



ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 9 2020

The next three weeks for your diary

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14 - 18 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Extension 1 Assessment Year 12 Maths Extension 2 Assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Day 10am - Years 7/8/11 12pm - Years 9/10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of students 		
25 - 29 Jan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Development Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 7, 11 and 12 return
01 - 05 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 8, 9 and 10 return 				

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Any boy who is receiving an award has been given an invitation for 1 parent to attend an assembly next Tuesday. A duplicate invitation was also sent by email as we know that lots of the boys are hopeless at bringing home notes.

Due to COVID restrictions regarding floor space ratios we will be holding two assemblies. To allow us to complete all the necessary requirements for our COVID safe plan for the event it would be great if you could arrive about 10 minutes early. As everyone will be seated in household pairs, please meet your son in the front courtyard before the assembly. This worked really well for the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony a few weeks ago.

Year 12 BBQ

We will be holding our annual HSC Results BBQ for the boys in Year12 next Friday, 18th December at 11am. I'll send out an SMS message to parents to remind their sons about the BBQ. It is always great to catch up with the guys after the results are released to celebrate and help them with any advice they may need. I hope to see everyone there!

Visit by David Thodey

We were honoured to host a visit by David Thodey AO earlier in the term. David attended to wish Year 12 his best wishes for their Year 12 Graduation. David is the current chair of the CSIRO, former CEO of Telstra and is currently working as the Deputy Chair of the Prime Minister's COVID Response Committee. During his visit he was very interested in the STEM robotics project that Year 8 were completing.



Dwayne Hopwood
Principal



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YEAR 7 2021 ORIENTATION DAY

Last Tuesday Ashfield Boys hosted Year 6 students from many local primary schools for their Orientation Day. They were welcomed to the school hall where a short assembly was



followed by a range of exciting and engaging activities to help them feel comfortable in their new environment and connect with other students who will be part of our Year 7 class of 2021.

The activities included an obstacle course as a physical challenge to introduce them to PDHPE, a Maths challenge involving Pascal's Triangle, a drum workshop for Music, a Science experiment and a drawing activity for Visual Arts. We're all looking forward to seeing them again next year!



Mr Richardson - Year 7 Advisor 2021



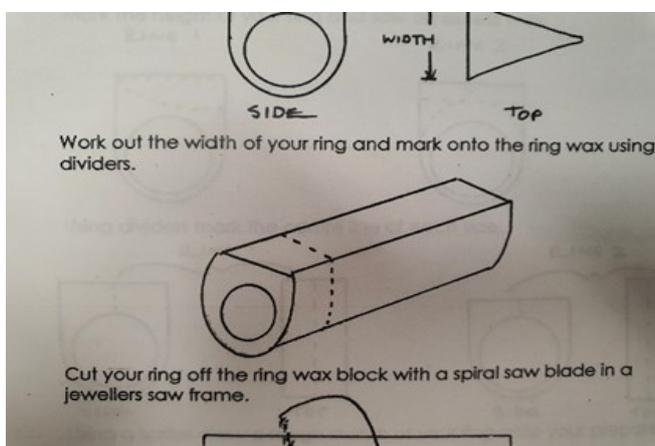
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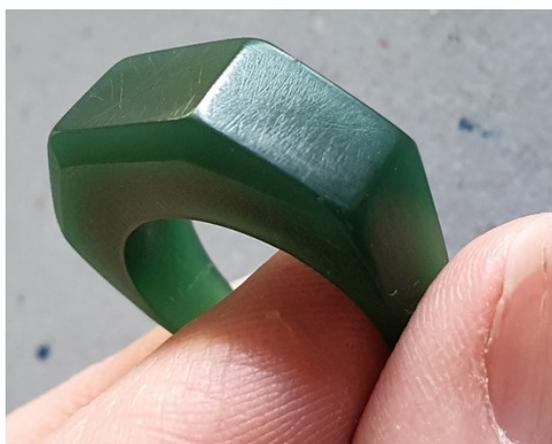
NEW EXPLORATIONS INTO JEWELLERY DESIGN: YEAR 10

In Term 4, the challenge was set to find an area of study and practice that would rival the amazing skateboard decks that Year 10 created in Term 3.

Introducing: the Lost Art of Wax Carving... This is an ancient practice that has been passed down through ancient times. While the process of casting has definitely been modernized, the tradition of carving a piece of wax into a wearable piece of jewellery has remained the same. There is an area in the Stage 6 Visual Arts course, that allows students to choose and explore in their practice, a component called Designed Objects. Students explore and create jewellery as part of their Body of Work. As you can see from their progress, the boys have enjoyed this unit of work and are often found in the art room at recess and lunch carving their rings. The rings have been cast into silver and the boys are learning about the slow process of sanding and polishing their rings to a high shine. I expect that there will be many rings given as Christmas presents this year!



Cutting the wax from a roll



Wax rings before casting



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Rings have been cast into silver

Students need to cut off the silver screw that is used for casting. Next step is the sanding and polishing



Example of a finished ring, on it's way home

Ms C Morris (CAPA-Visual Arts)



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HISTORY DAY

The History Faculty hosted the annual History Iron Man Competition on Friday 27th November 2020. The History Iron Man completion is a series of physical and mental challenges based on a history theme and consistent with course content throughout the year. Students moved through five stations where points were allocated for student performance. The top scorers of each class competed in the History Iron Man Final. The 2020 History Iron Man Winner was ZAID MOHAMMED (10H).



History Faculty



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YEAR 9 ENGINEERING

This engineering activity focuses on trebuchet design. Teams of students construct trebuchets from everyday materials. They then test their trebuchets to determine the farthest distance they can hit a target. They will modify their projects in order to produce the best launch possible. Students will have a great time launching mini paper ball across the room while learning about potential and kinetic energy.



This project gives students the opportunity to apply the design principles they learn in the classroom to real-life situations.



This fun project allows students to go into more in depth with projectiles.

Mr K Mahmud - TAS Teacher



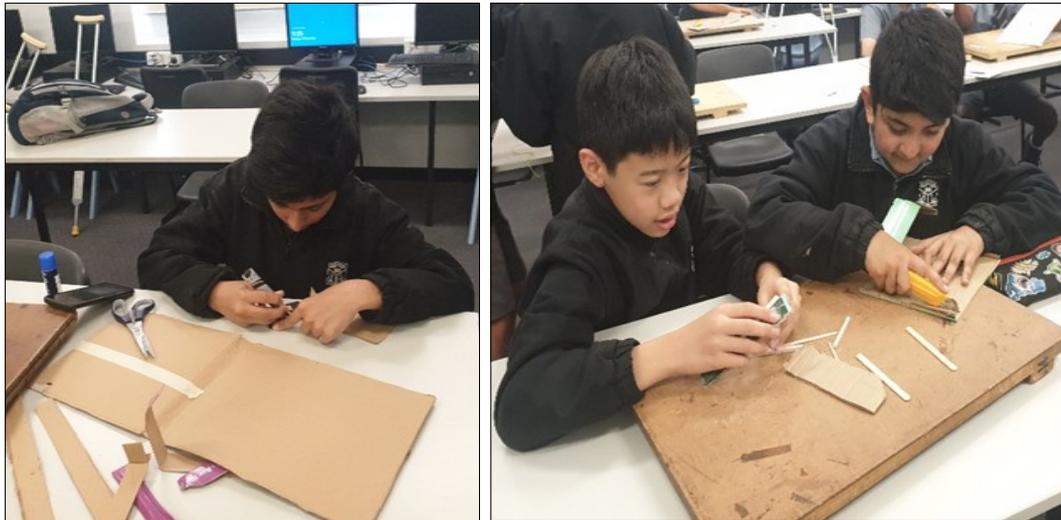
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ACTIVITY: SIMPLE MACHINES DESIGN PROJECT



Year 7 Engineering students learn about the six types of simple machines and how they make our tasks easier. They apply their knowledge of simple machines to design machines that utilize at least two simple machines. They plan and draw pictures of their designs, build their machines, and then demonstrate them for the class.



Mr K Mahmud - TAS Teacher



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ALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

Last week, the all schools athletics championship was held at Sydney Olympic Park. Lian Anagnostopoulos represented our school achieving great results. Lian recorded his personal best results in all three events he competed:

2nd in triple jump with - 11.42m

3rd in high jump with - 170cm

8th in long jump with - 5.26m



Mr S Calic - PDHPE



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD UPDATE

ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY DEPOSITS DUE TODAY.

As advised to the Participants, we need to have firm numbers to be able to book the Adventurous Journeys. The deposit of \$50 should be paid through the school payment portal "silver/bronze adventurous journey deposit".

The dates are:

- Practice Journey: Thursday, Friday (and Saturday for Silver) of Week 9, Term 1 (25, 26 and 27 March); and
- Qualifying Journey: Wednesday, Thursday (and Friday for Silver) of Week 2, Term 2 (28, 29 and 30 April). We may change the extra Silver day to Wednesday with the Bronze's on Thursday and Friday - to be confirmed depending on numbers and availability of sites.

If you cannot pay the deposit today but your son is definitely going to attend the journey, please email me directly before Monday as we need to confirm numbers with our journey provider.



Please note that participants cannot achieve their Award if they do not take the Journey.

Preparations for the journey takes several weeks and as such before too long into the new year we will be starting out preparations. All information will be provided early in the new year.

Regarding equipment, we will work with a company to allow students to rent things such as tents, backpacks and cooking gear.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Mandy Marks
Head Teacher, Student Leadership and Engagement
Duke of Edinburgh Award Coordinator
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YEAR 7 ACTIVITIES

Last week, students in Year 7 participated in three days of fun and exciting team building activities designed to build their teamwork, problem-solving and communication skills.

On the first day, teams raced against each other in a scavenger hunt around the school. They unravelled cryptic clues to find each location, collaborated to complete a problem-solving activity and upon completion receive their next clue. Students then had the opportunity to engage with NRL player for the South Sydney Rabbitohs and former ABHS student, Keaon Koloamatangi. He shared his experiences of school, his journey in the NRL and his aspirations for the future, inspiring Year 7 to dream big, set goals and work hard. Students were eager to ask Keaon for his advice and stories from his life experiences. To end their first day of fun, students competed in Trivia.

On the second day, students worked together with their Year 10 mentors to partake in a variety of team building and communication activities. Students completed activities like blind drawing and blindfold mazes to strengthen their verbal communication whilst having a few laughs, team games like silent ball, the human knot and the electric fence to build their teamwork skills and island survival to encourage problem-solving. Students ended their second day with antibullying workshops, reinforcing their qualities of respect and integrity.

On the last day, students enthusiastically competed in their Year 7 Teams to be crowned champions of the Year 7 Mini Olympics. Students played strategic team games like soccer and dodgeball, encouraged each other as they ran relays and worked through pentathlon circuits and worked together in games like tug of war and tunnel ball. Congratulations to 7Y who were the winners of the Mini Olympics!

To end the activities and celebrate an amazing first year of high school, Year 7 had a big barbeque lunch after the Mini Olympics and spent Friday afternoon playing games of their choice.

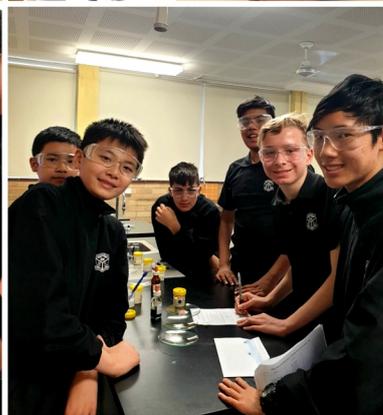
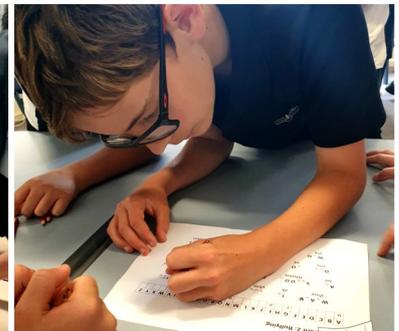
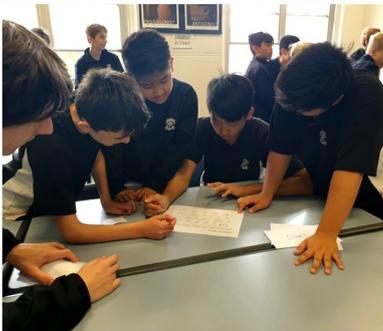


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DAY 3



Ms M Prasad - Year 7 2020 Adviser



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YEAR 12 HOLIDAY HOMEWORK ACCESS

The Year 12 Holiday homework will be available on the SENTRAL student and parent portal as of Wednesday 16th December.

Use the link below to access the portal.

<https://abhs.sentral.com.au/portal/login>

All HSC courses have holiday homework allocated for students. Some students may need to access their Google classroom for homework resources in addition to the information on the SENTRAL portal.

Please email me if you have any login issues linda.henry@det.nsw.edu.au

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 reports will be available on the SENTRAL parent portal on Friday evening. If you have a parent portal access issue, or have not registered to use the parent portal, please email:

linda.henry@det.nsw.edu.au

Please include the name of your son and his year group in the email.



EXPIRING OF SCHOOL OPAL CARDS

From January onwards, there will be a number of School Opal cards expiring, as the physical card has reached its lifespan.

These are cards for students who will be in Years 8 to 12 in 2021, and only those Opal cards which haven't been replaced in the last five years.

Impacted students and/or their parent/guardian will be contacted directly by Transport for NSW via email or post. They will be asked to confirm their details online in order for a new School Opal card to be sent to the correct postal address in time for the new school year.

If contacted by Transport for NSW, details should be submitted [online](#) by December 1, 2020 at the latest. Affected students who do not confirm their details in time will have a new School Opal card posted to the address we currently have on file.



If you are 16 years old or over and travel using a Child/Youth Opal card or Child/Concession ticket, you will need to apply for a *Transport Concession Entitlement Card*. Please see the front office for an application form, or visit the following link to apply online <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/cec/> .



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Dear Parent/Carer

We are strongly committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of our students at this school. This is best achieved when we keep you informed and work in partnership with both you and, where possible, your son.

For asthma and anaphylaxis it is important for students to have immediate access to their medication.

As age and developmentally appropriate high school students should carry their own adrenaline autoinjector or asthma reliever medication on them while at school. This is in addition to the medication held by the school.

The school still needs you to provide at least one additional adrenaline autoinjector and/or asthma reliever medication for your child in case we need it in an emergency. This could happen, for example, if your son doesn't have theirs with them at school when it is needed. We will store it in a central location in the school and use it to help your son, if needed.

For some students in the upper primary years it may also be appropriate for them to carry their own medication to and at school.

Please seriously consider whether your son should carry their adrenaline autoinjector or asthma reliever medication with them to school. I know that not every student will be ready to do this now. If you have any doubts or concerns about this, talk to your son's doctor.

The school needs to know that your son carries their own medication. This will be important in the event of an emergency.

If you would like to request your son to carry their own adrenaline autoinjector or asthma reliever medication to and at school **please complete the attached form and return it to the school**. Students who carry their own adrenaline autoinjector or asthma reliever to school should be reminded regularly to:

- carry their adrenaline autoinjector or asthma reliever medication with them to and at school each day;
- keep a copy of their *ASCI Action Plan for Anaphylaxis* with their adrenaline autoinjector; and/or keep their *Asthma Action plan* their reliever medication; know how and when this medication should be used;
- keep their medication with them in an easily accessible and identifiable spot and, as agreed with the school. For example some parents have bought pouches so their son
- carry around their adrenaline autoinjector wherever they go;

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- tell a teacher immediately if they start to feel unwell or sick at school. Please tell them this won't get them into trouble if they do this;
- tell you immediately if their medication is used, lost or misplaced or is nearing its expiration date; and
- carry their adrenaline autoinjector or asthma reliever medication with them on all school excursions, training at TAFE and any work experience or structured work place learning your child is involved in.

We in the school will tell your son the same things.

If you have any questions in relation to this letter please contact the school on 9798-6620.

Yours sincerely



D. Hopwood

Principal

21 September 2020

Encl. Request for Student to Carry His Own EpiPen or Asthma Reliever Medication



Request for student to carry his/her own EpiPen®, Anapen® or asthma reliever medication

This form is **not** a substitute for the *ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis* or the *Asthma Action Plan* signed by the student's doctor.

For some medications and some students it can be appropriate for them to carry their own medication to school and at school, for example, EpiPen® or Anapen® for anaphylaxis and asthma reliever medication for asthma.

For asthma and anaphylaxis it is important for students to have immediate access to their medication.

Please consider whether your child should carry their own EpiPen®, Anapen® or asthma reliever medication to school and while they are at school.

On receiving this completed request form, the school will confirm the arrangements for how and where your child will carry their own medication.

You will still need to provide the school with at least one other EpiPen®, Anapen® and/or asthma reliever medication for storage in a central location/s within the school and for access by staff in case of an emergency.

If you would like the school to consider your request for your child to carry their medication, please complete the following information and return to:

Name of contact person

Name of principal

Date

Student details

First name

Last name

Date of birth

Class

Q1. My child has been diagnosed with (please select):

- Asthma
 Severe allergies (anaphylaxis)

Q2. I am requesting my child carry the following medication with them to school and at school (please select):

- EpiPen®
 Anapen®
 Asthma reliever medication

Write the name of the asthma reliever medication below

...continued overleaf



Q3. Describe where and how your child will carry this medication, for example, my child will carry it on their person in a medical pouch or bum bag.

Note: The exact location of the medication should be easily identifiable by school staff. Hazards such as identical school bags should be avoided.

Note:

- Your child's medication should be clearly labelled with their name.
- Where the EpiPen® or Anapen® is carried by your child they will need to carry with it a copy of their ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis: www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/anaphylaxis-resources/ascia-action-plan-for-anaphylaxis
- For asthma reliever medication your child should carry with it a copy of their Asthma Action Plan: www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/asthma-plan

Parent/carer details

First name

Last name

Relationship to student

Street number/street name

Suburb

Postcode

Home phone number

Work phone number

Mobile phone number

Email

Parent/carer signature

Date

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Privacy notice: the information requested on the form is essential for assisting the school to plan for the support of your child's health needs. It will be used by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the development of arrangements with you to support your child's health needs. Provision of this information is voluntary. If you do not provide all or any of this information, the school's capacity to support your child's health needs could be impaired. This information will be stored securely. You may correct any personal information provided at any time by contacting the Principal.



STUDENT ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL ABOUT ABSENCES AND LATE ARRIVALS

1. Please only phone about your son's absence or late arrival to school if the matter is urgent.
2. If your son is absent from school, please reply to the SMS you receive. This is our preferred avenue of communication in regard to absences. Alternatively please email the school,

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The office will contact you, if we need to clarify anything.

3. In your SMS response please explain the reason for your son's absence and its duration.

CASH

In an effort to keep both our students and staff safe, can I please ask that you **do not pay with cash**. Please pay by eftpos (student counter) or preferably online.

Summer 2020 sport fees are now due, **please do not** send cash in with your son.

Pay online through our website.

Reminder

Student forms for example:

Change of Address and or details

Late or Absent Forms

Travel Exemption Forms

Are available on our website to download, hard copies are available at the Student Service Desk.

Emails

If you are not receiving emails from the school, please check your SPAM/JUNK mail folder as emails maybe going into this folder.

Thank you for your understanding.

Poppy Sotiriou

School Administration Manager



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16 th December - Grade Sport Organisation							
Assembly Point (quiet area)	Sport	Venue	Opposition	Coach	Leave class at:	Assemble and Sit at:	Game Time
A	Basketball 1 st & 2 nd	ABHS Gym	NA	Tyler		12:34	NA
B	Basketball U15's and U14's	ABHS Gym	NA	Tenefrancia		12:34	NA
C	Cricket U14's	Centenary	NA	Richardson White		12:34	NA
D	Futsal 1 st & 2 nd	ABHS Oval	NA	Bason		12:34	NA
E	Futsal U15's & U14's	ABHS Oval	NA	Stitt		12:34	NA
G	NRL tag 1 st & 2 nd	Ashfield Park	NA	Burford		12:34	NA
H	NRL tag U15's & U14's	Ashfield Park	NA	Durand Chatwin		12:34	NA
I	Volleyball 1 st & 2 nd	ABHS Canteen	NA	Ahearne		12:34	NA
J	Volleyball U15's & U14's	ABHS Canteen	NA	Chu		12:34	NA
L	Tennis U15's & U14's	Pratten	NA	McCusker		12:34	NA
M	Water polo U14's	TBA	NA	Curran		12:34	NA

			Start	Finish
E 4	Injured or sick with note	Executive/ TBA	12:34	14:31



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RECREATIONAL SPORT - WEEK 10					
Assembly Point	Sport	Venue	Coach	Assemble and Sit in Year 7 quad at:	Finish Time
A	Badminton	Olympic Park	Pearce	11:45	14:00
C	Futsal	Olympic Park	Morris	11:45	14:00
E	Table Tennis	Olympic Park	Pham	11:45	14:00
D	Gardening	ABHS	Babbage	12:34	14:31
G	Basketball Years 7-8	ABHS Outdoor court Centenary Park	Karagiannidis	12:34	14:31
K	Basketball Years 9-10	Centenary Park	H. Lu	12:34	14:31
O	Lawn Bowls	Ashfield Park LBC	Cauchi	12:34	14:31
Q	Multi Sport Years 7-8	Hammond Park	Wang Valencic	12:34	14:31
S	Multi Sport Years 9-10	Hammond Park	Mahmud J. Lu	12:34	14:31
U	Power Walk Years 7-8	Local Area	Cini Jones	12:34	14:31
V	Power Walk Years 9-10	Local Area	Pool Prasad	12:34	14:31
W	Ultimate Frisbee	ABHS Oval	Lam	12:34	14:31
Y	Theatre Sport	D11	Whitting	12:34	14:31
14/15	Outdoor Fitness	Ashfield Park	Jovicic Pieterse Wu	12:34	14:31
1	Rec Volleyball	ABHS next to Primary school	Kucheruk	12:34	14:31

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