



# ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**TERM 4 WEEK 9 2015**

**The next two weeks for your diary**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 10 7-11 Dec</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year 10 Clearance</li> <li>•Year 10 Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Bushcare—Years 8 and 9.</li> <li>•Year 10 Project</li> <li>•Year 9 Clearance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year 7 Meeting</li> <li>•Neighbourhood Aid Morning Tea</li> <li>•Year 11 Clearance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year 7 Clearance</li> <li>•Year 10 Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Year 8 Clearance</li> <li>•Year 10 Project</li> <li>•7 Apollo—Team Day</li> </ul>
<b>Week 11 14-18 Dec</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Presentation Day Ceremony</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Inner West Neighbourhood Shopping</li> <li>•Last Day for students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Staff Development Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Staff Development Day</li> </ul>

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

You should have received an emailed letter yesterday advising you of the very sad news that Ms Nicola O'Donnell of the English Faculty has passed way after her prolonged illness. Can I take this opportunity to thank the many parents who have contacted us with their condolences and thank you for your support in this time of grief for our school.

One of things that first struck me so forcefully last year when I took up the role of Principal here is the wonderful sense of community and common purpose in the school. The strong bonds between staff and students were also a source of consistent comment yesterday from parents at our Year 6 Orientation Day. While there have been many occasions where I have been immensely proud of the boys this year, their maturity, respect and empathy yesterday when informed of Ms O'Donnell's passing was a source of both pride and comfort to everyone affected by the news. Over the course of 25 years and six schools I have never seen students conduct themselves with such genuine and appropriate support of each other. The boys are an immense source of pride for us and an absolute credit to you as their parents.

We will hold a memorial service for Ms O'Donnell at school after we are advised of funeral arrangements and her family's wishes.

**Dwayne Hopwood**  
Principal



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## OPAL CARD FOR STUDENTS – IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS

The NSW Government has made important changes to the School Transport Scheme. From 2016 students who currently have free public transport passes will have these replaced by School Transport Opal Cards. This will not affect any other aspect of the transport scheme. As has always been the case, students must only use the School Transport Opal Card for transport directly between school and home. While students in the past have often used their travel passes (incorrectly) for other transport, this will not be possible with this new digital travel pass. The School Transport Opal Card will not store value and may not be used for other transport, including excursions or school sport.

As paper ticketing is being phased out, the school will not be able to purchase tickets for boys to attend sport and excursions. From the start of the 2016 school year students will all require an Opal Card for travel to these activities.

We will send a note home, via email and hard copy, with students reminding parents about this change. If your son does not currently have an Opal Card he will require one by next year. Students who do not have Opal Cards will not be able to travel to sport or other excursions.

## HISTORY FACULTY SECURES \$1000 COUNCIL GRANT

The History Faculty has secured a \$1000 grant to begin upgrading the Coolee March Memorial. The Faculty successfully applied for an Ashfield Council Community and Arts Grant. Under the terms of the grant Ashfield Boys High School will reposition the memorial to enable public access as well as landscaping.

The memorial is of significant historical value as the school oval was the site at which the 1915 WWI Coolee Marchers spent their last night before marching the final leg to Circular Quay and then off to join the War.

The renovations to the memorial will begin next year.

*John Longhurst*  
*History Teacher*



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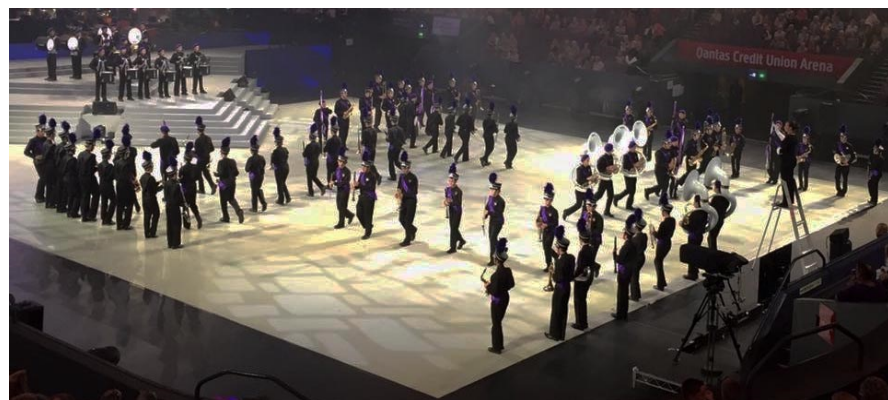
## Schools Spectacular Performances

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, students from our school's Vocal Group, performed as part of the Central Choir at the 2015 NSW 32<sup>nd</sup> Schools Spectacular: This Is Our World. In addition, Elective Music student George Brooks (Year 9) performed as percussionist in the Millennium Marching Band and Senior Music student Jacob Parks (2015 Graduate) performed as trombonist for the Stage Band.

The evening was a showcase of the Performing Arts talents of over 1200 students from 600 NSW Public Schools. This year's shows were held for the final time at the Qantas Credit Union Arena and will be performed at another venue as of 2016.

All students involved excelled in their performances and did an outstanding job at representing our school. It was an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all participating students and we look forward to performing at next year's Schools Spectacular.

*Mrs D Markou*  
*Music Teacher and Vocal Group Coordinator*



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## Schools Spectacular Broadcast Details

The Schools Spectacular will once again be screened on the Nine Network. The national broadcast time is this Saturday, 5 December 2015, 7pm – 10pm. The broadcast will be replayed on GEM and the entire show will be available to watch online on Jump-In.



*Students from Vocal Group together with Mrs Markou and Jacob Parks (officer Macquarie Park)*



*Daniel Arango (Year 9), Therese Doyle (Arts Coordinator), Elizabeth Scott (Choral Conductor) and Joshua Fendy (Year 9)*



*The NSW Public Schools Millennium Marching Band (Photograph by Anna Warr)*



*Stage Band (Photograph by Anna Warr)*



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## JUNIOR STATE DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Murali Chinnappa of Year 10, who has represented Ashfield Boys at the Junior State Debating Championships held this week at Sydney University. Murali was selected to represent the Sydney region based on his performance in the Years 9 and 10 Premier's Debating Cup that was held earlier this year.

The Sydney team was made up of 5 students from different schools in the Sydney region, and over three days they competed against other regional representatives in a series of debates. Murali's team won their case in rounds 1 to 3 and the Semi-Finals which gave them a spot in the finals. We congratulate Murali and the Sydney team for their hard work and success in the Grand Finals where they were awarded State Junior Debating Champions.



*Sianne Durand  
English Teacher*



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## WHO'S WHO



Congratulations to Hamza, Larry, Steven and Maxi for being recognised as the Most Outstanding Year 12 students from Ashfield Boys High School. The ceremony was held on Wednesday night at the Ashfield Civic Centre attended by parents, teachers and students from Ashfield Boys High School, De La Salle College, Bethlehem College, Canterbury Boys High School and Canterbury Girls High School.

We would also like to acknowledge David Cho and Michael Doherty who unfortunately could not make it on the night.

*Roland Tenefrancia  
Maths Teacher and Year 12 Adviser*



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## WATER ROCKET EXPERIMENT IN 10D SCIENCE

The students tested the water rocket with different sized bottles as well as different volumes of water.

It was found that the rocket went highest with the larger bottle approximately 1/3 full of water.

Not only did the boys conduct a fair test, they also had fun and managed to stay mainly dry!



*Steven Hadjimichael and Bilal El-Charouk blasting the water rocket.*

*Caroline Osborn  
Science Teacher*



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## NATIONAL SYNCHRONISED ICE SKATING COMPETITION



*Hamish Lewis (right) and Colm McCarthy (left) won a Silver Medal during the National Synchronised Ice Skating Competition.*

## END OF YEAR CLEARANCE

Just a reminder that all students must complete their 'end of year clearance' prior to the summer holidays.

All textbooks, materials and library books need to be returned during their clearance day, (if not before) and outstanding contributions should be paid to Ms Jane prior to your sons clearance day.

### Clearance Schedule

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 10 Clearance

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Year 9 Clearance

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Year 11/ 12 Clearance

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Year 7 Clearance

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 8 Clearance



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December - Grade Sport Organisation - Rounds- BYE

Assembly Point	Sport	Venue	Opposition	Coach	Leave class at:	Assemble and Sit at:	Game Time
A	Basketball 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2nds	ABHS Gym	BYE	Dobrowolski Beretin Skelton		12:30	12:30
B	Basketball U15's and U14's	ABHS Gym	BYE	Tyler		12:30	12:30
D	Cricket Open	Centenary Park	BYE	Curran Markou		12:15	12:30
E	Cricket U15'	Centenary Park	BYE	Milic Markou		12:15	12:30
G	Futsal 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2nds	Hammond Park	BYE	Phillips		12:30	12:30
H	Futsal U15's A and B	Hammond Park	BYE	Chu		12:30	12:30
I	Oztag 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ashfield Park	BYE	Chatwin Lam		12:30	12:30
K	Oztag 2nds	Ashfield Park	BYE	Chatwin Lam		12:30	12:30
L	Oztag U15's A	Ashfield Park	BYE	Durand Zubac		12:30	12:30
M	Oztag U15's B	Ashfield Park	BYE	Durand Zubac		12:30	12:30
N	Oztag U15's C	Ashfield Park	BYE	McKenzie		12:30	12:30
O	Volleyball 1st	ABHS Canteen	BYE	Boshell		12:30	12:30
P	Volleyball 2nds	ABHS Canteen	BYE	Boshell		12:30	12:30
Q	Volleyball U15's	ABHS Canteen	BYE	Pool		12:30	12:30

						Start	Finish
Z	Sick or Injured With Note	F5		Reid	Assemble at 12:30	12:30	2:30 0



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RECREATIONAL SPORT - WEEKS 16 and 17						
Assem- bly Point	Sport	Venue	Coach	Assemble and Sit in Year 7 quad at:	Start Time	Finish Time
1	Badminton NSW	Netball Olympic Park	Hathi	12:05	12:30	2:30
2	Badminton	ABHS Outdoor Basketball Courts	Sharma	12:30	12:30	2:30
3	Futsal	ABHS Oval	Zhang	12:30	12:30	2:30
4	Table Tennis	Year 7 quad	Yoon	12:30	12:30	2:30
14	Football (Soccer)	ABHS Oval	Mahmud	12:30	12:30	2:30
5	Karate	Library/ Music Room	TBA	12:30	12:30	2:30
8	Multi-Sport Years 7-8	Centenary Park	Zimaras Richardson Tang	12:30	12:30	2:30
10	Multi-Sport Years 9-10	Hammond Park	Jovicic Fasan Burns	12:30	12:30	2:30
15	Outdoor Fitness	Ashfield Park	Smit Tahan Papaefstathiou	12:30	12:30	2:30
13	Basketball Years 9-10	Centenary Park	Belle Page Mitchell	12:30	12:30	2:30
7	Resistance Training/Chess	F2 and F3	Museth	12:30	12:30	2:30
12	Table Tennis ABHS	ABHS Hall	Turner	12:30	12:30	2:30
Z	Sick or injured With Note	F5	Reid	12:30	12:30	2:30

<p>Futsal – Olympic Park Sports Centre booking times: 29 July                      5 August 2, 9 September            7, 14, 21, 28 October 11, 18, 25 November</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Badminton - Olympic Park NSW Netball  <b>Unavailable dates:</b> 29 July – 19 August (Netball World Cup)</p>



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