



ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 9 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
06 - 10 Dec	• Year 12 Biology Depth Study	• Year 8 Activity Day Ashfield Park	• HSC English Extension 1 Task	• Year 7 Orientation	• Year 12 Maths Task 1 • History Ironman
13 - 17 Dec	• Reports Published	• Presentation Day Ceremony - time to be advised	• Year 11 Multimedia Incursion	• Last day students	• School Development Day
24 - 28 Jan					• School Development Day

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Congratulations to Finn Black of Year 9 who has achieved our first Bronze Award for 2021. Obviously the last year has made achieving the requirements of the award difficult but Finn has overcome these with incredible dedication. I look forward to seeing him progress to Silver and then Gold as well as seeing lots of other candidates emulate his success.

Planned Industrial Action

I'm sure that you have seen in the media that the NSW Teachers Federation has planned an industrial stoppage next Tuesday, 7th November. I am waiting for advice from the NSW Department of Education about this. As soon as I have specific details about how this may affect our school I will email and send an SMS to all parents. As soon as I know the details - you will.

Bus Transport Disruption

We have been advised that there is also planned industrial action which may affect bus services and the boys travelling to and from school on Monday 6th December. Transit systems has advised us that students may need to find an alternate mode of transport to school on Monday.

Dwayne Hopwood
Principal

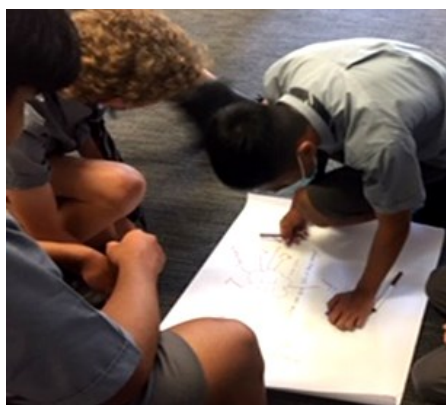


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Year 7 Drama

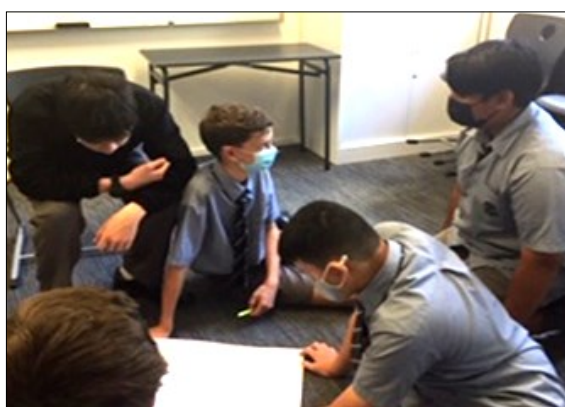
During my professional learning experience with ABHS, I have been working with Year 7 Drama students to explore the world and characters of Debra Oswald's play *Stories in the Dark*. Set within a war-torn city of unknown origins, the play centres on the experiences of Anna and Tomas, two children alone in the city who share folk stories each night to distract themselves from the horrors and sounds of war outside. Through discussion and narrative freeze frames students have made insightful connections about the role and power of storytelling within the play; to comfort, distract, and elicit a sense of hope.



This week students connected the fictional world of the play to real world events by exploring how children are impacted by war and conflict zones in different parts of the world. In doing this, students

examined the function of drama to reflect diverse human experiences. Using images of children in war as a stimulus, students worked together to learn about unfamiliar experiences through sensory mind maps. Students put themselves inside the images to describe what they could see, hear, smell, how they imagined the children would feel and what the images made them think and feel. I was impressed by the student's capacity to empathise and understand the similarities and differences between themselves and the children, in contexts so different from their own. We used these new insights to deepen our understanding of the characters and their experiences of war in the play. Students took on the role of Anna and Tomas, during significant moments in the play, to explore their thoughts and feelings through embodied action.

7T, 7P and 7M have been a pleasure to work with.



Tegan Arazny - Drama Practicum Teacher



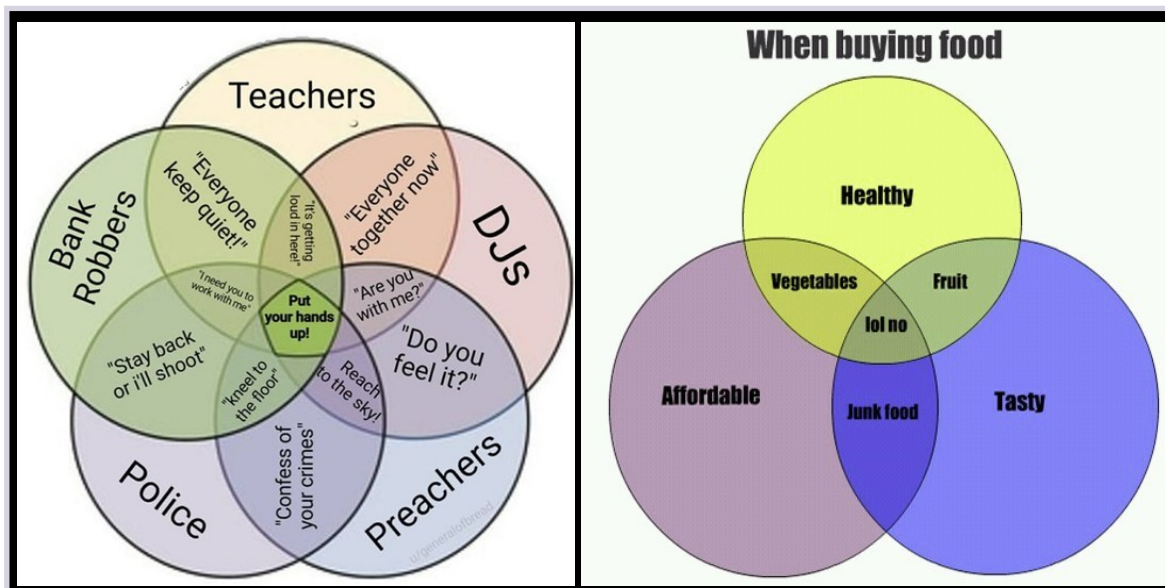
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VENN DIAGRAM MEMES

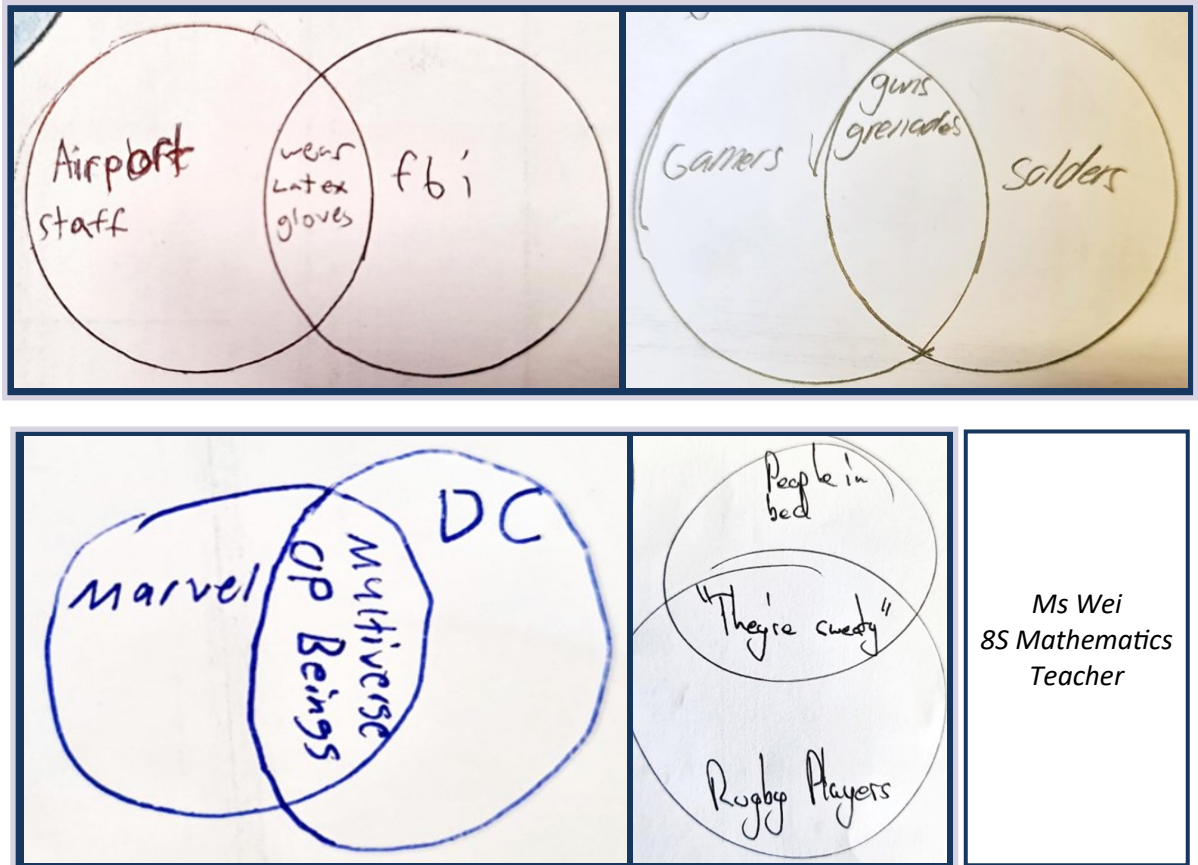
To have a better appreciation for the working of a Venn Diagram, 8S participated in creating Venn diagrams. In a Venn diagram, circles that intersect show common characteristics.

Venn diagrams are not only used in mathematics. Their depiction of relationships have been widely used in pictorial memes, such as the following:



Students in 8S participated in making Venn diagram memes of their own.



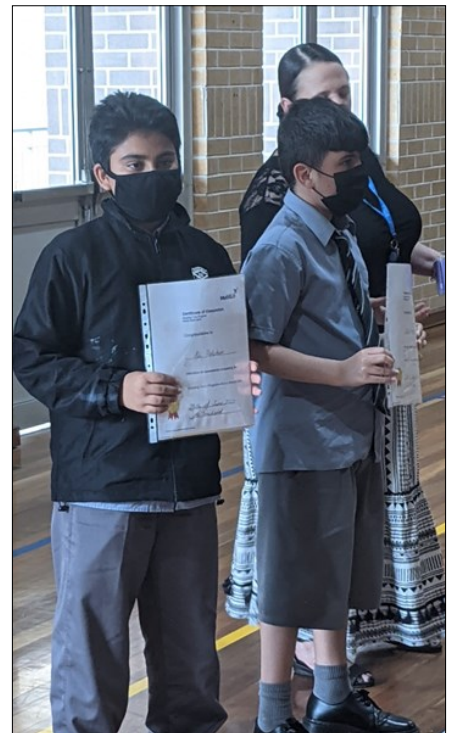


Ms Wei
8S Mathematics
Teacher

MULTI LIT 2021

Multi Lit is an intensive reading program run by the Learning Support Team at Ashfield Boys High School. Two students in Year 8 received their graduation certificates last week. Ali Paleker in 8E and Billy Ammar in 8S have recently completed the program. Ms Touchard was very proud to present these awards to Ali and Billy, as they have both worked very hard to complete the program. They also received a \$20 dollar book voucher from Ms Touchard, so that they can continue their reading journey.

Ms S Touchard - Learning Support Teacher



CONGRATULATIONS TO OSCAR GALONG YEAR 11

Oscar has entered the Archibald Prize at the Hazlehurst Gallery for High School students. He has chosen to submit a self-portrait created with Polychromos pencils. He has been successful in his endeavours and is now a FINALIST in the competition. We are crossing all our fingers and toes for his amazing work to win a prize. We are so proud of his efforts and the work will now be framed and included in this wonderful exhibition. Well done Oscar!



Ms C Morris - Visual Arts Teacher



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YEAR 9 SPORT ON WEDNESDAY



Ms S Durand - Teacher



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FINN BLACK – OUR FIRST BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PARTICIPANT

Congratulations to Finn Black. He is the first participant at Ashfield Boys to be awarded his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh International Award.

This is what Finn had to say about his experience in completing his Duke of Ed award:

Most challenging part of the Award: “organising the paper-work and finding assessors”.

What he enjoyed the most: “the Adventurous Journey because it was interesting to go on the camp and have to pack limited resources”.

What was his favourite thing about the Adventurous Journey: “The bushwalking. It was a very scenic walk”.

What surprised him the most about doing the Award: “It was not as hard as I thought it would be. Once I had organised it all, it was pretty easy”.



What is he looking forward to: “Getting the Award again and adding Silver to my collection”.

Finn was a great sport throughout – he was so well organised and worked hard to ensure he met all the requirements. He was such a good sport at the camp and it was amazing to see the sense of achievement when we had completed our first journey. Finn, it’s been a pleasure working with you!

Ms M Marks
HT Student Leadership and Engagement



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OPTIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

1. Launch article – publish on or soon after 17 November

Parent and carer survey on consent education

Students across NSW, both past and present, have called for improved consent education following a petition by former Sydney student Chanel Contos.

Consent is saying yes to something happening or agreeing to do something freely; without fear, force or pressure.

In response to the voices of young people, the heads of the three education sectors signed a [Statement of Intent](#). In this Statement, the NSW Department of Education committed to a number of actions – including partnering with parents and carers to improve consent education.

There is now an opportunity for parents and carers to **have their say by completing a [short survey](#)**. The anonymous survey will help the NSW Department of Education to understand the kinds of resources parents and carers would find helpful in having important conversations about consent with their children – so that we can continue to work together to make sure every student has the knowledge and skills they need to form respectful relationships.

This survey is available in 10 languages other than English and will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

The results will be shared on NSW [Department of Education website](#) later this year. More information, including answers to frequently asked questions, is also available on [the website](#).

The survey will close on 15 December 2021. Parents and carers of NSW Public School students of all ages, from all communities, are encouraged to participate in [the survey](#).

2. Closing soon reminder – publish before 15 December 2021

Survey closing soon! Parent and carer survey on consent education

A reminder that the [parent and carer survey](#) on consent education is still open, and will close on 15 December 2021.

This [anonymous survey](#) is available in 10 languages other than English and will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

It will help the NSW Department of Education plan how it can best support consent education in school communities: including supporting parents and carers to talk about consent with their children and young people at home.

This is your last chance to complete the survey and have your say.

Parents and carers of NSW Public School students of all ages, from all communities, are encouraged to participate in [the survey](#).

The results will be shared on NSW [Department of Education website](#) later this year. For more information about the Department's work on consent education, please [click here](#).



Vaccinations

Updated Information

NSW Schools Vaccination Program – Year 7 and Year 10 Students

I can confirm that the school vaccination program clinics in Term 4 will not be running. The HPV, dTpa, and meningococcal vaccination program will recommence in 2022 for both Year 7 and Year 10 students.

Below is advice from NSW Health

“In the interim, parents may choose to take their eligible children to their GP for a free HPV or dTpa vaccine (Year 7) or Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (Year 10), noting that GPs may charge a consultation fee. In these circumstances, parents should contact the school to withdraw their consent for vaccination at school to ensure that a child is not vaccinated twice”.

“NSW Health have updated their website to reflect these last minute changes, further information can be found here www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination”.

For any Year 10 student to be caught up for vaccination next year (when the student is in year 11) they need a parent/caregiver to sign a consent card this year when they are eligible for government funded vaccines.

Your son would have received their 2021 Year 10 cards this week and are required to return them to school prior to the 1st December 2021. These cards will be picked up by a representative from the NSW School Vaccination Program and kept until 2022. A date will be arranged in 2022 for your son to receive their vaccination.

If you wish for your Year 10 son to receive their vaccinations at school in 2022, you must complete the 2022 form and ask them to return it to their Year Adviser who will collect them during Roll Call.

Vaccine	Who is eligible?	Number of doses?
Human Papillomavirus - HPV *	All Year 7 students	2
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (Whooping cough) – dTpa *	All year 7 students	1
Meningococcal ACWY *	All year 10 students	1

If you have any questions, please call Ms Brown during school hours on 9798 6620 (Extension 120).

Regards

Ms Brown
Head Teacher Welfare



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SPORT ORGANIZATION WEEKS 6 –10



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3 November 2021

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

This is an information letter regarding Wednesday afternoon sport. Due to some of the recent COVID safety protocol restrictions being eased students are now able to participate in Wednesday afternoon recreational sport at local sporting grounds/ovals. We are still providing additional safety measures (students will still stay within their year cohort) and will be on a rotation between four sporting sites for weeks 6-10. These sites are: Ashfield Boys High School, Ashfield Park, Hammond Park and Centenary Park. Boys will rotate between the grounds on a weekly basis and be offered a variety of team sports.

Date(s):	Wednesday 10, 17, 24 November Wednesday 1, 8 December
Location:	Ashfield Boys High School, Ashfield Park, Hammond Park, Centenary Park.
Travel:	Travel to any park off site park will take place in class groups (classes will walk with a designated sport teacher)
Time of Departure and Return:	Start: 12:34 pm Return to school: 2:30 pm
Payment Due Date:	Nil
Equipment:	Full School Sport Uniform (please bring water bottle) All sports equipment will be provided

Yours sincerely

Mr. W. Tyler
Sports Organiser

Mr. D Hopwood
Principal



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School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.



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School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback



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STUDENT ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

Dear Families,

Please keep your contact details with the school current.

If you believe that your contact details need updating, please use the "Change of Address" form on our website to update and return the form to the school via email or post.

Reminder

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.

<https://ashfieldbo-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Poppy Sotiriou
School Administration Manager



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