PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

This week saw two highly successful events. It was great to see a good turn out for the Swimming Carnival yesterday. Even though the weather looked like it was going to break early in the day the clouds went away and we had a fantastic day. There are more details later in this bulletin.

On Tuesday we held the Teams night for Year 7 parents. Thanks to all those who attended as it was wonderful to see so many parents come to support their son. The transition to Year 7 from Primary school can be a difficult time and the teams structure certainly minimises the impact of this while allowing teachers to plan for the individual success of every boy.
As with everything at school, the transition to high school works better when parents and the school keep in close contact and work together.

There have been so many things that have impressed me about ABHS since I arrived at the school last year. One thing that continues to impress me is the way in which the boys communicate the things that they don’t like in a calm and articulate way. An example of this in the past week is the many conversations that I have had in the playground about how the canteen can be improved.

As a result of these conversations I met with the owner of the canteen this week. Measures are being taken to speed up service at recess and lunch with an additional staff member. New menu items, based on the feedback of the boys, are going to be trialled over the coming weeks. All year groups will have the opportunity to give their thoughts about the canteen menu in a survey that will be issued next week. The results of the survey will be passed on to the canteen owner.

Dwayne Hopwood
Principal

Oztag Semi Final Results Summer Season 2015

Ashfield Boys High School has enjoyed a very successful season to date in the Oztag Secondary School North-West Metropolitan Competition. The school has fielded four sides during the summer competition season – two Senior and two Under 15 (Junior) sides. Three of those four sides made the semi-finals and played against Homebush Boys High School.

Two of those sides – the Senior A and Under 15 B sides – have been successful in winning their semi-final matches and will play in the grand final next Wednesday afternoon. The Senior A side won 7-4 and the Under 15 B side won 8-4. The third side to play yesterday – the Under 15 A’s - were unlucky. Their game resulted in a 5-5 draw and the result was decided by their ranking over the season – Homebush was ranked first and Ashfield second. The school wishes both the Senior A and Under 15 B teams the best of luck next week in their grand final matches.

James Chatwin
Open Night

The annual Ashfield Boys Open night will take place next week on the 3rd March from 6:30am until 8pm. This is our opportunity to show the whole community, and especially boys in Year 6 at local Primary schools, just what a wonderful place ABHS is.

If you have relatives, neighbours or friends who are considering Ashfield Boys as a school for their son, your positive recommendation is the most important endorsement we can receive. Word of mouth from parents is one of the most important things that create a positive image for a school. Please encourage people you know to come along.

As with previous years lots of the boys are keen to come on the night and help out at the various activities being planned. Quite a few have already asked if they can take part. If your son is going to participate on the night he will need your permission to attend. Notes for this will be distributed next week.
School Survey

Over the past week all families should have received an email with a link to an online survey. Thanks so much to everyone who has already responded.

The purpose of this is to gather your thoughts about how we can improve the school. The boys will also complete a similar survey next week at school.

If you have missed the survey it can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/W2NQQBK

The survey is also available in mandarin.

这份意见调查有中文版本。请使用下列连结进入中文意见调查。

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCFXPT6

Swimming Carnival Age Champions

Congratulations to the following boys who were overall age champions at yesterday’s Swimming carnival:

**12 Years Equal 1st Place**
Rhys Ryan
Sahnoun Skendri
Michael Mathot

**13 years**
Nirantar Subba

**14 years**
Bryan Hong

**15 years**
Galen Banfield
Tips for Parents

Solving equations

Struggling to remember what algebra was all about and need to help your kids with their homework? Take a look at this study sheet for examples:

Avoiding injuries

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for school-work? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Experts discuss and give tips on what to watch out for. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/wellbeing/health/ways-to-keep-your-childs-back-and-posture-healthy