PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It was a pleasure to see the Year 9 volunteer bush care group make the finals of the Wests Ashfield Community Spirit Awards this week. The group works with Ashfield Council and Ms Gorton to regenerate a reserve in the local area. The program is a fantastic example of active learning outside the classroom and the volunteering that is a feature of our school.

The P&C Trivia Night is filling up fast. Thanks so much to all the parents who have contributed or have booked a table. If you have any donations or would like to attend please contact the P&C President Louise Brooks at: abhs_pandc@hotmail.com

We received the individual NAPLAN reports for every boy in Year 7 and 9 this week. Parents should expect these to arrive in the mail early next week. If you have not received the expected report by the end of next week please contact the school. We are currently in the process of analysing the data provided by the NAPLAN tests to look for ways to improve our teaching.

Dwayne Hopwood
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P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 31 August at 7pm. This meeting will be held in the new Senior Study Centre so that interested parents can have a look at its facilities. Some of the Year 11 boys who helped design the centre will deliver a talk about the new Study Centre.

Parents attending are asked to meet in the front office foyer so that they can be escorted to the Senior Study Centre.

PREMIER’S DEBATING CHALLENGE

On Wednesday the Year 10 Team debated the Quarter Finals of the Premier’s Debating Challenge against Sydney Girls High School. The topic they chose was “That professional sportspeople found guilty of taking performance enhancing drugs should be banned for life” with Ashfield debating the affirmative side. It was a very close debate, with the adjudicator determining the winner to be Sydney Girls.

We congratulate the Year 10 Team - Murali Chinnappa, Cody Jaikiew, Thomas Powell and Jonah Dassaklis– for a very successful 2015, but more importantly for the dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm they displayed at every debate in this competition.

Reminder: QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER, 7PM

A FUN NIGHT FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS & FRIENDS
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE, TOSS FOR SCOTCH, WINE CAGE, SILENT AUCTION, GREAT PRIZES
ABHS major fundraiser for 2015 - help upgrade the school library.

ADULTS-$20, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS-$10, UNI STUDENTS-$15
BYO FOOD AND SOFT DRINK/ALCOHOL - COFFEE, TEA & CAKE SUPPLIED

Book a table of your own (maximum of 10 people) or join a table

Email your name/s and number attending to Louise Brooks at abhs_pandc@hotmail.com or leave the details with school receptionist on Ph 9798 5520.

If you are unable to come please try to donate items for prizes or silent auction such as wine, scratchies, candles, soaps, home wares, gardening items, father’s day gifts. Please bring any donations to the school office by Monday Aug 31.
WESTS ASHFIELD LEAGUE 2015 COMMUNITY CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

This year a small group of outstanding Ashfield Boys were nominated for community awards through Wests Ashfield Leagues Club. The premise behind the awards is to recognise young people who display citizenship qualities such as volunteering in the community, or leadership skills, by encouraging and motivating other young people either within the school or wider communities.

This year Connor Moran of Year 12 was nominated for an Individual Award for the leadership skills he displays at school in Rugby and Oztag, as well as his commitments at West Harbour Rugby. But perhaps more significantly, he is recognised for the inspiration, pride and respect he instils in other Pacific Islander students to do their best at wider community events such as P.A.C. Fest.

The Bush Care Students from Year 9 were nominated this year for a Team Award for their dedication and commitment to volunteering in the wider community. The team consisted of Vincent Sham, Jayden Lion, Shaiden Tran, Kamal Zahab, Gian-Carlos Anderson, Mitchell Frederick, Mohamed Elzein, Galen Bainfeld, Colm McCarthy, Jordan Niclopooulos, Alan He, Gordon Luong, Isa Mukaramov, Edsel Hosan and Daniel Lahood. Each fortnight the students head to Cadigal Reserve, Summer Hill and dedicate many hours of their time to bush regeneration and maintenance of a large area of the reserve, to improve the area for the local community.

All of our students’ nominations were shortlisted for an interview with a panel of representatives from the Board of Directors of Wests Ashfield Leagues, Ashfield Council and two other local community organisations. Although it was a very daunting experience for the boys, they spoke with dignity and respect for their commitment to their work in the community.

The Bush Care Students were Finalists in the Team Awards and on Tuesday all boys attended the Awards Ceremony at Wests Ashfield. They received an award and a cheque for $1000 which is donated to the school, and also a gift of $500 to their nominated charity of Landcare. We congratulate all of the boys who were nominated for their outstanding commitment to their school and community.
MATHEMATICS AND THE BODY

Over the past 2 weeks the Year 12 students have been measuring height, weight, arm span, foot length and many other body measurements. The students then used the height and arm span results to create a scatterplot and identify if there is a trend.

The students also plotted their heart rate before and after exercise and made their own personal predictions about their health and how they should change their everyday routine if this needed adjustment.

The best part of the module was when the students measured their individual lung capacity with the use of a balloon. Students were required to blow into a balloon and calculate the volume of air within the inflated balloon. The estimated lung capacity is approximately 6 litres. Most students' lung capacity was around 4 litres.

Maths is fun..........isn’t it!

“Where can I go with maths?”

Mathematics has a wide range of jobs available to those who take their mathematics study further. Many working mathematicians and statisticians have well-paid and sought after careers on offer across many areas including health, finance, education, energy, game design, data science and telecommunications.

The Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (AMSI) publishes Maths Ad(d)s to make students and their families aware of the opportunities available.

Download a free copy of Maths Ad(d)s at: www.careers.amsi.org.au/mathsadds

2015 BATTLE OF THE MINDS TOURNAMENT

On Friday 12th August ten Year 8 students from Ashfield Boys High School participated in the Battle of the Minds Tournament that was held at Auburn Girls High School. Our students formed two teams, with each team comprising of five students. Twenty schools in total participated in the event.

The competition consisted of questions on the categories of HSIE, Mathematics, Science and General Knowledge. Whilst the students didn’t win the competition, they ranked 12/13 out of the forty sides competing in the tournament. Moreover, all the students had fun and found the experience beneficial and valuable.

Special thanks goes to Ms Yoon for supervising the students on the day and to Mr Chatwin for organising it for all to attend.

Alan Guan 8 Barbados and Vincent Li 8 Heron

Auburn Girls High School

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The Year 12 Woodwork class have completed their Major Works and Portfolios for their HSC. All jobs were outstanding with a variety of projects undertaken. All students demonstrated a high level of both skill and craftsmanship in their work and the pictures speak for themselves. The students have received high acclaim from the teachers and staff who have seen their projects. The teacher, Mr Jones is very proud of the students’ work and stated that the class was a very dedicated group this year. The major works were marked on Friday 21st August. The boys must now concentrate on the third and remaining component of the course which is the written exam. Good luck to all of the boys. We all hope you go well.

- Patrick Batterham-Love – Timber carry case
- Alusine Grant – Book case
- Aran Han – Folding table
- Max Janiszewski – Grandfather clock
- Ahmad Karim – Coffee table
- Dominik Pasternak – Computer desk
- Jonathan Xavier – Poker table
YEAR 10 ELECTIVE HISTORY EXCURSION

This term in Elective History we have been studying developments in health, medicine and surgery from prehistoric times until the World Wars. To gain a more hands-on experience the boys went on an excursion this week to the J.L. Shellshear Museum, located in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney.

The students were able to handle both animal and human bones to examine them for general signs of aging such as arthritis and evidence of famine or stress in a person's teeth, and also a very rare disease where muscle turns into bone. They were shown very old bones where a person's tibia and femur (the leg bones) had been broken but hadn't healed properly. One of the most exciting parts (perhaps more so for their teacher!) was examining skulls that had trepanation marks in them. As early as prehistoric times, people surgically removed parts of the skull to help relieve pain or, as some believed, to release evil spirits!

It was a great day that was finished with a visit to the Nicholson Museum where the students wandered through the Greek, Roman and Middle Eastern galleries looking at the archaeological artefacts. The museum also featured Ancient Egyptian mummification of humans and animals, which allowed the students to see how they dealt with death. But perhaps the best 'artefact' of all was an enormous reconstruction of Pompeii all made out of Lego!
The students of the SRC are hoping to raise funds to help build and maintain new facilities for students around the school grounds.

The SRC asks for you and your son’s support in making new and innovative changes to the current facilities around the school.

Changes the SRC want to make include but are not limited to:
- New Equipment
- Life Size Chess boards
- Upgrading Toilets
- Table Tennis Tables

The Multi day will be combined with a Sausage Sizzle at lunch. The Sausage Sizzle will be $2.50 each.

If you wish for your son to participate, please be aware of the following:

- It is important that students wear appropriate enclosed and safe footwear. If they have a practical subject they must have shoes and clothes that comply with WHS safety legislation.
- Come dressed in clothing that is appropriate for a school setting. Clothes must not contain images, slogans or language that are inappropriate for school.
- The day is a normal school day and every student should come to school fully prepared for every lesson on his timetable.
- If a student attends school wearing clothing that is not appropriate his parents will be contacted to deliver his school uniform.
- Participation entails a minimum of a $2 gold coin donation.

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- 29 July
- 2, 9 September
- 11, 18, 25 November
- 5 August
- 7, 14, 21, 28 October
- 4, 11, 18, 25 November

Badminton - Olympic Park Sports Hall booking times:
- 29 July
- 5, 12, 19, 26 August
- 2, 9, 16 September
- 7, 14, 21, 28 October
- 4, 11, 18, 25 November

Table Tennis - Olympic Park Sports Hall booking times:
- 29 July
- 5, 12, 19, 26 August
- 2, 9, 16 September
- 7, 14, 21, 28 October
- 4, 11, 18, 25 November

Badminton - Olympic Park NSW Netball

Unavailable dates:
- 29 July – 19 August (Netball World Cup)