PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last Saturday’s Trivia Night was a fantastic occasion for the community to come together, have some fun and support the school. I’m sure that everyone who attended will agree that a great time was had by all. Can I take this opportunity to again thank everyone who attended, the sponsors who donated prizes and the parents who helped run the night. Thanks especially to Louise Brooks, the President of the P&C who has worked tirelessly over the past few months to make the event such a success.

I sent a letter to all parents with sons in Year 12 about the final weeks of schooling this term. I have also given a copy of this letter to the boys in Year 12 and met with them to discuss our expectations at a meeting last week. The Year 12 Graduation assembly is on Thursday 17th September at 2.00pm in the school hall. If you could join us on this occasion it would be great to celebrate a wonderful milestone in every family’s life. It would help if guests could be seated by 1.45pm. Parking is available in B1 of the Wests Ashfield car park. Afternoon tea will be served after the formal part of the ceremony.

Dwayne Hopwood
Principal
TRIVIA NIGHT UPDATE

Last Saturday we attended the annual Trivia Night organised by the P&C. The Trivia Night was well supported by parents and the Ashfield mayor was there as well! It was an eye-opening night for us, as this is the first time we participated. There were lots of prizes to be won.

There were lots of questions ranging from History, Science and Maths, movies, general knowledge and sports. Even though the questions were beyond our knowledge, we had fun making up answers. As a group, we put a number of bids to secure a cookie hamper and were out bid 4 times but we did not give up! We exhausted our coins to outbid other parents and finally secured the bid by 20c. It was a fun night for us and we are happy that we contributed to the school library funding through this trivia night event.

By Jee Teng Ong and Fahim Mustafa

SPONSOR LIST – ABHS TRIVIA NIGHT 2015

Amatos Liquor Mart - Leichhardt
Anars Charcoal Chicken - Croydon Park
Ashfield Acquatic Centre via Ashfield Council
Attractivity Entertainment - Alexandria
Body Logix – Marrickville
Caffeteria Kitchen - Croydon Park
Canterbury Ice Skating Rink
Emporio Nails & Beauty – Summer Hill
Envy Deli Café & Gallery – Summer Hill
Frank Filocamo Optometrists – Burwood & Leichhardt
Gojaks Butcher - Haberfield
Lorenas Boutique - Haberfield
Lucy’s Florist – Summer Hill
Mancini Restaurant – Summer Hill
Milk & Honey Photographers – Summer Hill
Organic Hair Culture - Ashbury
Pure Gelato - Croydon
Saba Hairdressers - Croydon Park
Samir Alba Pastry - Croydon Park
Self-Healing Australia - Marrickville
Summer Hill Hotel
Summer Hill Sweets
Summer Hill Wine Shop
The Merton Hotel – Rozelle
The New Theatre - Newtown
The Retreat Garden Bistro – Wests Sports Club Croydon
The Smile Centre Hurlstone Park
The Temperance Society Wine Bar & Bistro - Summer Hill
Tooth Crusader - Wolli Creek
Two Fat Butchers – Summer Hill
Vivien’s Nails & Waxing – Summer Hill
Wests Ashfield Leagues Club
Yeah Hair Baby - Marrickville
Your Choice Pharmacy - Haberfield
“Old Boys” Ashfield Boys High School – Class of 1975
Current ABHS Families
THE PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

Our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted until 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.

To complete the survey login to: www.tellthemfromme.com

Username: parent12594
Password: Ash8832

THEATRESPORTS

A group of 12 students combined from our selective Year 8 Drama program and our Year 9 Theatresports team have been attending Theatresports workshops every Friday afternoon after school. Each fortnight we have a leading Theatresports “player” attend and teach us the specific skills and games needed for the Theatresports competition we are entered in.

Theatresports helps us build up our drama and improvisation skills, as well as being really fun and interactive. This extra curricula activity is for those students who have produced exceptional work in class for Drama.

Theatresports helps develop your co-operation skills and teaches you to work together as a team.
We are maximising our learning with the help of a professional Theatresports player however best of all it is a time each week when the only limit is our imagination.

We are looking forward to the competitions we are entered in in Term Four.

William Devine
Year 8
The Year 12 Art students put on a tremendous show of talent on 24th August 2015 with the annual HSC Art Exhibition. The students showcased all of their HSC Bodies of Work that they submit as their major project in Visual Arts. The boys worked in a variety of mediums including printmaking, painting, drawing, sculpture and design and should be commended on their efforts over the past year. The work was of an extremely high standard and demonstrated mastery of their chosen medium. Well done to the Visual Arts class of 2015!
CONGRATULATIONS TIM

On Wednesday 3rd September, Construction student Tim Wilson attended the South Sydney Business Education Network for an awards presentation. SS BEN is a company that organises work placements for all VET students to complete the compulsory component of the course. This award represented his outstanding achievement during work placement. Tim was placed with Urban Apartments who were impressed with Tim’s work ethic and attitude to work. Urban Apartments were so impressed they even offered Tim an apprenticeship for next year. Mr Jones stated that “Tim always gives his best at all times”. Congratulations Tim and we wish you well in your future endeavours.

Mr Jones

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY

Year 12 Chemistry has been working hard in the laboratory in the lead up to the HSC exams. Here they are conducting their last Chemistry experiment at Ashfield Boys High School. Keep studying boys!
MENTAL HEALTH PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAM WITH A TWIST

On the suggestion of our Principal, a group of Year 9 and 10 students entered this competition.

The first part of the journey was to all attend a workshop run by Batyr, hosted by various government departments involved in Mental Health and Wellbeing at Rivendell.

It was a powerful and confronting afternoon where two amazing young people shared their personal battles with anxiety and depression and through various activities the students began to think about the stigma attached to this type of illness.

At the conclusion we drew a competition topic from the hat "People with mental illnesses are often portrayed as violent". We had six weeks to prepare our nine minute presentation.

Our Year 9 students took over this task and began meeting most weeks at lunchtime to discuss, define, research and analyse the topic.

As the competition drew nearer these students prepared more intensively and on their own wrote an extremely intelligent, articulate and passionate discussion.

Only three of the eight team members were allowed to speak so the rest of the group created physical theatre to help the audience visualise elements of the information being presented.

On the day of the competition the students travelled to Concord High School to compete against eleven other schools.

Our team was extremely impressive, asking the audience to consider how the media and entertainment industry present people with mental illness, calling us to remember that all types of people can be violent and challenging us to smile and be friendly to one another as we never know how much it may really mean.

Galen Banfield, Kishan Kharka, Sebastian Paredes, Gordon Luong, Kevin Lin, Shaiden Tran, Mohamad Elzein and Vincent Sham shone on this day and although they did not win, were congratulated on their incredible presentation from all the other competing schools.

Well done boys.
GREAT NEWS! TELSTRA KIDS GRANT

We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a $6,000 grant from Telstra. Telstra Kids funds the little things that can make a big difference to kids’ lives, helping kids to play and learn. Our Telstra Kids grant has been used to purchase a Multi Touch Screen for the Senior Study Centre.

We are very excited to share in the million dollars the Telstra Foundation provides each year to help kids across Australia to connect to their local communities.

SPORT NEWS

Last week the State Athletics Championships was held at Sydney Olympic Park. Maylee Semu (Year 10) and Nicholas Beekwilder (Year 9) proudly represented Ashfield Boys High School achieving great results. Maylee had the tenth longest discuss throw, while Nicholas finished sixth in long jump, fifth in javelin and second in 100m hurdles.

Nicholas Bekwilder displays his ribbons and a medal
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- 2, 9 September
- 11, 18, 25 November
- 7, 14, 21, 28 October
- 5, 12, 19, 26 August

**Badminton - Olympic Park Sports Hall booking times:**
- 29 July
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- 11, 18, 25 November
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- 29 July
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- 7, 14, 21, 28 October

**Badminton - Olympic Park NSW Netball booking times**
- Unavailable dates:
  - 29 July – 19 August (Netball World Cup)