



## ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**TERM 4 WEEK 9 2023**

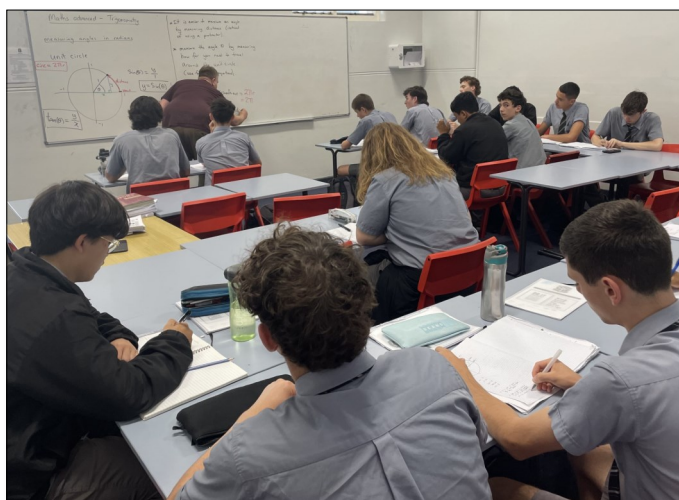
**The next three weeks for your diary**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11-15 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 English Extension 1 Assessment – in class</li> <li>7N Team Day to city</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation Day Years 7&amp;11 - 10am - 11am</li> <li>Years 8, 9 and 10 12:30—2:00pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Extension 1 Assessment - in class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Maths Extension 2 Assessment 1 P8&amp;9</li> </ul>	
18-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Development Day</li> </ul>				
2024 29 Jan 02 Feb		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Development Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Development Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years 7, 11 &amp; 12 return</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years 8, 9 &amp; 10 return</li> </ul>

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 10 has had their first taste of the senior school over the past two weeks. Last week they spent the week working in teams with Canterbury Girls Year 10 on Australian Business Week. The girls spent the whole week here and each team created a business. It is always amazing to watch how much the kids get out of this week and how much they grow with their first foray in the adult world of business.

This week Year 10 have had their first taste of the Senior school. We “flip” Year 10 into their Year 11 HSC courses and they spend the week looking at what these will be like. It gives the boys and important experience to reflect upon over the summer holiday before they start the HSC for real.



**Dwayne Hopwood**  
Principal



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## HIGH TEA, HIGH FASHION

8C had the opportunity last week to return to Regency England where they had started last year as 7C in term 1. They enjoyed the delights of Ms Henry's petite sandwiches and quiches and played homage to their Australian voice by enjoying mini meat pies, sausage rolls and fairy bread. This was a celebration of end of Stage 4 English with the added fun of incorporating an illusion or magic trick. Fun was had and Mr Hopwood was our special guest.



*Ms L Finigan  
Head Teacher- English*





## 7 VOLTAIRE TEAM DAY



Last Friday, 7V travelled to Watsons and Parsley Bay for their Team Day. They enjoyed a blustering Ferry trip through the harbour before spending a cloudy but rain-free day exploring, crab-finding, sand-burying, landscape-drawing, tree-climbing, and football and frisbee-playing on the sand and in the water.



It was gratifying to watch the students enjoy their day of freedom and fun, as well witness the strength of the class community and friendships they have developed over the year.

Ms Woolley - 7 V Team Leader

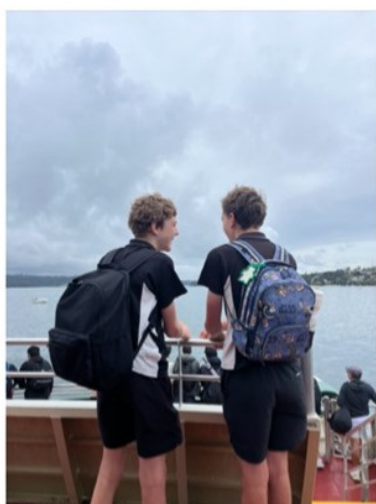


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## HAPPY HOLIDAY READING

Over the summer holidays it is the perfect time for our boys to be reading both fiction and non-fiction. The English Staff and Mr Hopwood and Ms Longman have shared some of their summer reading picks.

In fiction: *Wolf Hall*, *The Rain Heron*, *Overstory*, *The Sympathizer*, *The Committed*, *Us Against You*  
In non-fiction: *The Dictionary People*, *Stolen Focus*

And in poetry for all who have a dog or have had a dog, Mary Oliver's *Dog Songs*



8C has also been reading a range of novels. So please encourage your son to enjoy reading as part of the holidays and like any skill if you don't keep using the skill you lose the skill.

So grab a book and enjoy your reading!



Ms L Finigan - Head Teacher- English



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## CATAPULT DESIGN CHALLENGE

Year 7 Engineering students experience the engineering design process by designing and building accurate and precise catapults using common materials. Students reinforce their understanding of compound machines by building a catapult in this activity. This compound machine consists of a lever and a wheel-and-axel.



*Mr K Mahmud - TAS Teacher*



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## ABHS 2023 CHESS TOURNAMENT



This year 22 players registered to battle for the ABHS Chess Champion title.

The favourite to win was Ben Harding, who has excelled on Board 1 in the interschool competition, at online chess and in Over-The-Board weekend tournaments. Last years' champion Daniel Hunt would be one of Ben's main challengers along with a cohort of surprise improvers.

What eventuated was a run away victory by Ben (8 wins from 8 games) and an extremely competitive 'secondary tournament' for the minor placings.

In a Swiss chess tournament no-one is eliminated. Instead pairings for each round are based on current tournament score (which accumulates as 1 point for each win,  $\frac{1}{2}$  for a draw, 0 for a loss). Gradually over 8 rounds (in this instance) a player will gravitate toward their performance level in the tournament. Every player gets to play 8 competitive games over the day.

After three rounds the undefeated players were Ben, Victor Moe and Rayhaan Mohammed. Daniel had already conceded a draw. Ben defeated each of these challengers in succession to essentially end competition for the title. Rayhaan proved to be the most improved player of the year and his game against Ben extended into an endgame (Rook + 3 Pawns vs Bishop + Pawn) which required Ben to play precisely to win.

Victor was another surprise 'find' never having attended chess club but accounting for many good wins in his tournament. With a strong start he ended up playing against the best opposition and he earned a lot of respect for his game. Two other high finishing players worthy of note are Josh Jiju with very consistent play and Armando Pagano who combines great attacking flair with a wonderful positive attitude and humour.

More than half the tournament players were from Year 7 & 8 and a number of them have the potential to challenge for the title in years to come. Jason Feng, Roger Xue, Sean Rong, Divyam Vaghela and Taro Gosling all won prizes.



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It was also great to see three Year 11/12 players participate in their last school championship. Best wishes to Rayhaan, Mohammed Haseeb and Aiden Maloney for their HSC studies. Their chess abilities surely give a boost to their academic efforts. A small mention also to Louie Commitogiani who successfully completed his HSC this year and was a dedicated chess club member and past school chess champion.

Looking ahead into 2024, it's exciting to see that Ashfield Boys has strong players available for Junior and Intermediate teams in the interschool competition. We may even be able to field two Intermediate teams (Years 9-10). Play lots of chess over the coming Christmas Holidays!

All players deserve commendation for their sportsmanship and effort even if occasionally blundering a queen or suddenly finding their King check mated. It happens to the best.

The final standings are:

1st and ABHS 2023 Champion: Ben Harding (8/8)

2nd place: Rayhann Mohammed (6/8)

3rd place: Jason Feng (5.5/8)

Year 7: Gold Medal to Divyam Vaghela (5/8), Silver Medal to Taro Gosling (5/8) (on ties breaks)

Year 8: Gold Medal to Roger Xue (5/8), Silver Medal to Sean Rong (5/8) (on tie breaks)

Mr Munro - Chess Coach

*Mr T McCusker - Teacher/Librarian*



# BUS SERVICE CHANGES FROM SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

From Sunday 10 December the timetables of some Inner West buses operated by Transit Systems are being adjusted to improve reliability and reflect customer demand.

## Changes to route bus timetables

Timetable adjustments will occur on routes **389, 428, 431, 433, 437, 438X, 440, 441, 442, 445, 461X, 464, 466, 469, 470, 502, 503, 504 and 504X.**

## Changes to school bus timetables

To better match traffic conditions there will be timetable adjustments on some school routes. Note that some services will operate earlier than they currently do, so students are requested to plan their trip before travelling.

In addition to the timetable changes, please note that the following route change will occur:

- **681s (Fort Street High School to Strathfield via Ashfield Boys High School):** this route will no longer operate. Students can use Route 480 for travel towards Ashfield and Strathfield.

## Trip planning

The best way for students to confirm departure times of buses from their bus stop is by planning ahead on Trip Planner [transportnsw.info/trip](https://transportnsw.info/trip) before travelling or to download the Opal Travel app. To ensure dedicated school services appear as a travel option for students, click 'refine' and select the 'school bus' option.

School timetable summaries are also available at [transitsystems.com.au](https://transitsystems.com.au).

## Feedback

To provide feedback on any Transport for NSW service, please visit <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/bus-feedback>.

Students are reminded to tap on and off with their Opal card on all trips.

We hope this information assists, and appreciate you informing students, parents, carers and staff of these upcoming bus service changes.

## Transit Systems

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## Summer Sport - 13th December 2023

### Grade Sport

Assembly point	Sport	Grade	Opponent	Venue	Coach	Leave class at	Assemble at	Game time
A	Basketball	1st		ABHS Gym	Payne		12:34	
A	Basketball	U15		ABHS Gym	Kucheruk		12:34	
A	Basketball	U14		ABHS Gym	Kucheruk		12:34	
C	Cricket	U14		Hammond	White/Safi		12:34	
D	Futsal	1st		ABHS Oval	Jakubowski		12:34	
D	Futsal	2nd		ABHS Oval	Jakubowski		12:34	
E	Futsal	U15		ABHS Oval	Pearce		12:34	
E	Futsal	U14		ABHS Oval	Pearce		12:34	
F	NRL Tag	1st		Ashfield Park	Darwin		12:34	
F	NRL Tag	2nd		Ashfield Park	Darwin		12:34	
G	NRL Tag	U15		Ashfield Park	Chatwin		12:34	
G	NRL Tag	U14		Ashfield Park	Chatwin		12:34	
H	Ultimate Frisbee	1st		Hammond	Hathway		12:34	
J	Ultimate Frisbee	U15		Hammond	Oweis		12:34	
J	Ultimate Frisbee	U14		Hammond	Oweis		12:34	
I	Volleyball	1st		ABHS Canteen	Ahearne		12:34	
I	Volleyball	2nd		ABHS Canteen	Ahearne		12:34	
K	Volleyball	U15		ABHS Canteen	Woolley		12:34	
K	Volleyball	U14		ABHS Canteen	Woolley		12:34	
L	Water polo	U14		TBA	Cameron		12:34	

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 17 - 13th December 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	ABHS outdoor b'ball court	L. Chen	12:34	14:31
K	Basketball Years 9-10	Bill Peters Reserve	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/Williamson	12:34	14:31

Detention E3 12:34 - 14:31 Rego



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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](mailto:samuel.muthiah1@det.nsw.edu.au)






## Student Payments

During the last week of school (11 – 15 December 2023) please make payment online through School Bytes. Please log into the parent portal and follow the steps and instructions.

Log into the parent portal – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>



# School Bytes

## Log in to the parent portal


Or [create a new account](#)

Email address

Password

☐ Remember me

[Forgot your password?](#)

[User guides](#) 

**Further assistance:** If you have any questions relating to this article, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your understanding.

Roslyn Todd  
**School Administration Manager**



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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](mailto: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



Homework Centre has closed for Term 4. Thank you to all teachers, tutors and student volunteers who have provided practical targeted support to a number of students over this term.

The centre will re-open in 2024.

Mr Tenefrancia



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**HAVE FUN, MEET OTHER PARENTS  
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