



# NEWSLETTER

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<b>June 14</b>	<b>Family Fun Day</b>
June 15	Yr 3-6 SportsPro Clinic
June 16	Yr 3 & 4 Soccer Clinic
June 16	P&C Meeting
June 17	Dance2bfit demonstration

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Dear parents and students,

### **Family Fun Day**

Not many more sleeps left. Mr Michael Vandervelde, our dazzling and hard working 'Family Fun Day' coordinator, is as keen as the children for the day to come. The army of contributors have done marvellous work in readiness for this major school event. It is amazing how many people are willing to assist with all the necessary roles to make the day successful for the whole community. This is just another reason why our school stands out from other schools in the greater area. For all those children going to throw wet sponges at me at the sponge throwing booth -I hope you miss but enjoy the day anyway!

### **School Counsellor**

We welcome back our school's counsellor Ms Di Bradshaw after her well deserved long service leave break. Ms Bradshaw is an important resource for our school community. She is an experienced teacher with postgraduate training in psychology and school counselling. Ms Bradshaw strengthens the student welfare provision of our school by promoting the student welfare policy and other programs, and by providing counselling and psychological assessment of students with specific needs, including the gifted and talented students.

Teachers in consultation with parents may suggest a student seek counsellor intervention. Parents wishing to access the services of Ms Bradshaw *must* first make contact with their child's teacher or the principal. The referral process requires parental consent. Referral forms are available from the Office. The school's learning support team will then prioritise from the list of students referred. A more detailed description of the school counsellor's role is attached to this newsletter.

## Core Value: EXCELLENCE

Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning

Eg., In **school communities**, evidence of this value includes:

- ☺ giving recognition to students achieving high standards
- ☺ frequently encouraging and acknowledging individual improvement
- ☺ celebrating school community achievements
- ☺ encouraging students' awareness of broader life opportunities.

Eg., In **classrooms**, evidence of this value includes:

- ☺ reaching personal best performance
- ☺ maintaining high learning expectations
- ☺ setting and meeting high standards
- ☺ persisting through challenges and difficulties in learning.

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### The Tough Call about Sickness

This is the season of colds, flu and general *unwellness* and unfortunately we are seeing quite a few children presenting to school who really should not be here. Parents are sending their child to school and telling the children to come to the Office and repeating to us that Mum or Dad has said, "Just get the school to call home and I will pick you up." If your child is unwell, they really should stay at home to make a full recovery - and if there are sniffles about (especially after all of the Whooping Cough cases around Sydney) parents should be visiting their GP.

We will always call parents when children are sick, but please keep your child home if you know they are unwell. Reinforcing good hygiene practices with blowing noses, disposing of tissues and washing hands regularly will also go a long way to helping keep everyone healthy at home and at school.

### Student Toilets

A reminder that the student toilets are for student use only. It has been reported that parents have entered the student toilets. Parents and other adults must understand that due to child protection practices they have no right to enter the toilet blocks. An alternative is to present yourself at the school office to then use the staff toilet.

### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*"Your children will see what you're all about by what you live rather than what you say".*

Wayne Dyer

Greg McLaren  
Relieving Principal

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*For Your Information:*

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### The Role of School Counsellor:

- ✦ Assess students' needs using psychological and educational tests, rating scales and observation, and report the results to parents and teachers
- ✦ Counsel students individually and in groups
- ✦ Participate in the work of student welfare committees

- ✦ Provide advice to review committees concerning the education of students with special needs
  - ✦ Refer students or their families to other agencies concerned with the health and welfare of students and liaise with such agencies as required
  - ✦ Work with groups of parents regarding the welfare needs of their children
  - ✦ Report and make recommendations when students have received a long suspension from school
  - ✦ Respond, as part of a team, to schools experiencing serious incidents.
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### **DANCE2BFIT**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June Dance2bfit is coming to our school to give free demonstration workshops for all children K-6.

Dance2bfit is a specialist primary school dance company that has taught their dance program in over 100 primary schools in NSW.

Early Stage 1, and Stage1 will learn different creative dances. Stage 2 and 3 students will learn a hip hop dance.

For this free demonstration workshop, could all children please wear their sports uniform.

Robyn Barrett  
Coordinator

### **FROM THE P&C**

I hope everyone is reading the Family Fun Day newsletter, it looks like we've got a wonderful day in store on Sunday!

The vote on the proposal that \$25 000 dollars be earmarked for provision of interactive whiteboards for classrooms was deferred at our last meeting and will be up for consideration again next week pending further details on the results of the school's BER (Building Education Revolution) funding application.

Next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday June 17th, OOSH Rooms 7.45pm.  
[www.nwpspandc.wordpress.com](http://www.nwpspandc.wordpress.com)

Miriam Mulcahy. (P&C President). 0412 364366 mimbles2@gmail.com

### **CANTEEN ROSTER NEWS - OLD DUCK DESPERATE FOR HELP**

The Old Duck was ever-so-slightly disappointed with the response to the request for help last week - NOT ONE PHONE CALL. I guess that means you were all calling Juliette instead.

Just in case you missed it, we need to fill the 8.30-11.30am shift on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Jen Michie would love some help with this shift. You can call Jules on 0433 879 008 to offer you help - she would love to hear from you.

Many thanks to the delightful, dedicated Di Black who gave up a breakfast date with her very understanding other half, Kevin, to help Jen yesterday.

Signed: The Duck

## **ART EXHIBITION**

It has been a delight having seen how excited the children have been creating beautiful pieces for display.

Thankyou to the students who have sent in their donations to P and C.

Donations cover the cost of materials used to create the artwork completed in class.(\$5 per child)

If you still wish to send in a donation please leave at the office marked clearly with child's name and class. Or drop it into the donation box (still labelled clearly) on FFD.

Deadline has passed for supplementary exhibition pieces. Thankyou to all the students who have entered and good luck in the judging.

If you have already handed in art works I need you to email me the age category you wish to enter.(colleencowley@live.com.au) This was left off the return slip. Sorry!

Categories are as follows: 4-6 yrs          7-9 yrs          over 10yrs.

See everyone at Family Fun Day.

Entry to view the art exhibit is by gold coin donation.

Bring a friend or a neighbour and be delightfully surprised by our very talented students.

Colleen Cowley



## ***BAND NEWS***

### **WISH US LUCK AS YOU WAVE US GOODBYE...**

**Concert Band will be competing at the 2009 Yamaha Festival tomorrow, so fingers crossed for another gold medal performance. A gentle reminder to our musicians that we need to look as polished as we sound, so remember to wear the correct uniform. (Girls, this means tunic and black tights.) Good luck to you all – we know you'll do us proud.**

### **CALLING ALL MUSICIANS**

Training Band is in urgent need of some extra musicians, so if you have been learning to read music this year and would like to know what our band is all about, please contact Karen Page or Beci Armytage. We have some lonely saxophones, clarinets and a keyboard all looking for good homes...



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**Asquith Girls High is turning 50!**

Asquith Girls High opened in 1959 and the school will be celebrating its jubilee throughout 2009. The main event will be a huge Back to Asquith day on November 22, 2009, but there will be other events during the year. This includes plans to prepare a book and DVD of memories of Asquith.

We are looking for past students, parents of students and teachers to help us mark the milestone and make it a big reunion. Are you a past student of the school? Do you have any memorabilia you are prepared to lend the school or to allow the school to scan and return? Do you have interesting stories about the school that could be recorded? Are you interested in being kept informed of activities? Then log onto the school website [www.aghs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aghs.nsw.edu.au) and leave your name and contact details. Or ring the school on 9477 6411 and ask to be put on a contact list.

