



ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 6 2023

The next three weeks for your diary

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20-24 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Clearance Week 7C Team Day - Luna Park 8G Team Day - Maritime Museum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movement activities SRC and Prefects - all day 7P & 7A Team Day - Cockatoo Island Year 8 dumpling cooking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A dictionary of lost word - Year 11 Drama and Extension 1 English -1pm Schools Spectacular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Talk Years 7&8 - P1, Years 9&10 P3&4 Schools Spectacular 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7V Team Day Year 12 Maths Standard 2 Assessment #1 - P7&8 8S Team Day Schools Spectacular
27 Nov to 01 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Wellbeing Lesson 1 - P1 Australian Business Week - Year 10 Year 12 Physics Task 1 - P7&8 8W Team Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Wellbeing Lesson 2 - P1 Year 12 Physics Task 1 - P3&4 Australian Business Week - Year 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Business Week - Year 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Wellbeing Lesson 3 - P1 Year 12 Maths Extension 1 Assessment 1 P8&9 Chess Tournament - Library Australian Business Week Year 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Wellbeing Lesson 4 - P1 Year 12 English Standard and Advanced Assessment 1- in class Australian Business Week - Year 10
04-08 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Flip 8C Team Day - Luna Park Big Science Big Fun Secondary School Session 1 - 11am-12pm Big Science Big Fun Secondary School Session 2 - 12:15-1:15pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation Day Year 10 Flip Bushcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighbour Aid Shopping Year 10 Flip MANSW presents Robert Kaplinsky 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Flip CAPA Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Flip



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thanks to the huge number of parents who made it to the HSC information night for Year 11 this week. The night was about taking a team approach to the HSC. The most successful boys have a solid team supporting them through their final year of school. Each boy's team consists of their parents, teachers and Success Coach.

Dwayne Hopwood
Principal



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DEBATING EXCURSION AND TRYOUTS

Attending State Final for the Premiers Debating Challenge Years 9/10

On Monday fifteen students from the Year 7, 8 and 9 debating teams attended the State Final of the Premiers Debating Challenge for Years 9 and 10, between North Sydney Girls High and Lindfield Learning Village at the Theatre Royal in the CBD. This allowed our keenest junior debaters to see the sophistication of argument, the structure and timing, and the expert level persuasive delivery of the speeches, or in debating



terms, their Matter, Method and Manner. Our students were attentive and supportive of both teams and were perfectly behaved as they observed the highest level of the competition.

Attending Regional JSDC Try-Outs

Our Year 9 debaters, Daniel Hunt and Ethan Macatangay attended a day long try-out for the Sydney Region team for the Junior State Debating Championships at Kirrawee High School last Thursday. Despite missing out on the top 4 spots this time to a field of 14 others, mostly Year 10 students, both students believe they learnt a lot from the day and will take those lessons forward into next year's Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 9 and 10. Well done boys!



Mr R Richardson - English Faculty



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THE SOLAR HOUSE: PIONEERING SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Year 10 Engineering students design and build a model house powered by the sun! They learn about the benefits of solar power, and how architectural and building engineers integrate photovoltaic panels into the design of buildings. They also learn how insulation, window placement, thermal mass, surface, and site orientation play important roles in passive solar heating.



Mr K Mahmud - TAS Teacher



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BRENT SANDERS – CREATING POWER THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Year 10 students participated in a presentation by Brent Sanders called “Life Choices for Young Men”. Life Choices for Young Men is a course designed specifically to address issues confronting young men, (Years 9- 12), in the new millennium.

This is not a self-protection seminar but rather a presentation to address what are relevant issues facing young men in our society.

The main focus behind Life Choices for Young Men is to deliver a frank, open and down-to-earth presentation to the boys which examines critical issues such as peer pressure, decision making, self-discipline, respect, motivation and essential keys required for success.

Three key elements addressed in the presentation are:

1. Taking responsibility for yourself and your actions
2. Life is all about choice
3. The importance of respect and self-discipline

The course also includes an in-depth discussion around sexual assault, indecent assault, consent and respect within relationships.



Ms T Brown - HT Wellbeing



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Summer Sport - Round 11 22nd November 2023

Grade Sport

Assembly point	Sport	Grade	Opponent	Venue	Coach	Leave class at	Assemble at	Game time
A	Basketball	1st	Epping	EBHS Gym	Payne	11:23	11:25	1:00
A	Basketball	U15	Epping	ABHS Gym	Kucheruk		12:34	1:00
A	Basketball	U14	Epping	ABHS Gym	Kucheruk		12:34	2:00
C	Cricket	U14	Normanhurst	Hammond	White/Safi		12:15	1:00
D	Futsal	1st	Epping	Ryde 2	Jakubowski	11:18	11:20	1:00
D	Futsal	2nd	Epping	Ryde 2	Jakubowski	11:18	11:20	1:30
E	Futsal	U15	Epping	Ryde 2	Richardson		12:20	2:00
E	Futsal	U14	Epping	Ryde 2	Richardson		12:20	2:30
F	NRL Tag	1st	Epping	EBHS Oval	Darwin/Pearce	11:23	11:25	1:00
F	NRL Tag	2nd	Epping	EBHS Oval	Darwin/Pearce	11:23	11:25	1:45
G	NRL Tag	U15	Epping	EBHS Oval	Chatwin/Pearce	11:23	11:25	1:00
G	NRL Tag	U14	Epping	EBHS Oval	Chatwin/Pearce	11:23	11:25	1:45
H	Ultimate Frisbee	1st	Homebush	Meadowbank 2	Hathway	11:38	11:40	1:00
J	Ultimate Frisbee	U15	Epping 15	Meadowbank 5	Oweis	11:38	11:40	1:00
J	Ultimate Frisbee	U14	Normanhurst 15	Meadowbank 4	Oweis	11:38	11:40	1:45
I	Volleyball	1st	Epping	NRRSL	Ahearne	11:18	11:20	1:00
I	Volleyball	2nd	Epping	NRRSL	Ahearne	11:18	11:20	1:00
K	Volleyball	U15	Epping	ABHS Canteen	Woolley		12:34	1:00
K	Volleyball	U14	Epping	ABHS Canteen	Woolley		12:34	1:50
L	Water polo	U14	North Sydney 15	Auburn 2	Cameron	11:55	11:57	1:00

Futsal U15's - 2:00pm / U14's- 2:30pm games (Rounds 8-14)

Futsal 1st- 1:00pm / 2nd- 1:30pm games (Rounds 8-14)

Summer Sport - Week 14 - 22th November 2023

Recreational Sport

Assembly point	Sport	Venue	Teacher	Assemble in Year 7 quad at	Finish time
C	Futsal OP/ABHS	Olympic Park	Y. Chen	12:05	14:31
E	Table tennis OP/ABHS	Olympic Park	Tenefrancia	12:05	14:31
D	Tennis	Pratten Park	Belle Page	12:34	14:31
G	Basketball Years 7-8	Bill Peters Reserve	L. Chen	12:34	14:31
K	Basketball Years 9-10	ABHS outdoor b'ball court	Pham	12:34	14:31
O	Active D&D	Library	Phillips	12:34	14:31
Q	Multi Sport Years 7-10	Year 7 Quad	Curran	12:34	14:31
S	Swimming	Ashfield Aquatic Centre	McCusker	12:34	14:31
U	Power Walk Years 7-8	Local Area	Mahmud Apostolopoulos	12:34	14:31
V	Power Walk Years 9-10	Local Area	Durand Mai	12:34	14:31
14/15	Outdoor Fitness	Ashfield Park	Jovicic Wang	12:34	14:31
Y	Theatre Sports	D11	Whitting	12:34	14:31
A	Badminton/Table tennis ABHS	ABHS Quiet Area	Lu	12:34	14:31
B	Touch football	ABHS Oval	Thomas	12:34	14:31

Detention E3 12:34 - 14:31 Rego



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School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification 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 travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. 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 (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, we will send 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 2024.

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.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

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 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can apply or update details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

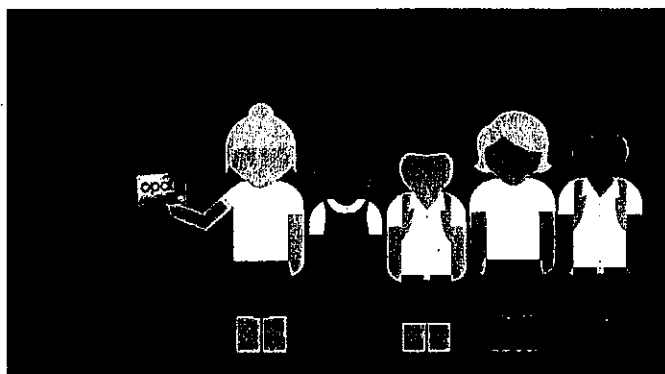
Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations 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 with 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.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they 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 [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info/plan-your-trip-to-school)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info/fares-concessions-tickets-top-up-feedback)

Dear Parents

We have been working on ways to keep you informed regarding your son's high school journey. At Ashfield Boys High, we use two web-based software programs to deliver communication to you regarding your sons.

Sentral Parent Portal and App features

Newsfeed and Daily Notices - Receive newsfeed and daily notices about important events that relate to your child.

Absence Notifications – You will receive and can send absence notifications to the school quickly and easily from within the app.

Sick bay - SMS sent when student is in sick bay.

Academic Reports – View student reports

School Bytes Portal features

Event Management – Information regarding excursions or variations of routine are available here, including permission notes and excursion payments.

Sport Selection – Twice a year students from years 7 to 10 select sports that they would like to participate in. This is all managed in School Bytes including sport selection, parent permission and payment if applicable.

Finance – View your Statement of Account and make a payment.

We have noticed that a number of parents have not accessed or are not using the parent portals /apps. To keep up to date with school events, please make sure you have access to these, as we will be posting valuable information on them next term.

If you require assistance with passwords or access keys, please email - samuel.muthiah1@det.nsw.edu.au



Dear Families

Student Administration Updates

1. 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.

2. Reporting your son’s absence from school.

To ensure your son’s absence from school is as smooth and efficient as possible we kindly request that you use one of the following methods:

- Sentral Portal – Access your account on the Sentral website or app and submit the necessary information under the Absence tab.
- Via email: ashfieldbo-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au). In the email, include your son’s name, grade, date of absence and a brief reason for the absence.

By using one of these methods, you will help streamline the attendance process and minimise any potential miscommunication.

3. **Extended Leave:** When your son is taking extended leave, please complete the “Leave Application and Leave Certificate” form on our website. *This must be completed and returned together with a flight itinerary for Principal approval prior to departure.*
4. **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.

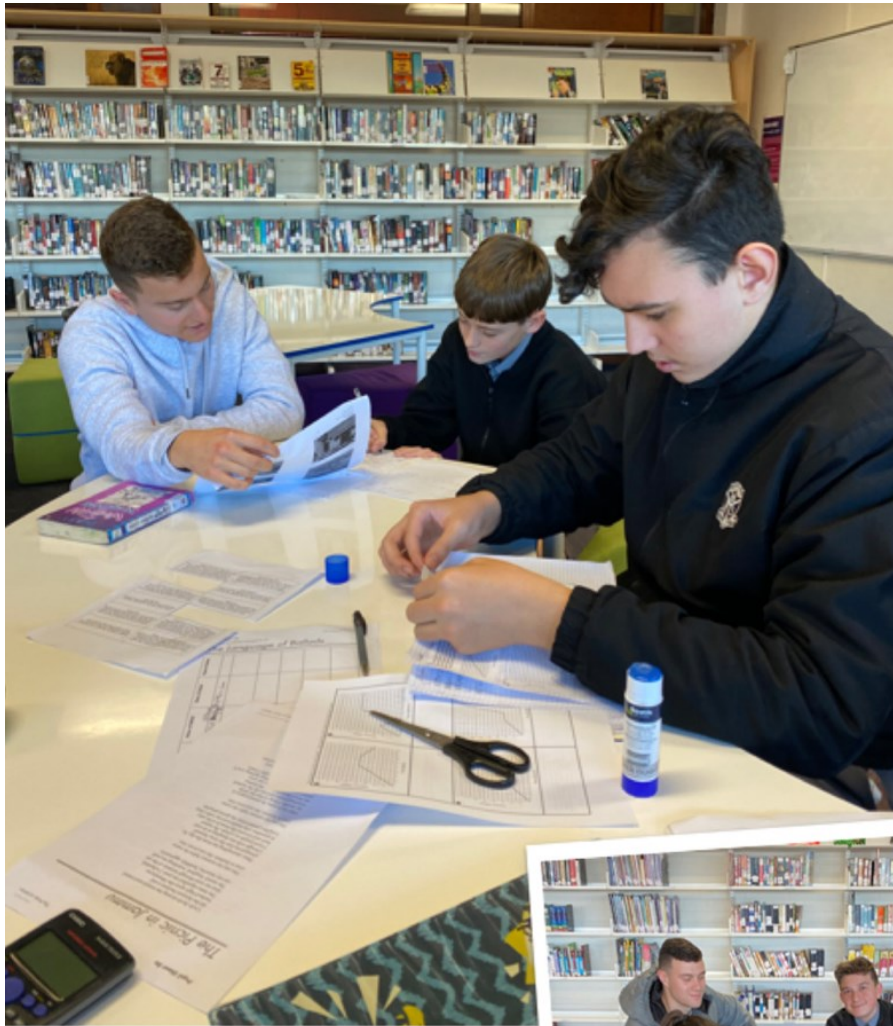
Roslyn Todd
School Administration Manager



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HOMEWORK CENTRE



The after-school Homework Centre is operating on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 3.15 – 4.15 pm. This is an opportunity for your son to receive free help from teachers with his homework or other areas of his learning that would benefit from extra help. If you would like your son to attend please complete and return the attached application form to Mr Tenefrancia. It is expected that students who apply to attend will join every session. A new application form is not required if you attended the Homework Centre in Term 3.

Mr Tenefrancia



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After School Homework Centre Application Form

Name: Year & Class:

Please list the type of help you would like to receive at the Homework Centre.

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Please tick which days you would like to attend the homework Centre.

- ☐ Monday only
- ☐ Tuesday only
- ☐ Both Monday and Tuesday

Subject	Teacher



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I give permission for my son of
Year to attend the Homework Centre. My son will attend on the day/s written below
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I understand the following conditions apply to my son's attendance.

- Places are limited. Accepting a place requires my son to attend every week for at least one term.
- If my son is repeatedly absent his place may be given to another student on the waiting list.
- The Homework Centre operates Monday and Tuesday from **3.15pm-4.15pm**. Students are expected to arrive promptly. Parents are responsible for their son's supervision and travel after 4.15pm.
- Normal school rules and behavioural expectations apply to the Homework Club.

Parent signature:

Date:

Student signature:

Date:

Expectations for Homework Centre

Your son will enter Homework Centre with an attitude to work on assessment tasks or assigned homework task.

If no assigned work, we advocate that your son acquire the skills and habits of priority study. We see this as a worthwhile investment providing the foundation for achievable study practices for his Senior Year.

For that reason could he quietly choose one of the following:

- Revision of Subjects covered that day.
- Online English help using WordFlyers or Mathematics using Mathspace.
- Silent Reading for Renaissance Accelerated Reading Program and complete the quizzes.

Complete one or more of the tasks as mentioned in the success planner.





ABHS P&C
**SECOND
HAND
UNIFORM
STALL**

TUES 5 Dec
8.00am - 12 noon
School front courtyard

Parents and students welcome

***PAYMENT BY CARD ONLY**

Donation of clean second hand uniforms welcome at the stall or drop to the office before the day

**MOST
ITEMS \$5***
Jackets & Jumpers \$15




headspace
Camperdown

INNER WEST

**STANDARD MENTAL
HEALTH FIRST AID
TRAINING**

FREE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

- ✓ This Standard Mental Health First Aid® (MHFA™) course **equips adults with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to recognise, understand and respond** to a friend, family member, co-worker experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis.
- ✓ This course provides an overview of mental illnesses, risk factors, prevalence, and impact and takes a closer look at the following mental health problems: **Depression, Anxiety, Psychosis, Bipolar, Substance Use issues.**

DATES: TUESDAY 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th November
5:30-8:30PM

PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND ALL 4 x SESSIONS OF THE TRAINING TO RECEIVE THE CERTIFICATE

**ADDRESS: Ashfield Civic Centre :
260 Liverpool Rd Ashfield**

REGISTER




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AUDITION NOTICE

Burwood Girls High School production of



- BGHS invites students from your school to audition for roles in this production. Production goes up Week 7, Term 2 2024
- First rehearsal: Tuesday, 28 November

What to prepare for the audition:

A song from a contemporary musical that shows your range as a singer and performer. It can be from Chicago itself. Bring sheet music or backing tape.

- First round auditions: Tuesday 7 November, 3 - 6pm in school hall (auditionees attend in allotted 10 min time slots)
- Second round auditions and callbacks: Tuesday 14 November, 3 - 6pm (auditionees attend in allotted 10 min time slots)
- Callbacks (if required): Tuesday 21 November, 3 - 6pm

Please note: there will a production charge of \$100 per performer, payable in two installments

Register your interest in auditioning by emailing Michael Gallaway. If auditioning for the roles of Amos, Billy or Mary Sunshine please indicate that in your email:

michael.gallaway@det.nsw.edu.au cc'ing: Nerys.AndrewsArabi@education.nsw.gov.au

You will receive a reply with your audition time.