

Ashfield Boys High School Community News

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June 30th, 2011



NAIDOC week celebrated

As part of our activities for NAIDOC week 2011 we had our assembly on Monday 27th June. The assembly was hosted by James Bridges and Joshua Falzdeen.

The traditional custodians of the land, the Cadigal people were acknowledged before Mrs. Kokkalis spoke of her youth and the lack of information about indigenous people that was in the History syllabus. It was not until the 1980's that students began to learn of the richness of Aboriginal culture and history.

The theme for this year's celebrations is "CHANGE—the next step is ours." Mrs Kokkalis pointed out that while in the past 30 years a lot has been done to address the injustices of the past, there is still more to achieve and it can only be done with effort from the coming generations.


NAIDOC Week is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements of the indigenous population, and we were delighted to have as our special guest speaker the honourable Linda Burney, member for Canterbury and New South Wales Deputy Opposition Leader. She gave an inspiring talk about the challenges she faced as a young Aboriginal woman growing up in the Riverina. The sole aboriginal student in her class, she was made to feel inferior to everyone around her. However she realised that with education came empowerment and she reminded the Assembly of the importance of education in creating a positive path for the future for young people.

She then asked the Assembly who they knew of as famous indigenous people. Not surprisingly, many were NRL footballers. But she then pointed out that many Aboriginal people who have achieved great things in our society, have done so across a variety of experiences and backgrounds.

Joshua Staines Year 10 showed his talent and played the didgeridoo for the occasion.


Robert Bridges and Baden Barton Year 7 gave a very emotional poetry reading which reflected on the importance of change. The assembly was completed by the rap artists known as Stunna_set. The audience enjoyed the assembly and had a greater understanding of the importance of change and working together toward a better future for Aboriginal people.






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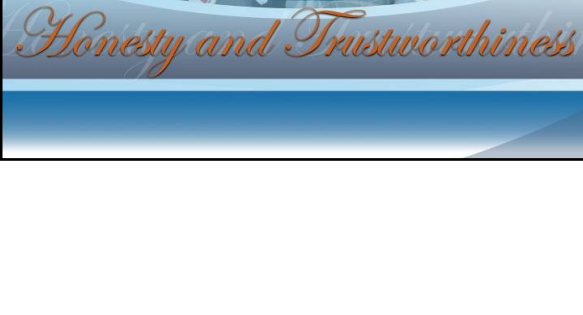
Doing Your Best

Seek to accomplish something worthy and admirable, try hard, pursue excellence.



Care and Compassion

Care for self and others.



Honesty and Trustworthiness

Be honest, sincere and seek the truth

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Term 2 is always a busy term, staff in all schools, and Ashfield is no exception, are busy assessing students, writing reports and speaking to parents at the different parent evenings for each year but still many programs have surged ahead some being the band performances, regional zone representation and congratulations to Adika Njemanze

who broke a long-standing record in the High Jump. Olympics here we come!

Our Aboriginal students have also been attending workshops at Sydney University and displaying many leadership qualities. Their workshop leader has been singing their praises. I was eagerly waiting to see them perform at the Naidoc Assembly and I wasn't disappointed.

I also had the pleasure to attend not one but two nights of our Drama production "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett. For those of you who are familiar with Samuel Beckett's work you will appreciate the challenge that this production brings to a high school setting. When Ms Museth mentioned to me earlier in the year that this was the production that she had chosen I had my concerns. Could she pull it off? Would our boys handle it? All I can say is that it was one of the best productions I have seen and I am not a Beckett fan. The boys were amazing; they were exceptionally talented, inspiring, and brilliant. I could go on but many of you will think I am biased.

Those parents who found the time to attend also noted how wonderful they were. I guess like everything with teaching if you have a passionate, dedicated teacher like Ms Museth, then all is possible.

I commend Ms Museth and the boys for their commitment and hard work, cannot wait to see what is in store next year.

Early in the term I was invited to visit Vietnam, with Ms Elizabeth Webber, Manager of the International programs for DEC. Our task was to attend the Education Expo, with other education representatives from Australia and met agents, staff and students where we shared our teaching methods and presented an overview of our education programs for international students.



This was a rewarding experience, not only was it an opportunity to meet the families of some of my students

but also promote the wonderful programs that run in public education in our schools.

I would also like to pay tribute to Raymond Cho. No one can imagine the pain and suffering that Mr Cho and his family are currently experiencing. It is very hard to accept the death of a child. Raymond was a wonderful young man. His teachers praised his commitment to his learning, his cheerful and friendly disposition. He was loved by his friends, by all of us; he had the world at his feet but suddenly his life was cut short. It is very hard for a school community to lose one of their own. On behalf of my staff and myself, I would like to pass on our condolences to the Cho family.

D. Kokkalis

Principal

Pedestrian safety on Liverpool Road

Pedestrian safety on Liverpool Road in the heart of Ashfield's CBD has long been an issue for all road users. The combination of the mall, shops, schools and the train station make this a busy hub, particularly in peak travel times. Cars are delayed in traffic and pedestrians often cross mid block.

A recent crash analysis by the RTA confirmed this significant safety issue. In the five year period analysed (from January 2005 until December 2009), there were 69 crashes along this stretch of road, 19 involving pedestrians. Half of the affected pedestrians were crossing mid block away from the existing crossing facilities. Across the whole LGA during this same time, 135 pedestrians were injured or killed.

In response to these alarming numbers, the RTA and Ashfield Council teamed up to address the issue through engineering, environmental and educational perspectives.

Over the coming months, with the support of the DET, RTA and Ashfield Council, Ashfield Boys students and teachers will be involved in an integrated road safety program encompassing different curriculum areas such as Graphic Art, PDHPE and English. Students will have the opportunity to examine local road safety issues and consider ways graphic art and visual literacy can be used to spread an important message about pedestrian safety. As part of the project, teaching and learning programs will also be updated to include the latest pedestrian safety resources.

For more information on Ashfield Council road safety initiatives including this, email roadsafety@ashfield.nsw.gov.au.

Apprenticeship & Traineeship opportunities for 2012

1300apprentice is holding interview days in the July school holidays at their Burwood offices for students completing Years 10, 11 and 12 this year.

We are looking to place applicants in the following **apprenticeships**:

- **Boilermaking**
- **Fitter/Machinist**
- **Sheet Metal**
- **Electrical**
- **Landscaping**
- **Parks & Gardens**
- **Green keeping**
- **Shopfitting**
- **Cabinet Making**
- **Carpentry**
- **Light Vehicle**
- **Heavy Vehicle**
- **Vehicle Body Building**

We are also looking for to place students in the following **traineeships**:

Business

Real Estate

IT

Spatial Services (Surveying)

Apprenticeships and Traineeships commence either at the end of the year or early next year.

If you are a student who is looking for apprenticeships and would like to come in for an interview to be assessed please forward a resume to me via my email address - c.smith@1300apprentice.com.au I will contact you and arrange an interview.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on the numbers below.

Chad Smith

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English Faculty news

Debating

The debating competitions have got underway and Year 7 have had a good start to the debating competition. Although they have not had a win yet, they have learnt a great deal from their experience in the competition. Their coach Ms Crust has been working with the boys and we look forward to their continued development as a team.

Our Year 8 team have had a win and a loss and we are looking forward to the next round which is against our Year 7 team. This will be difficult! Again, thank you to Mr Chatwin for his time and energy in coaching the team and we look forward to their growth as a team. Finally, our Year 9 team



was set a challenge which they undertook with great enthusiasm. They have had two debates so far, both against Sydney Girls' High School. Although they did not gain a win, the second debate was very close and proves the potential of the team. So to all our boys who have participated in debating congratulations on a strong beginning.



Monty Pryor Visit

As part of our NIADOC week activities, Monty Pryor gave a presentation to our Year 7 students. It was an enjoyable workshop filled with stories and a lot of humour. This was an opportunity for Year 7 to learn about Aboriginal culture through stories and some music. This was a great event and fun was had by the boys.

Louise Finigan
Head Teacher English



Creative Arts

Last year saw an extremely successful School Production of the play '100'. This term, in Week 9, Year 11 students, under the direction of Ms Museth, performed in the production of '*Waiting for Godot*' by Samuel Beckett. As we have some talented performers in Year 11, this was an event to be looked forward to. The performances took place on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Friday 24th of June, starting at 7pm.

A **Year 12 Performance Night** will be held in mid-Term 3 and will showcase their Individual Performances as well as Group performances. Parents and others will be keen to see what is being performed by students in their HSC and this is a very good forum for those students to perform in front of a serious audience before they are required to go before the examiners.

Another thing which helped Year 11 and 12 students see what is required for the HSC standards was their excursion to NIDA, where they experienced Performance, Acting and Group Devising Workshops.

Margot Fitzgibbon
Head Teacher Welfare





Welfare Report

Immunisations-these were done for Yr 7 & 10 students last week. Year 7 students received Hepatitis B and dTpa injections with a second Hepatitis B injection on October the 25th. Year 10 students were offered the dTpa injection on the 21st of June.

Cyberbullying is a greatly increasing issue in our society and one which we often do not take on board as being as big an issue that it is. Some excellent information sites and resources are available online and the school will be working with students to increase their awareness of potential problems or threats. Year 9 students have received laptops, as those of last year did, and it is particularly important that these students are informed and aware.

A particularly useful site for parents to view is www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx or just google 'cybersmart' and go to the section for parents. Another site which is designed as a hands-on site for students is 'budd:e'.

Attendance and lateness

Our attendance rates at ABHS are well above the average for the Region and we are committed to keeping it this way. Please make sure that all absences are explained and if your son is late, an appropriate reason is expected to be given.

An 85% attendance rate is a requirement set by the Education Department and any student who falls below this rate will be advised via letter. If no improvements in attendance are made, The Home School Liaison Officer will be advised to take on the case. We look forward to you continuing to work with your son and the school to make sure his educational requirements are being met.

Margot Fitzgibbon

Head Teacher Welfare

Careers News

TAFE Semester 2 courses

These courses are designed to provide an introduction to TAFE as well as providing valuable skills for the workplace.

ABHS accesses courses run at Ultimo, Randwick, Petersham, Enmore, Ryde and Meadowbank campuses. Any parent or student wishing to find out more can contact me for a full list.

Year 10 news

Year 10 students have been issued with a personal copy of the Job Guide which contains valuable information on a number of jobs as well as Applications, Letters, Interviews, University or TAFE, Surviving. This information is also available via the My Future website. Students should make good use of their laptops by bookmarking the site.

2012 and beyond

As Term 3 approaches, so too does the need to consider what direction students wish to take for the future. Subject Selection for Year 11, 2012 will be held next Term and the Job Guide information can be used to help with this process.

TVET Courses for 2012

TAFE offers courses which can be studied as part of the HSC, and in some cases also used for University entry. Booklets outlining the many courses and locations for

2012 are now available.

Work Experience - Year 10

Work Experience is no longer compulsory, nor is it a time to simply make some pocket money or get part time employment, but should be seen as an integral part of the total learning experience.

There are also opportunities in Yrs 11 and 12 for students to use the program to explore the world of work and research future directions.

Students are able to undertake up to 3 weeks in the workplace, if there is a perceived need.

This could be with one employer and used as a means of deciding on apprenticeships, or it could be with a few employers checking out different possibilities.

The agreed time for Year 10 is after the School Certificate exams and before the end of the year.

Year 11 and 12 students may undertake Work experience at any time convenient to the employer, provided it does not conflict with Assessment Tasks.

Before a placement is approved the employer must be checked for OH&S compliance and that their workplace is a safe and appropriate environment for a student.

As always, any parent who has a concern or question they would like answered, contact me on Extension 108. I'm often out of the Office, so leave a clear message with contact number and I'll get back to you when I can.

L. Carrington
Careers Adviser

Ashfield Boys' HS making history with AIME

Last month a group of Year 9 Ashfield Boys' High School students teamed up with university Mentors from the University of Sydney (USYD) to kick off the first series of the AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) Learning Centres at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence in Redfern.

2011 is the first year that AIME has hosted a Learning Centre at The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern for all Indigenous students from AIME schools to attend, of which there are 8 in the Sydney City area! Each Friday afternoon, volunteer USYD mentors travel to The NCIE learn from and offer Indigenous high school students access to one-on-one tutoring, cultural workshops & sports activities to finish off the school week.

In May 2011, a group of Ashfield Boys' HS Indigenous students have made history..

Here's what Ben Bowen, a young Indigenous university student and AIME's Sydney City Program Manager has to say about the young men from Ashfield:

"I feel extremely lucky to have the chance to work with the Ashfield Boys in 2010 and in 2011. It is really promising to see such a strong group of young Indigenous leaders who are set to take Ashfield Boys into the future"

AIME's Interactive and Leadership Programs for Year 9 & 10 students have also been smashing records and stereotypes this year with the Ashfield students stepping up week after week with their Mentors to the challenges AIME sets.

"Joshua and James in Year 9 have really shown their intentions with their academic and leadership future. Both boys have made his own way over on a Friday to participate in the AIME Learning Centre and have been working to recruit more Ashfield Boys students to travel as a group to the ALC" Ben Bowen said.

The AIME Learning Centre (ALC) operates from **3:30-5:00pm each Friday** at The NCIE at **180 George St Redfern** and is **open to all Indigenous students** from Ashfield Boys' High School grades 7-12 and their mates.

Here's what can you expect at the ALC:

- **Tutoring for assignments
subject selection &
exams from young uni students;**
- **Hot & tasty afternoon tea;**
- **Energetic sports, arts & cultural workshops**

Join in the next AIME Learning Centre at The NCIE in Term 3 on Friday 29th July @ 3.30pm

For more info on AIME please contact:

Ben Bowen
AIME Sydney City Program Manager
M: 0420 319 006
E: bbo@aimementoring.com

Around the school



1. Anzac day wreath-laying ceremony at the Coo-Ee March memorial.

2. The Jazz Ensemble performed at the Library opening.

3 and 4. Year 12 Chemistry students visited the School of Chemistry at Sydney University to experience life as a university Science student.



The Band performing at the opening of the newly refurbished Ashfield Council Library


Chess champions go head to head



Shaheen, Junjie and Dillon with their trophies




On June 2nd the Annual ABHS Chess Championships were conducted in the Library under the watchful eye of Ms. Mitchell. Defending his title as Master of the Horse was Dillon Lin, who never appeared fazed by any of his opponents. In 2nd place was Junjie Jiang, who was the picture of calmness as he went about his task methodically. There was nothing to split Shaheen Mujeeb and Alvir Diwan, who were declared equal 3rd. A great day which gave most the chance to showcase their strategic skills.




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- Large textas
- Spray cans, particularly spray deodorants (allergy risk)

If you bring the following items to school:

- Large sums of money - then hand into the front office in the morning and collect it at the end of the day. If you do not do so and money goes missing you will not be compensated.

These items must not be used in class time:

- Mobile phones
- CD players, Discmans, Electronic games, MP3 players, iPods or any other personal sound system.

It is your responsibility to look after your money and/or electronic devices, and if they are lost or taken the school will not compensate for their loss.

If any Mobile phones, CD players, Discmans, electronic games, MP3 players, iPods or any other personal sound systems are brought to school and used inappropriately and disrupt learning they will be confiscated and returned at a later date.

DANGEROUS / INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS:

At Ashfield Boys High School we pride ourselves on having a safe learning environment. Therefore, we do not allow the following items at school:

- Fireworks
- Knives, including craft knives and toys as well as actual knives
- Weapons of any kind, including toy guns, pellets, replica weapons
- Drugs – legal and illegal; substances passed off as drugs
- Sharp objects; laser pointers
- Inappropriate readings, writings or drawings, downloading of inappropriate or censored material from the internet

Students found in possession of dangerous items
may be suspended.

**The items will be confiscated and
will be referred to the police.**

The Department of School Education expects schools to take very seriously any situation where students or staff feel they are unsafe or where the learning of other students is disrupted. Schools must involve the Police if a student brings a knife or other weapon to school (including toys and replicas) or an illegal substance (this includes passing a substance off as an illegal substance).



Ashfield Boys High School

Voicemail/Extension Number

As of Tuesday, 5 April 2011

If you wish to discuss a matter or make a comment in regard to your son/ward's learning please contact the school and ask to speak to the relevant subject head teacher or his Year Adviser.

Or, if you wish to leave a **message** for the relevant *subject* head teacher or his Year Adviser, you can do so by phoning the school number and selecting the teacher's voicemail extension.

Subject	Head Teacher	Voicemail Extension Number only for the purposes of leaving a message
Absences (eg: sick, late)	School Assistant	106
Administration/Languages	Diana Scandurra	132
Careers Adviser	Les Carrington	108
Counsellor	David Payne	107
English /ESL	Louise Finigan	201
History/Teaching & Learning	Marcel Radojevic	217
Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)	Chris Zaczek	248
Mathematics/Computing	Maria Thomas	227
Science	Rod Conder	240
Sport Organiser	Les Carrington	108
PD/H/PE	Bruce Johnston	255
TAS, Hospitality & IA	Leo Alevizos	261
Welfare & Creative Arts	Margot Fitzgibbon	120
International Students Co-ordinator	Nicole Pool	204

Year Advisers

Year	Teacher	Voicemail Extension Number – only for the purposes of leaving a message
7	Danielle Jovicic	238
8	Roland Tenefrancia	234
9	Terry McCusker	214
10	Shirley Prescott	205
11	James Chatwin	218
12	John Longhurst	219

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- Hang up when finished.

HIGH RESOLVES INITIATIVE

~ COLLECTIVE IDENTITY ~

The High Resolves Initiative was introduced to all Year 8 students on the 23rd and 24th of May 2011 in the Library. High Resolves is a not-for-profit, non-religious organisation which has partnerships with universities in NSW and Victoria. The program is now on its second year in Ashfield Boys' High School with Mr Lee Martin from High Resolves facilitating the program.

This module is a fun, interactive and inspirational experience in which high school students learn new skills, stretch their minds and meet other people who are passionate about making a difference to the world and having their voice heard. The High Resolves Initiative comprises a Global Citizenship Program for Year 8 students and also a Global Leadership Program for some Year 9 students in 2012. The Global Citizenship Program

involves participation in two full day sessions covering the concepts of Collective Identity and Justice.

The first session, Collective Identity was held on 23 – 24 May 2011. The aim of this session was to enable students to develop skills that allow them to recognise, critically evaluate and challenge divisive messages and also explore what it means to be a global citizen.

The modules on Collective Identity included an initial training session for the

Yr 9 and Yr 10 leaders who helped facilitate the Year 8 students during the two days. The Year 8 students were pre-assigned to groups of 10 with 2 Group Leaders from Year 9 and 10 students.



One of the key activities during the Collective Identity module involved the student groups taking pictures that represented their interpretations of key issues or ideas. Here are some of the photos where the students shared their photo stories with the whole group.



High Resolves *continued*

The organisers of High Resolves would like to extend their appreciation to all staff who helped during the two days and to the following Year 9 and Year 10 Group Leaders for their effective facilitation and leadership skills:

Juan Pablo GUEVARA MORALES
Seamus CARR
Matias AVELLANAL
Keegan MOLL
Daniel ZIEBA
Danny WILSON
George VAITSAS
Jordan GOREN
Joshua STAINES

Johnny VUONG
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Kevin KO
Daniel NGUYEN
Alex OLENCEWICZ
Rohan BUDDHIPALA
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Johnson CHAU
Vincent TRANG
Adika NJEMANZE
Richard SCUDERI
Benjamin McKEEVER-FORD
Dylan KURONUMA



The Year 9 and 10 Group Leaders during a brief training with Lee Martin from High Resolves.

The second session on Justice is scheduled to run early next term. This session will enable students to develop skills that allow them to analyse social situations. Further information about the High Resolves Initiative is available at their website www.highresolves.org.

Mr Tenefrancia
Year 8 Adviser

Receive the Newsletter electronically

Last Newsletter, some parents took up the invitation to receive the Newsletter by email.

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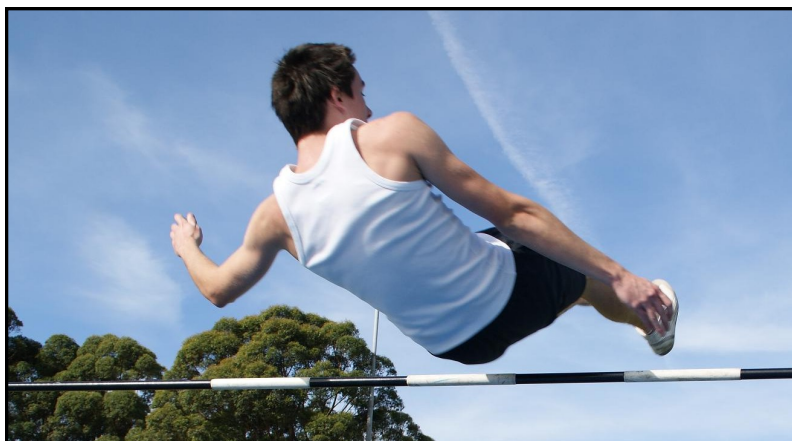
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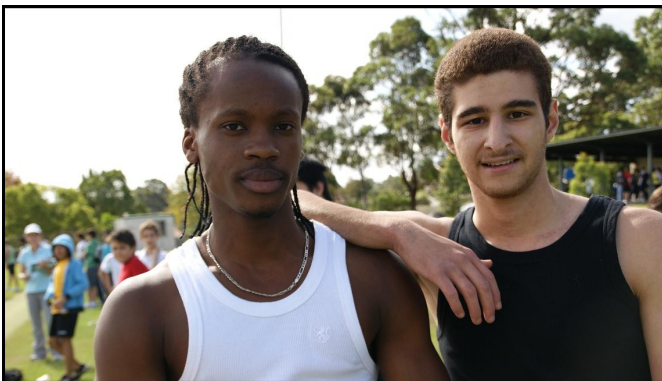
Athletics Carnival snapshot photos by Pahla Arief Yr 12



Age Champions

Age	Champion	Runner-up
12	Arisento Bou-Sleiman (W)	Callum Roberts (D)
13	Ben Wirth (D)	Parak BC (W)
14	Blake Tulk (K)	Mark Kamara (A)
15	Jeongho Lee (K)	James Adams (D)
16	Adika Njemanze (D)	Babak Yavary (W)
17	Khaled Zeidan (W)	Nolan Barlow (A)
18	Adam Elkholy (D)	Chris Namgung (K)

Athletics carnival—faces in the crowd



House Champions

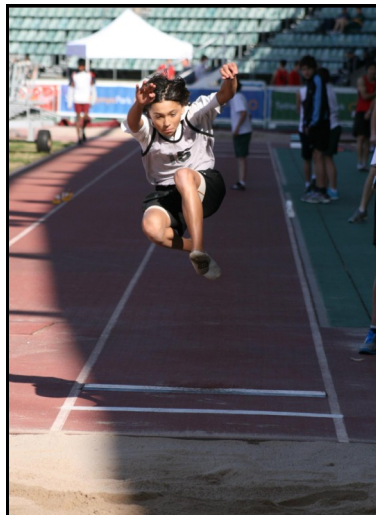
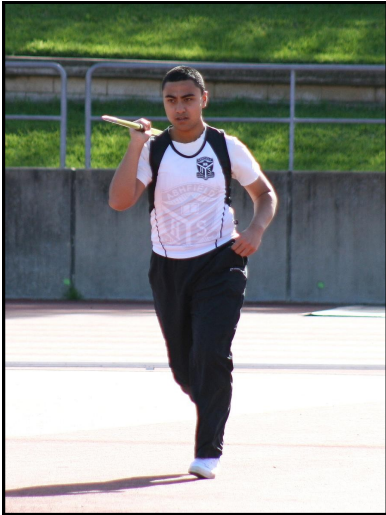
882	Darawal
832	Koorawatha
575	Warramunga
526	Arabana



Zone X Country
Macquarie University
May 13th, 2011



Zone Athletics
Olympic Park
June 21st, 2011



Abbie's babble

While there have been many things happening around the school, these are a few of the highlights.

- The School was in shock to learn of the death of Year 10 student, **Raymond Cho**. Any death is sad, but one so young is tragic. A funeral service held at Liverpool was attended by a number of Raymond's classmates and Staff. On Tuesday this week, a Memorial Service was held in the School Hall so that all Year 10 could say goodbye. Raymond will not be forgotten at ABHS. A tree was planted in his memory followed by a ceremony conducted by Buddhist monks at the Science block.
- We have been fortunate to have the services of a number of **trainee teachers** this Term in Visual Arts, English, History, Mathematics, Science, Chinese, PD/H/PE and HSIE. We wish all of them success with their future careers.
- Anyone who saw the Year 11 Drama production of ***Waiting for Godot*** could not help but be impressed by the abilities on display. Not only was the delivery first-rate, but also the stage presence of these young men. But it went beyond the stage to include the lighting and sound production also undertaken by the students. It was a big ask to perform what can be a difficult play, but the boys did an extremely professional job. Well done!
- On Wednesday 8th June 2010 Joshua Staines Year 10 received a Sydney Region **Award for Outstanding Achievement by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Student**. He was one of three recipients in his age group for the award in Sydney Region. This is an outstanding achievement by Joshua who actively participates in all aspects of school life including student leadership, sport and cultural activities. He is a role model for other students and has demonstrated support for our school community at Ashfield Boys High School. Congratulations Josh on receiving this award.
- The Open rugby team competing in the **Waratah Shield** came up against a very slick, highly trained team from The Kings School in the first round. Kings hosted the match and then provided a post-match BBQ. Despite losing the game, the team enjoyed the experience of competing against one of the premier Rugby schools in Australia. [see photos inside]
- AT LAST! Yes finally we have been blessed by sunshine and could conduct the **Annual Athletics Carnival**. With the last one held back in 2008, it was a bit scratchy getting started but soon everyone fell into the rhythm and the day was very successful. Events were very well contested and it was great to see so many of the newer members of the school competing, some more successfully than others. Not all could come away as Champions, but they can all be proud of the fact that they were having a go.
- The **Annual Zone Cross Country** was held at the Macquarie University oval, attended by a small but dedicated group of runners representing ABHS. [see the photo spread inside]. Juan Pablo GUEVARA-MORALES was crowned the Zone Under 15 Champion and competed at the Regional Championships in Gosford this Tuesday, where he placed 7th.
- The **Annual Zone Athletics Carnival** was held last week at Sydney Olympic Park with some very strong performances by Ashfield athletes. [see photo spread inside] Stand-out performance of the day was the effort by Adika Njemanze in the U/16 High Jump. Soaring to a height of 1.94m, well above his own height, Adika smashed the previous record of 1.83, which had been set in 1992, before Adika was born. And that record was set by another Ashfield athlete—Andrew Flint.
- For the past 2 years ABHS has conducted very exciting and rewarding **History Days**. Focussing on different decades, the program has included news, personalities, food, dress and entertainment of the period. These help Year 10 students to gain empathy for the focus of their Australian History course. As well it has been part of the Minister's History Award, which has been won both times by ABHS. This year the focus is on the 1960's and promised to be a great program, with a chance to pick up the hat-trick. Sadly, that is now not the case, with the new Minister for Education and Community, Adrian Piccoli, not funding the competition. No doubt the Government can find a better use for the \$1000 prizemoney!
- Anyone going to the Ashfield Mall will have noticed that the **new Civic Centre** is now opened. Inside there is a brand new Library. And to celebrate the opening, ABHS Concert Band was invited to perform for lunchtime clients. The performance was such a hit that there is now a proposal for this to be a monthly event. How good is that!
- The **ABHS annual Chess Championship** was held on June 2nd. No surprise to learn that Dillon Lin successfully defended his title. He would make a good general and strategist. Excellent work. Placed 2nd was Junjie Jiang with Shaheen Mujeeb and Alvir Diwan in equal 3rd spot.

I trust that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday and returns fresh for the new Term. With Year 12 Trial HSC exams and Year 11 end of Preliminary Year exams, and the start of the Summer sports season, and CHS Athletics, it promises to be yet another busy time.

Always on the lookout for stories,

Bye for now,

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