expo brings together over 140 exhibitors providing HSC, tertiary courses, career, study skills and gap year information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia’s major universities. The Expo also features 115 seminars on HSC subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career and study advice. General admission is $10 and is valid for all 4 days of the expo. (There will be an excursion for interested Year 12 ABHS students to attend on Friday 30th May). Please see Mrs Fry for a list of seminars and exhibitors.

The University of Sydney Project Management, Engineering and IT Year 11 and 12 Parent Information Night - Thu 5th June
Get an overview of undergraduate degrees, an explanation of the application process and learn about HSC preparation and bridging courses.
http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/info-night/
**Important Information**

**Engineering and Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) program**
For students in Year 12 in 2014 there are opportunities for technology cadet placement at Westpac. Technology cadets combine work at Westpac Group Technology in Sydney with university study in computer science, information technology or information systems. Alternatively cadets may undertake a commerce or arts degree and select information systems as one of their majors. Application is through Professional Cadetships Australia by visiting www.etcad.com.au. Applications open: 28th April 2014 and Close: 13th June 2014. At the moment there are no engineering cadetships available.

**UTS Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program**
Applications open: 28 April
$15, 500 per study year, and two six month full-time industry placements.
http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/information-technology/it-undergraduate/bit-co-op-how-apply

**Academy of Information Technology Free Day Course**
Select to attend an Intro to Intro to Game Design, 3D Animation, Intro to Film Editing course.
http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/free-day-course-3/ See Mrs Fry if you are interested in this free workshop.

**HSC enrichment- Australian Catholic University**
HSC enrichment is a free program for all Year 11 and 12 students. It will be held on the Strathfield Campus on Tuesday 8th July and the North Sydney Campus on Thursday 10th July which gives students the opportunity to listen to lectures from university academics who have set and marked the HSC. Subjects include Business Studies, Economics, English and Legal Studies. Register via www.acu.edu/hsc-enrichment
Undergraduate Courses guides for 2015 have also arrived for Australian Catholic University and details of their Early Achievers program. This program looks at the contribution students have made to the community through school, local community organisations, culture, sport and /or a religious group. The benefit is that successful applicants receive an offer well ahead of the usual tertiary admissions announcements. Visit www.acu.edu/eap

**Australian Apprenticeships Government Website**
This website is an invaluable resource providing information on apprenticeship programs, location of apprenticeship centres, government initiatives and recent publications regarding apprentice work force changes.

**Energize Oz**
Source of information for prospective electrical apprentices. The website aims to link apprentice candidates with employers.

Mrs J. Fry
Careers Adviser
Hello ABHS community,

Your P&C met for March this week. It was great to see some new faces at the meeting and thank you to all who attended.

In the last month the boys and staff participated in the World’s Greatest Shave. It was great to see so many people involved in this cause.

Year12 have completed their half yearly exams. We also had a very successful Parent Teacher night on Monday for Years 7, 11, 12.

Council have contacted the school about raising the pedestrian crossing to make it safer for the boys to cross the road.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Kennards for all their support to the school over the past few years by donating equipment for use at various times and for their continuing help to the school. If anyone needs to hire equipment please consider using Kennards Hornsby.

If you wish to email the P&C please use the following email addresses:

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- secretary.abhspnc@gmail.com Nicky Morrison
- treasurer.abhspnc@gmail.com Jenny Williams
- grounds.abhspnc@gmail.com Michelle Roscarel
- fundraiser.abhspnc@gmail.com Maddy Bailes
- publicity.abhspnc@gmail.com Di Stoddard

Thank you to all who attended the last meeting and the next meeting will be Tuesday 27th May.

Thanks,

Linda Stanford
P&C President

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The next P&C meeting
@ 7.30pm
Tuesday 27 May
in the Library.
All welcome.
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**Year 8 Camp (Blue Mountains)**

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
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24TH MAY 2014

● Come as your favourite Movie Star or Movie, only limited by your imagination
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● When?? Saturday 24th May 2014
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Mobile:
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It’s an uncomfortable question, I know, but this isn’t fear mongering. It’s an unfortunate reality.

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Fighting should never be your first choice. But there may come a time when you are not given that choice and must defend yourself or loved ones against a violent attack. Would you know what to do? Would they?

I didn’t when I was 20 years old. I was untrained and brutally assaulted by three men. My face was ripped open, I was taken to hospital and left scarred for life. And I was lucky. It could have been a lot worse. I got up. Not everyone does.

I never thought it would happen to me. But it did. Even though the chances of an assault might be small – the consequences are potentially so devastating, how can we choose to do nothing to prepare ourselves?

Think about all those times you’ve felt anxious or afraid, even though nothing happened.

Perhaps you were walking to your car in a shopping centre car park, or home from the train station at night, and sensed someone following close behind. You told yourself: “They’re probably just walking the same way I am.” You were probably right too, but it didn’t stop the hair rising on the back of your neck.

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