

COMING EVENTS

Monday 23 November

Yr 10 St Johns First Aid Course

Tuesday 24 November

Year 8 ESSA Test Pd 1-3
Year 10 St Johns First Aid Course

Wednesday 25 November

Playgroup Christmas Party
BraveHearts & Sports Committee Camp
Support Students-Luncheon at the Chinese Restaurant
Year 12 Formal

Thursday 26 November

BraveHearts & Sports Committee Camp

Friday 27 November

Year 11 SRC Planning Day
Excursion to School Spectacular

"Effective student support programs that build self-discipline, leadership and social responsibility"

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Please go to Mrs Gamble in the canteen to collect your \$3 canteen voucher

Next School Council Meeting

Monday 14 December 2009 6.30pm in the Staff Common Room (off the main carpark)(No P&C Meeting this month)

If you would like to receive the Park Press by email, please send us an email on Albionpk-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Student of the Week



The student of the week is Kane Bell in Year 8. Kane has been working fantastically in class for the last two weeks. He has completed all work to an exemplary standard and has taken responsibility for his own learning by asking for extensions to the class work. Kane has been a pleasure to teach.

We would also like to thank and recognise the following students:

Shanae Hoogstraten, Sarah Galvin, Courtney Allan, Kionne Thompson, Shelby Hamilton, Shayla Lindsay, Josh Angel, Brodie Leeson, Terry Tiang, Brenton White, Jacob Bignell and Rebecca Bollinger for their work with reading and writing for the School Certificate and HSC trials and exams.

Brendan Paniagua and Bradley Hill for showing great honesty and responsibility and Cale Talut, Sarah Cachia and Kevin Dittrich for classroom efforts.

2009 Australian Mathematics Competition

Although thousands of students from 42 countries world-wide entered the Australian Mathematics Competition, the standard was very high, with only good mathematicians taking on the challenge. This competition tests everything from basic numeracy skills to advanced problem solving. We had a small but enthusiastic band of entrants, who achieved terrific results.

Our top scorers were Jayden Olsen (93% in Year 8) and Sarah Higginbottom (88% in Year 7) who both gained a Distinction Certificate. Congratulations Sarah and Jayden! Not far behind were:

Year 7: Jessica Hull (Credit), Matthew Gonzalo (Proficiency), Kade Blazic (Proficiency), Sarah Brady (Participation).

Year 8: Ben Rushbrook (Credit).

Year 11: Cameron Paniagua (Credit), Neil Harvey (Proficiency).

Congratulations to all these students. They have put themselves forward to compete against the best world-wide and can be proud of their achievements.

Madison's Victory Across the Tasman

There's more great news from Albion Park's cycling superstar. Last week Madison Law competed at the Oceania Games in Invercargill, New Zealand. She competed in 5 events: the 500m time trial, sprints, the scratch race, the Keirin and the team sprint. For the 500m time trial and the team sprint, Madison placed third, thus receiving two bronze medals at her first international event. The other Australian team in the team sprint won the gold medal for the event.



There is little time, however to take in this massive achievement. Madison is off to State on the 28 and 29 November in Sydney. This is another important event as it will determine whether or not she qualifies in the National team.

NSW ALL Schools Athletics Results

A small group of Albion Park High School students competed at the recent NSW All Schools Athletics Championships held at Homebush on the 5-8 November. Once again we had some fantastic results. These were:

- Megan Burke- 4th in 16 years girls discus
- Trudy Burke- 2nd in 19 years girls javelin
- Skye Ryan- 5th in 14 years girls 100m, 5th in 14 years girls 200m, 10th in 14 years girls long jump
- Rachelle Grozde- 3rd in 14 years girls shot put, 2nd in 14 years girls hammer throw, 3rd in 14 years girls javelin
- Nicky Logan- Equal 3rd in 15 years boys high jump

This is an awesome result for these students and our school. The students received 2 silver medals and 3 bronze medals, for a total of 5 medals all up. A great achievement considering they are going up against the best athletes in all of NSW. Those students who received medals and qualified will now move onto the pinnacle in school athletics in this country, the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships. This year they will be held at the Domain Athletic Centre in Hobart, Tasmania from the 4-7 December. We wish all the students who have made this next step all the best and congratulations to those who represented our school with pride at the championships just gone.

Commerce ASX Challenge



During Term 3, Mr Pott's Year 9 Commerce class competed in the ASX Sharemarket Game.

The game is an interactive and hands-on way for students to learn about the world of share investing. Students are hypothetically given \$50 000 to invest in order to create their own share portfolio. The game fitted in perfectly with the class' studies as they had completed a topic on the share market.

The class was divided into groups of 3 and 4 students and each group created their own portfolio in competition against the other groups. The winning team was "Powerful Algae" with Alex Bruce, Alex Witt, Brendon Ritchie and Nicky Logan. They raised the initial \$50 000 to \$53 466.47. The companies they chose were ANZ, BlueScope, JB-Hi-Fi, BHP, AMP and

Woolworths. These companies were chosen based on how well-known they were and the companies some of the boys already had shares in. The students found the competition to be interesting and gave them useful knowledge about the stock market. "Powerful Algae" was followed by "The Bankers" (Jade Chapman, Josh Angel and Tiffany Murphy) in second place with \$52 842.53 and "Money Makers Inc" (Alex Devenport, Angie McCormack, Jarrod Dellapina and Talia MacKintosh) in third place with \$52 740.62.

Music Performance Nights

On Monday and Tuesday evening, Albion Park High School treated parents with some outstanding musical performances. On Monday, Year 10 music students performed for their family and friends. Miss Duggan commented that it was "outstanding to see them shine" as they performed what was a culmination of two years' work. The music staff wishes them all the best of luck for their senior studies. Year 9 performed just as brilliantly and built their experience of performing live in a large area with a large audience.

Aboriginal Morning Tea



On Monday 30 November, Albion Park High will be hosting another Aboriginal Morning Tea. It begins at 10am in the Common Room. Guest speakers

include the Aboriginal tutors, Aunty Joyce Donovan and Jarrad McKay, who are running the *Norta Norta* program for 20 students in the school and Sharlene Austin and Steven Marsden. Sharlene and Steven have been working with boomerangs with some of the male Aboriginal students.

Students are asked to invite their parents/guardians to the morning tea and return their permission note to Mrs Marly by Tuesday 24 November.

Next Step Year 10 Program

This week saw the commencement of the *Next Step* Program for Year 10 students. Each day, students undertake different activities that prepare them for life after school and employment. Representatives from TAFE, University and industry will be presenting information or conducting practical workshops that will foster this preparation. The program will run until Wednesday 9 December which is the



day students can sign out. Activities the students have completed this week include learning what to look for when purchasing a car and workshops on employment skills.

UOW Discovery Day

In February next year, Year 12 students will be attending a Discovery Day at the University of Wollongong. Students are reminded that they are to register for the day by Friday 27 November. Registering included selecting preferences for the sessions you wish to attend. If you do not register you will not be able to attend.

Every Year 11 (current HSC student) wishing to attend university should attend the day as there is something there for everyone to learn and experience about university life. More information can be found at:

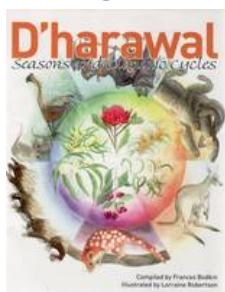
<http://discoveryday.uow.edu.au/index.html> or by seeing Mrs Burling.

Sports Presentation

This is a reminder to all students who will be award recipients at Albion Park High's Sports Presentation on Wednesday 2 December. The ceremony will take place on the school's grass bank at 9am and the ceremony will have a beach theme. Students are asked to bring a beach towel to sit on, hat, sunglasses and sun-cream. All award recipients should be in FULL PE UNIFORM, which means NO TIGHTS. If you don't have full PE uniform, please wear full school uniform.

All students will be spoken to on the morning of the ceremony in regards to how it will run. Students need to see Mr Todd if they are not coming to the ceremony or if they have not received a letter home inviting them to the ceremony. A list of all award winners has been put up on the PE noticeboard near the gym.

Privileged Information



Last week Albion Park High School had the privilege to be visited by Frances Bodkin. Frances is the author of *D'harawal: Seasons and Climate Change*. The book describes how Aboriginal Culture has 6 seasons in a 2000 year cycle. Frances gave

detailed information to the Year 9 Visual Arts class about the seasons in order to help them complete their murals for Killalea Environmental Centre. Albion Park High School is very thankful to Frances for taking the train from Tahmoor and donating four of her books to the school.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS 4 KIDS

Crusaders are running 22 awesome Christian camps for kids in school aged 3 to 12 years during the summer holidays.

Activities include: Waterskiing, wakeboarding, whitewater rafting, craft, dirt biking, horse riding, BMX, surfing, sailing, wrestle roll, campfires, wide games, laser zone, water fights, Bible talks, obseiling, archery, rock climbing, movie nights, go-karting, treasure hunts, volleyball, swimming, bobsledding, canoeing and paint wars.

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