OVERSEAS TOURS

FOOTBALL TOUR

JAPAN- KOREA 2015

Onward and Upward – Asquith Boys High School International Football Tours continue!

In the last 13 years, over 350 boys have visited Oceania, Asia and Europe. A simple concept has brought forth a global identity. Today ABHS is received throughout the world and our tours continue to be the showpiece of Northern Sydney and dare I say it, Australia.

This year was no exception. 33 excited and expectant Asquith footballers embarked on Korean Air with high hopes. Japanese schools such as Mitaka and Shoyo were gracious and inviting in their reception of us and we gave back a similar and most appreciative response. The games in Japan were fast and furious and our results were a win, a draw and two losses - fitting one would say as the surfaces in the second match especially were certainly a rarity to us. Shoyo High, our second opponent, treated us to a warm and respectful initiation of Japanese culture with a fantastic Drum Display, Cheer Leaders, a Concert Band and Medieval Archery and Kendo Presentations. Speeches were said and received with great reverence and Jamie Warren, our Tour Captain responded in kind. Our tours of Japan included Palaces, Moats, Universities, a J - League Match, Shopping - who can forget “Ikibokouro...” and great traditional and western meals. (Cont. next page)

CULTURAL & LANGUAGE TOUR

JAPAN

It was an exciting day for both Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls Japanese Language students as we entered Sydney Airport: it was the start of our journey to Japan. After a brief but exciting stopover in Singapore, we arrived at Narita Airport. Much to everyone’s delight, we breezed through customs, collected our luggage, then took a bus to one fancy looking hotel in Tokyo; the “Grand Pacific Le Daiba”. This hotel was absolutely amazing. With a bathroom bigger than most bedrooms in Australia and a magnificent view from our massive windows with a sill you could chill on.

Whilst in Tokyo we explored Daiba, a man-made island which was originally a fort constructed to defend Tokyo city but is now an island with many interesting and fun attractions including ‘Takeshitadori’ in Harajuku, which is known for the ‘cosplay’ clothing worn by many in the bustling streets. It also had the most amazing looking and tasting crepe stores EVER. We visited Akihabara or ‘techno city’ as I like to call it, where game stores and major technology companies lay and could be found in every direction.

After 3 days in Tokyo we departed for Kyoto, where our hotel was a bit more modest and of a traditional Japanese format. Our rooms had tatami mats (so we had to take our shoes off before entering) and we slept on the floor on futon. (Cont. page 5)
Off to Korea...
On Day 7 we met Yeoido High School - in central Seoul; a memorable city of high rise and almost 10 million inhabitants spanning the Han River with over 35 bridges. Yeoido Boys High School with school population of 2000 students anticipated our visit with large impressive banners. A Formal Assembly was our first port of call. After this our Seniors played and lost 0-2 but tested the waters for the final match next day. Our last Football day was to prove a great celebration. Yeoido again. This time Juniors first and they played well against stiff opposition. They gave an excellent account – played like men inspired and drew the match. The final game was a fitting climax and Seniors won against a much larger school!

Our visit to the Buddhist Temple was a real highlight as was the Seoul Stadium and the Lotte Theme Park.

To sum up – Cherry Blossoms, Cherry Blossoms, Cherry Blossoms...

Warmth and acceptance by all. Very respected by the opposition. To Matthew and Grace our tour guides who overcame obstacles and made the impossible happen: thank you!

Special thanks must go to those who financially made it work:

- Precision Demolition and Mr Sean Miller for his continuing major sponsorship
- Mt. Colah Soccer Club and in particular Mr Peter Verduin
- Our SRC who value our efforts on behalf of the boys
- AND ESPECIALLY to Chris Lepouris and his team at Premium Holidays

They trained hard and like our ANZACs, yet had little knowledge of what to expect. They inspired each other on the field and playing the Samurai, gave no quarter. They bonded and showed the outcomes of what these tours have come to be – a tradition for Asquith Boys High School that I hope will continue unabated and give many more boys opportunities to travel and understand the cultures of others.

Asquith’s name is now renowned globally. The philosophy of the tour is now transcended into Asquith folklore and even though the logistics become harder each year, Mike, Drew and I along with the great and unabated support of Terry Griffiths - Principal extraordinaire - and the rest of the wonderful Asquith staff, continue to try and do the impossible – provide the chosen few with an opportunity to represent Asquith and Australia in the most positive and visible way overseas.

Thanks to all who continue to encourage and make this happen.

Mr George Moscos
School Plan and ASR
I urge all parents and students to read both of these documents that are now posted on our website.  

The School Plan 2015-17 is our strategic plan for the next three years. It outlines our main priorities and goals for this period and was put together after a long period of consultation with all our school community stakeholders. I would like to thank Deputy Principal, Mr Andrew Skehan, for his leadership role in the formation of the school plan. The 2014 Annual School Report (ASR) contains detailed information about the school’s academic performance, learning, wellbeing and citizenship programs, sporting performance and major school events over the 2014 calendar year. I believe that it is a very impressive record of the achievements and activities of our boys. My thanks to Head Teacher English, Ms Jessica Schadel, who was the chief co-ordinator of the ASR.

Overseas Tours
At our recent formal assembly we celebrated the success of this year’s football tour to Japan and Korea, and the Languages tour to Japan. We were treated to a video record of the tours and personal recollections from some of the students on tour. It was apparent that the boys had a memorable time in these countries and were great ambassadors for their school and their country. We are currently planning three overseas tours for 2016: the annual football tour to Malaysia; a History tour to Italy and France; and a World Challenge tour to Borneo. I urge parents and students to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities and I congratulate staff for their vision and perseverance in organising these events.

Mother and Son High Tea
The inaugural P&C Mother and Son High Tea was held in the school hall on 1st May. About 100 mothers and boys enjoyed a delicious selection of food and were moved by an excellent speech by Vice Captain Harrison Tuynman. Congratulations to chief organiser, Ms Maddie Bailes from the P&C, school staff Ms Karen Bird and Ms Kerrie Booth, and many school students who assisted including the Year 11 Food Technology class.

Rail Safety Workshops
All boys in Years 7, 8 and 9 have now completed the annual rail safety workshops that were conducted by Sydney Trains staff. Accordingly I now expect all students at Asquith Boys High to have a good understanding of the need for safe and appropriate behaviour on trains and railway platforms. As a majority of our boys commute by train the school image can easily be tarnished by unacceptable or unsafe behaviour. I believe that the vast majority of our boys behave in an exemplary manner on public transport and this needs to be maintained. If we hear of any evidence of inappropriate behaviour be assured that it will be thoroughly investigated.

Winter Uniform
The boys are looking splendid in their winter uniform, especially the seniors in their blazers. I ask all parents and students to support our uniform policy and ensure that the boys leave home in correct winter uniform, and that means wearing ties correctly and shirts tucked in.

Terry Griffiths, Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report

Term 2 has begun well, with students facing the challenge of assessment tasks and other significant commitments that arise at this time of year. I would like to commend the boys for their patience and good sense during the first week of term when wild weather conditions proved a significant impediment to the normal school routine. Whilst Asquith Boys HS was able to remain open and offer normal classes every day, many families were affected.

I would like to take the opportunity to clarify some of our expectations in the following areas:

**Assessment period:** Term 2 sees assessment and reporting across all years. It is vital that students are regularly revising coursework and seeking further assistance from staff wherever necessary. The Learning and Support Staff, led by Ms Tapner, are also available to assist students where required.

**Sport:** I would again like to remind families that all students are expected to participate in a sport activity every Wednesday. If students come to school on Wednesday with an existing sickness or injury, they will be directed to the Non-Sport room where they will be supervised until the end of the sport period. Permission to leave early will only be granted if the situation worsens dramatically or there is an appointment that cannot be scheduled at any other time. I appreciate your support in this matter.

*Andrew Skehan*
*Deputy Principal*

**Messages from School Administration**

**ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 2016**

If you have a child who is starting High School next year and you would like them to attend Asquith Boys High School please contact Lauren Simms in the office either on 9477 3508 or lauren.simms@det.nsw.edu.au and request an expression of interest form for 2016. Children currently enrolled in a government school would have received these forms from their primary school.

**CONTACT DETAILS UPDATE**

If you have recently changed address, phone number(s) or emergency contact person details please let the school office know ASAP. Either a phone call, note sent with your son or an email letting us know of the changes would be appreciated. Also if your son has a medical condition or allergies that we have not been informed of previously, could you please provide us with those details and any relevant health care plans. Thank you.

The World’s Greatest Shave isn’t just an excuse to try an interesting colour in your hair or to get a haircut! It is in recognition of the horrible effects that Leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma have and aims to support the non-government funded Leukemia foundation which aids patients and their families with financial and emotional support. The foundation relies on the generous donations of everyday people but it is these everyday people who can, in many cases, save a life.

World’s Greatest Shave veteran Aaron Parise (Yr 9), last minute ring in Tom Kirk (Yr 10) and caveman bearded Max Darwin (Yr 12) participated in this year’s shave which took place on Thursday 27th March.

Along with a mufti day, Asquith Boys raised over $500 for the Leukemia foundation which is an amazing effort!

Aaron Parise went all out and thanks to his mum, the lovely Mrs Parise, his head was completely shaven. Mr Kitto shaved Tom Kirk’s head whilst Max Darwin shaved off his impressive beard in stages; resembling famous fashion styles.

The boys showed great amounts of courage and enthusiasm towards making a difference and supporting the foundation. Well done ABHS boys!

*Max Darwin, Senior Prefect*
I personally had to use two of the mattresses as they were made to accommodate Japanese people, and let's just say I was a good foot off the mattress.

Whilst in Kyoto we visited several shrines and temples such as Kiyomizu-dera; walked along streets flanked on both sides by hundreds of stalls and small shops selling an amazing array of both traditional and modern Japanese items. We experienced a night-time spring festival and with the cherry blossoms in bloom, it was truly a splendid sight to see. The slightest breeze made the blossoms fly through the air looking like falling snow. In the hidden village of ‘Eigamura’ we became ninja as we explored this Ninja Themed Movie Park and had a full day of fun at the place where fun most definitely happens… Universal Studios.

Ahh and who can forget the day Asquith boys and girls arranged their own separate events. The guys went out and learnt how to make Okashi (Japanese sweets) and experienced a very memorable event, that was the “Romantic Train Trip”. The romantic train trip was beautiful as we saw views of stunning green lakes. We walked through the ‘Bamboo Forest’ but along the way it got chilly very quickly. We headed out too Arashiyama where we enjoyed a delightful palate of tofu and more tofu, and for dessert we had tofu. It was a mighty challenge to eat tofu, as it came in all kind of varieties. Some were broth tofu, fermented tofu and tofu on a stick. So many different tofu. As we departed the restaurant, it was freezing, dark and cold.

The girls chose to go to Nara, where they walked through a deer park and visited the largest wooden Buddha. There were simply many activities and so much detail that I can’t possibly cram everything into this report. There is however one detail I shall shed some light on and that is the new Japanese landmark known as ‘Lawson’. A convenience store where upon an Asquith person entering the store would result in a dramatic rise of profit for the store, and a large reduction of food - in my case the dreamy 140yen choc coated ice-cream waffle, where I went with the motto of “An ice-cream a day keeps the doctor away”.

What came next? Miyajima Island which was quite a sight, featuring deer everywhere and thousands of shops, but we were there to climb a mountain. It was midday as we climbed the mountain and the views up there were stunning; so it was well worth it. We then had to go down the mountain (this was a lot easier) where we could stay at the traditional ryokan. (Beware tall people there are an innumerable number of places to smash your head).

The next day we went to where the tragedy of Hiroshima happened. I have no intention of describing what we learnt there but it wasn't pretty.

We then headed for our last hotel in Nagoya, where we all had our own rooms, buffet breakfasts and free stuff, it was great! In Nagoya we visited the Nagoya castle, underground shopping centres and the Watauchi primary school (Kids have a tone of energy… you know what I mean.) But all good things do come to an end, and we did have to leave.

Japan will be sorely missed. It was an amazing trip which I'm sure everyone enjoyed and loved. Personally I was looking forward to eating meat again in Australia. I'm very thankful to all who attended. I'm sure everyone learned, laughed and lived and had a great time.

We will miss you Japan… and Lawson.

by Jackson Tuynman, Yr 9
Asquith Boys captivate the essence of the 100th year since the Gallipoli landings

The centenary of the Anzac Day landings of thousands of Australian and New Zealand men and women on the 25th April 1915 was commemorated at Asquith Boys High School at 11am on Friday 24th April 2015. The service was brought with a sense of remembrance and appreciation for the men and women who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations, and the men and women who are still serving in the middle-east.

We were fortunate to have students participate in the annual Anzac Day Service this year. They captivated the essence of the occasion and what it meant not only in 1915 but also in today’s society. All students and staff involved in the ceremony were respectful throughout the traditional procedures that were involved in the Anzac Day Service.

A special thank you to the students who participated: Harry Tuynman (School Vice-Captain), Liam Stone and Matt Evans who read the True Spirit of Anzac Speech. Tom Smith, Zac Duncan and Jonathan Rapson read the Ode of Remembrance. These students did a sterling job and need to be congratulated for their efforts. These gentlemen were ably supported by Jack Argent as bugler and 2 students in uniform Connor Woolsey & Mariko Tonu-Jiare, who assisted with the rise of the flag.

The wreath was laid by the principal Mr Griffiths and School Captain Ben Gibson.

The spirit of the Anzac Day commemoration was definitely captured by all students and staff of Asquith Boys High School and was carried out in a respectful and precise manner. On behalf of Mrs Cufre-Sadnick, I’d like to thank all the students and staff for their participation and respect paid on the 100 year anniversary of the event that forged the Anzac spirit and character that is still evident today.

Thomas Smith, Year 12

A DAY WITH THE ARMY

My name is Matthew Fairs and I was one of 10 people from all High Schools across NSW selected every year by Legacy to experience a day with the Australian Army at Holsworthy Army Barracks.

On the 31st of March at 6am I travelled by train from Berowra to Central railway station and then walked to the Legacy building in York Street, Sydney. That is where 10 of us gathered together to hop in a mini bus and headed off to a marine dock at Kurnell in south-east Sydney. At the dock we were greeted by 2 CDO who provided us with safety instructions and guided us through a “rib ride activity”. We were split into 3 groups and hoped in 3 separate ribs (speed boats). The rib ride was spectacular and as I was the odd one out of the three people on each of 3 boats, I got to stand at the back to stabilise it. It was a great ride and lots of fun - as we sped up the boat would turn corners at speed and nearly threw me into the water. After the rib ride we got signed in at the Holsworthy Army Base and took a tour around the main area of the Base in our bus. We went to the SOER division where they let us try their remote controlled robots, each priced from $15000 to $150000. When we had finished with the robots they showed us some military pistols and rifles; consequently we experienced first-hand all of the experienced video game weapons in real life.

The SOER personnel then decided to allow us to experience a demonstration of their bomb sniffing dogs. We got to hide balls from the dogs that then had to find the ball and sit in front of it and alert the trainer of their find. These dogs are trained from birth in the Army. They previously tried to train pound dogs but in many instances they were too scared or afraid of gun fire.

After lunch we headed off to 17 Const Squadron where we experienced examples of the RAE plant and SME Plant Yard Machinery. Unfortunately it rained and we were given an impromptu speech instead while we ate our lunch. The substance of the speech related to how the Army uses diggers to dig pits to restrict the passage of enemy tanks.

Once the speech was finished we were able to look out the window to view an actual Black Hawk helicopter hovering above with soldiers performing their training. We were able to view the interior of a Black Hawk helicopter and listened to a speech outlining how it works. We could have a look at the actual electronics and engine and then were given another speech outlining a specific Black Hawk helicopter training exercise where the soldiers crawled, walk and ran. This training is carried out only 3 times every year.

Before I knew it the tour was over; they collected our passes and drove us back to Central Railway Station from where we each made our way home.

The entire day was very informative, exciting and I totally enjoyed the experience and would recommend it to any future Legacy donation collector. Thank you to Legacy for making this day possible.
The School Cross Country Carnival was held on Friday 24th April in and around the school grounds. With horrendous weather conditions leading up to the day of the carnival (at one stage it could have been another swimming carnival!), the clouds opened up and the sun beamed down on Asquith. With a fairly hard course to navigate, the boys performed very well and the afternoon was a huge success.

### Top 5 for Each Age Group

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### Zone Cross Country

Following the school carnival, the North West Metropolitan Zone Cross Country carnival was held on Friday 15th May at Macquarie University Playing Fields. With the sun shining and a slightly different track (although the big hill was looking bigger than ever) our boys were very keen to put in a strong showing as the carnival is both a team (school) and individual event with the first six boys from each school crossing the line contributing to the points score.

In what can only be described as our **BEST YEAR EVER**, Asquith Boys High School finished the carnival in **SECOND PLACE**! For a small school we certainly punch above our weight as we beat the likes of Normanhurst BHS, North Sydney BHS and Homebush BHS on the day. An amazing effort from a great bunch of young men who gave their all on the day and should be very proud of their efforts!

### Individual Results from Zone Cross Country

(Most of the boys listed below have qualified for the Sydney North Regional Cross Country)

**12 years**
- Samuel Parry – 2nd
- Rowan Fisher - 4th
- Bradley Medworth – 7th

**13 years**
- Lachlan Millington – 5th
- Jarrod Haines – 8th

**14 years**

**15 years**
- Jordan Smylie – 4th

**16 years**
- Bilal Belkadi – 3rd

**17 years**
- Warren Spencer-Scarr – 4th
- William Jensen – 9th

**18 years**
- Matthew Evans – 6th
- Thomas Vanderlaan – 7th

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*Mr. D. Jones, PDHPE*
“While beginning to write this speech I noticed, like I often would when attempting to start any sort of work, that I was quite hungry. I wondered when dinner would be ready and my brother seemingly in the same line of thought could be heard in the distance saying “mum when’s dinner”. Yet due to the particular topic of this speech I began to think on the true implications of this line of thought. Here I was, someone who would like to consider himself grown up and independent, having the assumption that when I stepped outside of my room someone would be in the kitchen making me a meal. Why should I expect this? I hadn’t asked them that afternoon if they could please make me my dinner tonight. In fact I hadn’t even had to go out and buy food. There was an assumption that I would be fed, and cared for, and that they would try their best to make it as enjoyable as possible, even if they wouldn’t budge on all the lentils. Yet this person doesn’t seem to resent the role that has been put on her, sometimes I think she even enjoys it for some reason, as long as it makes me and my siblings happy. That is because she is this wonderful thing called a mother and I admit that I would be hard pressed knowing what to do without her.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said that “men are what their mothers made them”. I sincerely agree with this statement.

As infants a mother’s hug is a lesson on compassion, kindness and love.

As children a mothers thoughtful guidance steers us towards values such as honesty, determination and acceptance.

And as men a mother continues their uncompromising goal of trying to make us better people.

The fundamental lessons of life do not occur within the walls of a classroom but wrapped in the arms of a loved one. This is what mothers give us.

So I guess that when my mother does try to cook every single day and tells me to make my bed every single day she tell me that she cares about my day, every single day, even if I don’t. Amidst the absences of my appreciation, the lack of attention, the carelessness or general inability to understand all the work she puts in she love me.

And when I truly consider how I could every repay my mother for all the things that she has done. I simply can’t. So I take this time to thank all the mothers who participate in this selfless deal.

The best any of us can do is learn from the kindness you have given us and give it back to the world now and in the future.”

Anyone for Tea?

On Friday May 1 we held our inaugural Mother and Son High Tea and what a great afternoon it was! The P&C had worked up the Mothers’ Day High Tea concept as a fund raiser as well as to provide an opportunity for our boys’ busy Mums and other significant female figures to connect with their sons at school. The response from our Mums was tremendous with the event being fully booked by the day!

Mums and sons arrived around 4.30 PM to find our hall looking like an up market café with elegant tables set and laden in pastries. At the self-service beverage bar the boys and Mums helped themselves to percolated coffees, teas, sweets and cold drinks. They were treated to a succession of tasty treats created by and served to their tables by our school hospitality group. It was lovely to see our Mums enjoying their high teas and the buzzing conversations of the boys and mums around the table. Congratulations to the door prize raffle ticket winners of those lovely gift hampers.

We were treated to a very moving speech from our school vice-captain, Harry Tuynman; reflecting on his amazing Mum and the way boys rely on their Mums for so many things. (read his speech on right). The afternoon was a great initiative to have the boys pause and consider the loving contributions their Mums make every day.

Events like this always rely on a volunteer team to make it happen. Thanks to the P&C’s Maddi Bailes for organizing the event with the support of Michelle Roscarel and the school staff. Thanks also to our Principal Mr Terry Griffiths and his staff for their time and presentations on the day. A special thank you to Karen Bird (TAS teacher) and Kerry Booth (Kitchen Assistant) and the school’s hospitality staff and students who laboured long and hard to prepare, cook and serve a fabulous high tea to us.

We are all already looking forward next year’s High Tea!

ABHS P&C
The Year 8 camp to the Blue Mountains was a camp full of mixed reviews. Some say it was a great camp and others not so much. Some say it was to do with the food and others the mud on the oval. I was also split down the middle as the factors were all equal.

On Monday the 4th of May, we left from school at 8am by bus to go to Katoomba where our camp site was. We were divided into groups according to our bus: group 1 and group 2. Group 1 headed to Echo point to do the Aboriginal program first and group 2 headed to the camp site to do Archery on the saturated and muddy oval. Archery was more difficult than what everyone expected. You had to have skill or get a lucky shot to be able to hit the target. Meanwhile at Echo point group 1 were split into 2 groups and did some Aboriginal painting and got to watch the Aboriginal show. At the end we got to take some photos of the Three Sisters and the Jamison Valley and admire the view.

We headed back to the dining hall for lunch - we had wraps. Then it was time to switch activities. At the end of those activities we headed back to camp where group 1 had Physical Activity free time and group 2 had an Art Lesson free time. The art lesson was recreating the landscape at Echo point onto Kraft paper using some charcoal, pencils and masking tape. The artworks all ended up looking wonderful. Then it was time for dinner - burgers. My friend didn’t want his because he didn’t think it was good so I ate it for him because you can’t let a good burger go to waste. Then the dessert came in and what a dessert it was...it was a meringue base with cream on top with a chocolate sauce topping!!!! Following dinner we had either Camp fire night or Drama night. We headed back to our rooms for 45 minutes of free time before it was lights out.

Day two started off with breakfast (eggs, toast and cereal). After breakfast we went to do our activities. Group 1 went to Scenic World while group 2 stayed and did some orienteering. Scenic World was very good and one of the highlights of the camp. We went on various modes of transport - Skyway, train and cable car. The main purpose of scenic world was the sculptures they had there. These sculptures were wonderful and creative. Back at camp, orienteering was where we had to go from one point to the next using co-ordinates and writing down some letters to figure out the code. Our mission personally was to beat the scout boys as they accused us of following them. So we ran the whole way and ended up 2nd behind some other team. We got a hint on how to solve the code by solving a riddle. After that was a survival scenario exercise where we had to discuss what item goes in what order. Then we had lunch - wraps and sandwiches. After lunch we changed activities. We came back for dinner which was Nachos which was very good. We had a change of night activity according to what we had the previous night.

Day three was Sports day. We started off with your standard breakfast. We had sports on the wet and muddy oval. We had 2 games of football, 1 game of touch football, 1 game of Ultimate Frisbee and 1 game of dodge ball. The games were very enjoyable but the mud wasn’t. We had to go back to our rooms for a change of clothes and some lunch - cold pasta and some sausages.

We finished camp with an award ceremony with many people getting awards. Then it was time to head back home.

Harry Vo & Nabeel Ali

Photography by Ms Cooke & Mr French
MUSIC STUDENTS GET HIP TO THE LEGEND OF AUSSIE ROCK

Friday 27 March 2015 saw 25 Music Elective students journey to AIM (Australian Institute of Music) near Central Railway for a free concert of ‘Legends of Aussie Rock’. These performances by students of AIM provide a fantastic opportunity for our boys to experience a short history of our musical heritage. All the usual favorites were presented (minus AC/DC) which made the concert more like ‘legends of Pop’ rather than ROCK! However, it was still an enjoyable way to spend a Friday. Ray Thistlethwaite (Thirsty Merc) was the ‘legend’ who played guitar/piano on several songs and who performed the most poignant version of ‘20 Good Reasons’ ever heard! Some unbelievable musical moments! Well done ABHS & CAPA!

Mr M Williamson

YEAR 12 ANCIENT HISTORY INCURSION

On the 4th of May, Ms Cufre’s Year 12 Ancient History class was indeed fortunate to be able take part in a whole day incursion taking an in depth look at The Cities of Vesuvius- Pompeii and Herculaneum. Leading us on this journey was the renowned archaeologist and author Dr Louise Zarmati whose textbook we used in class to learn about the sites. Dr Zarmati who has a Masters and a Doctorate in Archaeology is off to take up a Post at the University of Tasmania so we were indeed lucky to be able to access her knowledge before she moves.

Every student gained a deeper understanding of these exquisite ruins and the day was not only educational and informative but also great fun. Thanks to Ms Cufre for organizing this worthwhile event.

Jonathon Rapson, Yr12 Ancient History

YEAR 11 BIOLOGY EXCURSION TO BOBBIN HEAD

“Local Ecosystem Study”

“It was very hands on, counting crab holes and mangrove seedlings and knowing how aboriginals survived in these harsh conditions.” (J Fullwood)

“We learnt a lot about mangroves, but the excursion should cover other ecosystems too.” (C Shepherd)

“It was great learning something I am passionate about.” (H. Ballinger)
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Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices.

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Tina Kontos on 9477 3508.
ENGLISH
What wonderful learning is taking place in English in Term 2?
Year 7:
NAPLAN Preparation
Poetry Unit
Year 8:
Poetry Unit - The Australian Voice
Year 9:
NAPLAN Preparation
Satire Unit
Year 10:
Bruce Dawe: Poetry Unit (10E2, 10E3, 10E4) or Representing the Holocaust (10E1)
Year 11:
English Studies – The World of Work
Standard English – The Poetry of John Foulcher and Telling Stories Short Story Unit
Advanced English – King Lear and a Comparative Study of Gattaca and Fahrenheit 451
Extension English – Genre Study: Horror and Utopian and Dystopian Worlds
Year 12:
English Studies – Navigating the Media: Print and Television
Standard English – War Poetry: Wilfred Owen
Advanced English – Critical Study of Text: Speeches
Extension English – Science Fiction

What other opportunities are available for boys in English?
HSC Study Days – see Mr. Kennedy for information
Writing Competitions – see Ms. Maher for details
As always the English staff is thoroughly enjoying sharing their passion for literature and learning with their classes. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about the progress of your son.
Ms J. Schadel
Head Teacher English

MATHS
The ABHS Mathematics faculty welcomes Mr. Arora who is replacing Mrs. Gibbs until further notice. We trust that students in his classes will make him feel welcome by giving him their cooperation in class and putting their best efforts into their studies.
Entries for the Australian Mathematics Competition (30th July) have been finalised, with all students from the Advanced classes (7E, 8M1, 9M1, 10M1 and 11MAT) being entered as a compulsory part of their extended curriculum. Students from these classes should ensure that the competition entry fee has been paid to the front office. There are also a few enthusiastic junior students from the other classes who have paid and have been entered.
Year 11 are currently doing their first assessment task for their Preliminary HSC Mathematics courses. This assessment task is in the form of a comprehensive written exam (1.5 – 2 hours) in the school hall covering the work completed so far this year.
All junior classes will have an assessment task sometime between week 6 and 8 this term. Parents and students are reminded that homestudy should also include regular revision of completed units of work, particularly in the time leading up to an assessment (and not just the night before!).
Assessment Schedule for Mathematics:
Year 7 – Week 7 Year 8 – Week 8
Year 9 – Week 7 Year 10 – Week 6/7
Year 11 – Assessment Task 2 in Week 10
Year 12 Assessment Task 3 in Week 10
Mrs R. Laffer
Rel. Head Teacher Mathematics

SCIENCE
Science Competition
The UNSW Science Completion will be run on June 3rd. The test will be 1 hour long and will involve science logic style question including problem solving and data interpretation. Any boy who gains a merit or above will be rewarded with a Pizza lunch.
Year 10
Subject selection for HSC subject is rapidly approaching. The boys have the choice of 5 Science subjects to choose from. Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Earth and Environmental Science and Senior Science. We encourage many boys to do a Science subject as it provides them with valuable problem solving and lateral thinking skills even if they don't pursue a career in Science. Year 10 boys are encouraged to speak to their Science teacher about their options and to make an informed decision.
Crystal Growing
10S1 are completing a crystal growing project using Copper Sulfate and Alum. The boys have studied the theory of growing crystals and have successfully grown seed crystals. The seed crystals will be suspended in a super saturated solution and allowed to grow over a couple of weeks. The best crystals will be entered into a crystal growing competition run by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute.
Mr S. Roberston
Head Teacher Science
CAREERS
Barista Boys Café news
The Barista Boys Café hosted a morning tea for the residents of Christophorus House and Woodlands Retirement Village on Monday 18th May. The boys showed their skills in making espresso coffees and Mrs Bird, Hospitality teacher, ensured that they were supplied with a delicious array of scones, brownies, sausage rolls and cheesecakes. The residents were also very appreciative that Year 12 Prefects also came to chat with them. It was a great success and Mrs Cooke kindly donated two of her paintings to each retirement village.

Coming Events

The Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo 2015
Thursday 28th May, Friday 29th May, Saturday 30th May and Sunday 31st May 10am-3pm Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park.

TAFE as an option for 2016
A representative from TAFE will be coming to speak to Year 12 students on TAFE courses and TAFE Higher Education Degrees on Thursday 18th June.

Apprenticeship Talk
Chad Smith from 1300 Apprentice will be coming to school to talk on apprenticeships on Monday 22nd June at lunchtime in the library. This is a must if you are looking for an apprenticeship after school.

Macquarie Uni Student and parent information evening- Wednesday 20th May 2015
Parents and prospective students are invited to attend this event. Venue is Building C10A Campus Hub, The Atrium, Macquarie Uni. Time at 5.30pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday 20th May 2015 Visit mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/events.

University of Sydney: Scholarships Information Evening
Tue 16th June, 6.00pm – 8.00pm
The information evening for year 12 students aims to give insider hints and tips on completing the Sydney Scholars application. Attendees will also hear a current scholarship recipient speak about their experience as well as on-campus residential representatives speak about their scholarships.

AIE Information Evening
Thu 25th June, Wattle Street, Ultimo
Find out how to launch a career in games, 3D animation and film FX industries by attending an information session and speaking to teachers.

Important Information

Ernst and Young Sydney Cadetship Program
Applications open Mon 25th May and close Mon 22nd June
The Ernst and Young Cadetship program provides high school graduates the opportunity to combine full-time work with part-time study. Cadets will gain valuable experience working within the organization and with clients, ensuring they graduate from university a step ahead of their peers.
http://www.ey.com/AU/en/Careers/Students/Your-role-here/Students---Programs#fragment-4-na

Australian Apprenticeship Pathways: Career Interest Explorer
A new resource which aims to help job seekers identify the strength of their career interests.

What Kind of Engineer Are You?
RMIT have created a quiz for future engineers to find out which kind of engineering suits them best. There are a number of different types of engineering and it can be difficult to know which one you would be most interested in or would take you in the direction you want, so take the quiz to find out.

Mrs J.Fry
Careers Adviser
Hello ABHS community,

The Annual Soccer tour was again a huge success! Congratulations to the boys and teachers for a very successful tour. This year Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls went on a joint Language and Cultural Tour to Japan which was also a great event. One of the boys gave a speech in Japanese on Japanese National Television.

Some of our Senior students attended the Hornsby ANZAC Dawn Service and Jack Argent played the Last Post.

On Friday 1st May the Mother’s Day High Tea was held. I would like to thank everyone involved in the organising and catering and special mention to Harry Tuynman who gave a wonderful speech.

Regarding improvements during the holidays: The hall kitchen was painted and new equipment was purchased. Thank you to everyone involved; especially Bunnings Thornleigh as they donated a hot water system; Bing Lee Hornsby gave us a huge discount on all the appliances and Dulux who provided the paint and materials.

The annual P&C Trivia Night is fast approaching and we hope it will be a fantastic night! We have two shirts signed by Justin Langer and Brad Haddin up for auction as well as a Mariners shirt signed by the entire team. So book a table and have a great night out!

The P&C and school get enormous support from local business, it would be great if we could return this by supporting them. Please see the attached list.

Have a great day...

Thanks,

Linda Stanford
P&C President

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

- president.abhspnc@gmail.com - Linda Stanford
- secretary.abhspnc@gmail.com - Sacha Parker
- treasurer.abhspnc@gmail.com - Jenny Williams
- grounds.abhspnc@gmail.com - Susie Wylie
- fundraiser.abhspnc@gmail.com - Maddy Bailes
- publicity.abhspnc@gmail.com - Di Stoddard

President: Linda Stanford
Vice Presidents: Michelle Roscarel, Tempe Bevan
Secretary: Sasha Parker
Treasurer: Jenny Williams
Ground Maintenance: Susie Wylie
Publicity Officer: Dianne Stoddart
School Council Reps: Michelle Roscarel, Rizwan Ali, Edwina Brown, Chris Regan

The next P&C meeting
@ 7.30pm
Tuesday 26 May
in the Library.
All welcome.

2015 DATES

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: Mon 13th July, Thu 17th & Fri 18th Dec
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**World Environment Day Festival**

- **Saturday 10am to 6th June 4pm Hornsby Mall**
- **FREE Event**
- **Market I Food I Music**
- **FREE Live Music Program**
- **WDN Workshop Program**
- **WDN Childcare**
- **WDN Craft**
- **WDN Face Painting**
- **WDN Ice Cream**
- **WDN Soft Drink**
- **WDN Tropical Fruit**
- **WDN Games**

**WDN Website**

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/wed
ABHS P&C Trivia Night is just about here, please get in contact with us to get your group / yourself a table for the night.

In the ABHS School Hall.  7.00pm to get your table ready for a 7.30pm start.

- Cost $20 per person with 8 people maximum on each table.
- Bring your own snacks and refreshments (including alcohol if you would like). Tea and coffee will be available.
- WE HAVE OVER 50 BUSINESSES SUPPORTING OUR NIGHT - WHICH INCLUDE: THAI TABLES DINNER FOR 8, PREMIUM HOLIDAYS 2 X GOLD COAST FLIGHTS, ENDOTA SPA VOUCHER, 2 X A RESERVE SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, CENTRAL COAST 2 DAY SURF COURSE, ONROAD SAFER DRIVING COURSE, SEGWAY CENTRAL COAST VOUCHER, SIGNED SHIRTS FOR AUCTION FROM CENTRAL COAST MARINERS, BRAD HADDIN AND JUSTIN LANGER, - just to name a few.

ABHS P&C contact email : abhscommunityfunday@gmail.com

- Direct deposit : BSB 032-084  Account 12 0216  Details Trivia (surname)(year your boy is in)
- Pay at the school office with cash or cheque in a clearly marked envelope with Trivia night, your boys’ name and year (if applicable). Please include the slip below.
- Parents, do you have a business that you could supply a voucher for or do you have unwanted unopened raffle prizes at home that we can have for our Trivia Night raffle - contact us asap.

Contact Name for the Table:_______________________Mobile:________________

Or Contact Name for individual bookings:__________________Mobile:__________

Number of guests at your table:_____ How are you paying:________________
ABHS P&C TRIVIA NIGHT 23/05/15

Thank you to the following business that will be making our night a success as at 12/05/15

A Lotus Health & Beauty
Asquith Family Butcher
ABHS Community & Staff
Antrim Building Services
Asquith Golf Club
Asquith Leagues Club
Australian Reptile Park
Berowra Meats
Berowra Physiotherapy
Berowra RSL
Blue Gum Hotel
Bob Jane T-Marts
Cafe Laurella Berowra Heights
Camphikeclimb
Captain Cook Cruises
Central Coast Surf School
Central Coast Mariners
Craft Nook
Crofty’s Restaurant
Daniel’s Den
Disco Nails and Beauty
E-Jukebox
E-Leet Physiology
Endota Spa
Erina Ice Arena
Ever Spring Nails
Forbes Footwear
For the Love of Beauty
Fresh Nails
Glen Street Theatre
Golden Phoenix Chinese Restaurant
Headcandy
Hornsby RSL Club
Hornsby World of Fitness
Koala Park Sanctuary
Laser Clinic Australia
Latouf Hair and Spa
Manhattan Superbowl
McDonalds Restaurant Mt Colah
Mt Colah Chemist
Mt Colah Pizzeria
Mt Kuring-gai Village Butchery
North Shore Art Supplies
Northern Districts Cricket Club
Olive Bar & Grill
Oliver Brown, Belgium Chocolate Cafe
Onroad Driving
Penrith Whitewater Rafting
Plus Fitness
Premium Holidays
ProfessioNail
Roseville Cinemas
Rubber Duckies Takeaway
Seaweed and Sand, Hornsby
Segway Central Coast
Skater HQ
SLM Hair
Starshots Glamour Photography
Thairapy Design Studio
Thai Tables Restaurant
Sydney Symphony Orchestra
Wellspring Espresso Cafe
Wrigleys
DRUM LESSONS @ ABHS

I have been teaching drums at ABHS for the last 5 years. With over 30 years experience performing with bands/artists worldwide I can show you the best and most efficient way to learn drums.

The lessons are 30 minutes long and privately tutored in Studio 28.

Rates: $33 per lesson per half hour.
One lesson per week in school terms.
For more info call Mike on 0419760940
Email: mjhdrummer@hotmail.com
Website: www.mikehague.com

FOR SALE

YAMAHA ALTO SAXOPHONE & BACH TROMBONE

Saxophone (567GL) as new, in original packaging box, only played for 9 months! $950 neg.

Trombone (TB600) has small dent (doesn’t affect play or slide). $500 neg.

Contact Evelyn
0419 965 118

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**TOPICS**

**MONDAY 23 MARCH: 5 STRATEGIES FOR TALKING WITH YOUR TEENAGER**
Discover how to bridge the communication gap with your teenager and gain practical insights on how personality styles can affect parent-child relationships.

**TUESDAY 5 MAY: ONLINE GAMING AND THE INTERNET - WHEN TO UNPLUG**
If your family argues about computers, wifi, smartphones or tablets, then this forum is a must!

**MONDAY 15 JUNE: TRAINING THE BLACK DOG - HELP YOUR TEENAGER DEAL WITH HARD TIMES**
An overview of the signs of depression and how to help those who are struggling and a discussion on self-harming issues - including concerns around the copycat effect and the influence of social media.

**MONDAY 3 AUGUST: ANXIETY AND ADOLESCENCE**
Informative presentation on the ways anxiety can affect teenagers and what action to take.

**MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER: DRUGS AND ALCOHOL - PUSHING THE LIMITS**
Discussion around drug and alcohol issues from an adolescent perspective, how drug and alcohol dependence affects and useful strategies to assist those families who are affected.

**BOOKINGS REQUIRED:**
Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services on 9424 0837 or youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au
More information: KYDS 9416 9824 or www.kyds.org.au

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**LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!**

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes." (Marcel Proust, 19th century novelist)

Volunteer to host an international high school student through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at how this unique and rewarding experience can help bring your family together, understand themselves better and see the world in a new light.

We have students aged 15-18 arriving from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Scandinavia in July 2019 who are seeking welcoming families all over Australia, in both rural and urban communities. They will live like a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover - all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Capture the spirit of family and friendship - visit us on Facebook or at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 591 to request a booklet of international student profiles.