This week has seen another round of successes in a range of areas. Again this demonstrates that the boys can achieve anything at ABHS if they put their minds to it and are competitive with any selective or independent school.

The Year 7 and 8 debating teams have again won their next round - there is a more detailed report on this later in the bulletin.

This follows on from the success of the senior debating team last week.

On Friday night our Year 9 drama class competed in the Impro Australia Schools Theatresports Challenge. ABHS hosted the event and the boys competed against 8 others schools. Despite this being the boys’ first attempt at such a performance they have progressed to the semi-finals which will be held next Wednesday night. This is an excellent performance for a novice team. The boys delighted the audience with their humour and quick wit. ABHS is the only public school to make it through to the next round in this competition.

Last week your son was issued with a letter from me requesting information about employment and education data. This information is used to secure part of the school’s equity funding each year. The information is not compulsory and parents do not have to complete or return the form. However we would really appreciate it if you would help us with this. The information is only used for funding purposes and our aim, as always, is to make sure that ABHS provides the best possible learning environment for your son.

Dwayne Hopwood
Principal

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On 28th May, the Year 7 students experienced an incursion that was directly related to the “Classification” unit that we are currently studying.

A visit by “Snake Tails” reptile organization, presented to us in the school hall. It was really cool as our presenter Bob, shared many stories of reptiles found wild in Australia. All the students had a great time and we were learning lots of new facts. Bob was really entertaining, humorous and shared awesome facts about reptiles. We learnt about blue tongue lizards, snakes, turtles and many more.

Hassan Khazma – 7P Was very brave, as he looked a little uncomfortable!

Miss Boshell and Miss Quach (Brave Science Teachers)
Finn Wheeler with the affectionate Blue tongue Lizard– 7A

The students were very amazed to see such fascinating reptiles and to learn about how brown snakes are the second most dangerous after the fierce snake. We as Year 7 students loved the incursion and it was beyond our expectations as we also got to look closely at the reptiles and also got to feel the python.

Special thanks to Mrs El Rakshy and Miss Tahan, for organising this incursion.

By: Wali Mohammed and Julian Padrid 7 Appollo

RECONCILIATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS AT ASHFIELD

As part of the local community celebrations for Reconciliation Week 2015, Ashfield Boys High School Vocal Group participated in the Ashfield Council Reconciliation Barbeque and entertainment at the forecourt of Ashfield Council. The group sang the National Anthem in English and in Aboriginal language. This was an important opening to the event and well received by the large audience. This was followed by an address by Ashfield’s Mayor, the local Police Commander and entertainment from Ashfield Public School and other community groups. A wonderful afternoon and performance experience was had by the vocal group with a special thanks to Mrs Markou who leads the vocal group.
PREMIER’S DEBATING CHALLENGE

The Year 7 and 8 debating teams competed in their first debate for the Premier’s Debating Challenge last Friday. The boys enthusiastically welcomed their opposing teams from Canterbury Girls to the school. After carefully viewing and deliberating over the proposed topics, the schools selected the topic “School uniforms should be abolished” for the debate. Both the Year 7 and 8 teams worked hard to persuade the audience and adjudicator. All the boys spoke confidently, worked collaboratively and presented well developed ideas. The Year 8 boys were successful and won their debate. The teams will debate Canterbury Girls again next week.

ROUND 2

Ashfield Boys has successfully completed Round 2 of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. Our Year 9s had a very challenging topic, to argue the negative “that we should ban junk food from sporting competitions” and unfortunately they were unsuccessful.

The Year 10 team remain undefeated and won their debate, “that we should ban contact sports for under 18s”.

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Last week’s Ashtag showed just how quickly information and action can spread in our parent community! Less than an hour after advertising a request for help in Ashtag parents made contact with offers of support. Thanks to Gabrielle Brown and Ramesh Chinnappa who organised for this group of parents who work for Telstra to complete an application for an additional $6000 in funding for the Senior Study Centre. This grant will help fund additional technology for the space in addition to the 25 new desktop computers that are currently on order.

We really appreciate the enthusiasm and support of our parent community in helping to improve the school.

YEAR 12 VOCATIONAL INFORMATION

The Year 12 VET Construction class have been working on their competencies toward the award of their Certificate 2 in Construction pathways. At the moment they are working on their vocational competencies in Tiling and Plastering. The boys will graduate with a combined HSC and externally recognised certificate that will gain them advanced standing into any Australian apprenticeship or TAFE course. This combined qualification can also be used to enter a university pathway with an ATAR.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AFTERNOON TEA AT BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

On 25th May, 27 International students from Ashfield Boys went to Burwood Girls High School to meet other international students from Burwood Girls and Concord High School.

There were some performances from the Burwood Girls students and then the students had a chance to talk to each other as a group while enjoying some afternoon tea.
SOCCER 13 vs RANDWICK

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THEATRESPORTS

Ashfield Boys High School has made it through to the semi-finals in the Theatre Sports competition.

The Year 9 Drama class advanced to the semi-finals of the TheatreSports Intermediate competition last Friday. The competition is open to all secondary schools across metropolitan Sydney.

Those competing are given five seconds to prepare for a performance which may be topics as varied as from driving a bus in Paris to chopping a tree in a park.

Teams from each school face an elimination bout against nominated other secondary schools. Improvisation is the key skill and participants need to think fast on their feet as well as work well as a team.

Ashfield Boys High School effectively saw off challenges from Burwood Girls High School, Santa Sabina College, Strathfield Girls High School and Rosebank College.

The competition is run by Impro-Australia and it is the first time that Ashfield Boys High School has competed. Our team of Galen Banfield, Stevan Pekar, George Brooks, Hamish Lewis, Shaiden Tran and Cristian Triulzi Macnee have done an outstanding job in representing the school and they have been well supported by the Drama Faculty.

The team will travel to Tara Anglican Girls High School at North Parramatta on 10th June for the much anticipated semi-final.

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**Mind Games/Table Tennis - Olympic Park Sports Hall booking times**  
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22 July – 12 August