First Newsletter 2013!

Welcome to the 2013 school year and what a fantastic beginning to the term we have had! Staff and students are settled in and working well, the smooth transition has a great deal to do with the professionalism and organisation of our staff and I would like to thank them for their hard work, especially Ms Pinney who oversaw Year 7. Year 7 is shaping up to be a wonderful cohort with a great attitude and perfect uniform.

We are all very excited at Albion Park High about the musical the Creative and Performing Arts faculty is putting on this year in Week 2 of Term 3. **Back to the Future** is a terrific, high energy show and students are already learning their dance routines for auditions with our new casual music teacher, Mr Cameron Zingel, who is doing a wonderful job! Auditions for major parts are on the same day as the swimming carnival and students have been given information about this by Head Teacher CAPA, Ms Suzi Roth.

Parents of Year 7 students – please save the following date on your calendar; **Monday 4th March which is the Year 7 Meet and Greet.** Whilst I understand that we are all time-poor, this is a very important event for us, for yourself and for your child and we would greatly appreciate if someone from the family could attend. We have a very strong ethos at APHS of working in partnership with our families and it is important for us to get to know each other so that we communicate with confidence and understanding. The Deputy Principal of Year 7, Mr Paul Ryan, our fabulous Year Advisor Ms Jess Pinney and myself all look forward to meeting you.

The Swimming Carnival at Albion Park High is a Year 7 and competitors only event and will take place on the **14th February.** Information for the carnival will be in this newsletter. I look forward to participating in my first APHS swimming event.

There was a little confusion at the beginning of the year over the new policy for shoes so I would like to clarify in this newsletter exactly what is expected. Images of correct and incorrect footwear are also attached. The school policy is to wear safe, enclosed, black leather shoes; this also includes suede. **The only exception to this is that we have allowed the black converse boots with the sturdy rubber toe. The reason for this exception is that very large numbers of students had already purchased and were choosing to wear these boots in 2012, to save families from expending extra money I made this exception.** This does NOT include the low cut converse shoe. On sports days the need to follow the above policy continues. If students prefer to wear track shoes that are not leather to sport they need to pack them separately and put them on after period lunch.

Thank you to the parents who have been so supportive of the move to improve uniform this year, in particular the shoes, uniform is looking magnificent. I am hearing lots of positive comments in the community about improvement in the Albion Park High and uniform, certainly is the visual face of the school, so important to how we are ‘seen’ by others. The new school uniform policy, which needs to be ratified at the next P&C meeting, will be published in the next newsletter.

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**WELCOME TO MS SARAH HISCOCKS**  
HEAD TEACHER SUPPORT

One of the new staff faces at Albion Park High is Ms Sarah Hiscock. Ms Hiscock is the Head Teacher of Support. You’ll see her smiling face around the school, so be sure to say hello and make her welcome.
Attendance Matters!
Australians love their sport and spend many hours training and perfecting their abilities at all levels of life. It is fair to say that the way you train is the way you play. If you miss training or train poorly, then you will perform below your potential. For students, attending classes and applying themselves well follows the same principles.

Developing gaps in students’ knowledge base severely restricts both understanding and progress. It is difficult enough to make up lost ground when a student is genuinely ill, and verges on impossible when away for unjustifiable reasons. Such condoned absences also show a state of mind that places a low value on a student’s education. Parent condoned absences are eroding students’ chances. Let’s stop this trend.

Should you require assistance in saying NO to your son/daughter in regard to any absences other than genuine illness, please contact the school. Let’s all work together to make a difference to your child’s future.

Mrs Cole - Head Teacher Administration

Deputy Principal’s Acknowledgement: Welcome Year 7
Congratulations to all of Albion Park High’s new Year 7 students on the fabulous way they have settled in to Albion Park High. Everyone is doing very well both in the classroom and in the playground, and it’s wonderful to see students wearing perfect school uniform. A special welcome goes to the parents/caregivers of the Year 7 students. We look forward to working with you and your child over the next 6 years as we together foster and enhance their education. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Year 7 Year Advisor Ms Pinney.

Coming events for Term 1

Fri 22 Feb Yr 11 Biology excursion
Mon 25 Feb Yr 11 Senior Science excursion
Wed 27 Feb Yr 12 Hospitality Incursion
Mon 25 Mar Yr 10 Royal Easter Show – Rewards excursion
Fri 29 Mar All Good Friday - Public Holiday
Mon 1 Apr All Easter Monday - Public Holiday
Tues 9 Apr Yr 10 Cybershots Dramatic Production

CAPA News
Preparations for the 2013 School Musical Back to the 80s is underway. Last week, two workshops for the dance chorus were held. Another workshop will be held this Wednesday, 13 February, and the audition for the dance chorus will be held Thursday 14 February from 2.35pm to 3.30pm (after school) in the PA Hall. Auditions for the lead roles of production will be held during sport time on Thursday 14 February. Those interested need to put their name on the board and pick up the dialogue from the Music Staffroom foyer.

If you would like any further information about the musical, see your CPA teacher and the musical’s noticeboard in the Music staffroom foyer.

Recreation Sport Policy Reminder
Well done to students for making the smooth transition in their sport from 2012 to 2013. Everyone is adapting to the changes well. Students are reminded that the same rules and policies to Thurs afternoon sport are still in place. This includes no changes of sport without a note from parents and an exceptional reason; non-sport is only for people with a long term injury or illness; and you must come prepared for sport with uniform and money every Thursday. The students who received IOUs on the first week of term, can they please repay the money to the PD/H/PE staffroom as soon as possible!

Futsal Superstar
Congratulations to Hayden Allen for making the Australian Futsal Team for the third year in a row. Hayden will be putting his futsal (a fast paced version of indoor soccer) skills to the test against some of the world’s best. Hayden will head to England later this year to compete against some local teams in London and Manchester, playing for Australia’s Under 14’s division. Well done Hayden!

Alicia Wheatly: Albion Park Most Generous and Giving Young Person!
Words cannot describe how incredible a person Alicia Wheatly is. At just the age of 12, Alicia decided to shave her head to raise money for cancer after seeing her mother battle the disease. She has raised over $2000!!! Half the money will go to breast cancer research, with the other half going to prostate cancer research. Thank you and well done to Alicia on this brave and generous act!!!
Presentation Ceremony 2012
Congratulations to everyone who received an award at the Presentation Night 2012 at the end of Term 4 last year. The recipients of the major awards from the evening are as follows.

• Most Outstanding Hospitality Student: Rachelle Cole.
• Business Services Student of the Year: Shelby Hamilton
• Kiama Community College VET Student of the Year: Steven Marsden
• Legal Studies Student of the Year: Shelby Hamilton
• Public Speaking Award: Brendan Panigalia
• Technology Support Award: Michael Sharpe
• Environment Award: Ashlen Patrikka
• Artist of the Year: Christopher Duley
• Performer of the Year: Dimity Quinlan
• Haworth Award for Excellence in Music: Megan Cracknell
• Special Education Awards for Outstanding Achievement: Jaidyn Scott (Jr) and Leticia Vassallo (Sr).
• Pat Blake Memorial Award for Special Education: Sophie Welton
• Engineers Australia Best Student Award: Jessica Hull
• Shellharbour Council Social Commitment and Responsibility Award: Aaron Young
• Year 10 Commitment and Consistency: Kieran Hurry
• Lioness Junior Citizenship Award: Kayla Smylie
• Harry Brown Legacy Award for Citizenship: Heath Divine
• Mathematics Medals: Sarah Higginbottom (10) and Neil Harvey (12)
• Attendance Awards: Katelyn Todd (Yr 8), Brittany Ruiz (Year 9), Nathan Clune and Sarah Higginbottom (Yr 10)
• Community Service Award: Terry Tiang and Brodie Leeson
• Reuben F Scarf Commitment Award: Alexander Devenport
• PBS Awards: Noah Ceglieski (Yr 7), Katelyn Todd (Yr 8), Ashley Todd (Yr 9), Kate Montgomery (Yr 10).
• Gold Card Medallions: Matthew Vella, Rochelle Stolk, Damon Stevens.
• ADF Award – Long Tan Award for Leadership and Teamwork: Matthew Gonzalo (Yr 10), Jesse Hancock (Yr 11), Liam Low (Yr 12).
• School Service Award: Annabel Marley.
• Indigenous Student Award for Excellence: Steven Marsden.
• Caltex All Rounder Award: Nicky Logan
• Debbie Thake Memorial Award for an Inspirational Student: Faith Atkins and Hayden Stokes.
• Year Advisor’s Awards: (Yr 7), Jack Twist (Yr 8), Ashlen Patrikka (Yr 9), Aaron Young (Yr 10), Ashleigh Carter (Yr 11), Tahlia O’Brien (Year 12).

Albion Park High would like to thank IMB, Horizon Credit Union, Haworth Guitars, Legacy, Australian Defence Force, Shellharbour City Council, Beach St Shellharbour for their financial support for this evening. A big thank you also goes to everyone involved in organisation, lighting and entertainment for the ceremony, especially Acting Head Teacher of Welfare, Ms Poole.

SKILLS FOR WORK & TRAINING
DAPTO CAMPUS has vacancies in the following courses:

- CERTIFICATE II Introduction to Retail- Tues & Wed 9am -2.30pm
- CERTIFICATE I Computers Intermediate- Monday 5pm -7pm
- COMPUTER BASICS for Beginners- Wednesday 9am -12pm
- DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY- Tuesday 8.30am -12.30pm
- CERTIFICATE I Basic Skills Development- Thursday 9am - 2.30pm

Contact Dapto Campus on 4221 8937 for more information about these programs

These courses are free of the TAFE NSW administration fees but have a $25.00 materials charge.

OUTREACH COURSES FOR SEMESTER 1 2013
Vacancies exist in the following courses: These courses are for people who wish to update their skills to enable them to go on to further training or gain employment.

Dapto Campus

- Introduction to Horticulture – 10443
- Certificate II Return to Study - 10697

These courses are free of the TAFE NSW administration fees but have a $25.00 materials charge. For more information about any of these courses please contact:

Outreach Coordinator, Kathy Finigan on 4221 8939

“MARKET DAY FOR MISSION”

All money raised will go to the “Mission In Action” orphanage in Kenya. Market stalls will include household items, furniture, preloved clothing & toys.

On the day there will also be:
B.B.Q., KIDS ACTIVITIES, CRAFT, & COFFEE CORNER

SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY
8am – 1pm @ Albion Park Uniting Church, Cnr Terry & Russell Streets, Albion Park.
HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Enquiries to Janine on 0418 223 049
STUDENT EXCHANGE – MEMORIES AND SKILLS FOR A LIFETIME!

Give your child the opportunity to gain international experiences and language skills to kick-start a future career. Along with distinct language benefits, exchange students mature, gain confidence and develop a much more worldly approach upon their return to Australia.

World Education Program Australia (WEP), a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments, is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2013/14 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year.

WEP is offering two $3000 scholarships towards semester-long student exchange programs to Argentina and China commencing in 2014.

Find out more!
- Visit www.wep.org.au
- Attend one of WEP’s information evenings and open days
- Call 1300 884 733

Upcoming Information Sessions
Sydney
13 Feb, 13 Mar, 14 May 2013
7:30 - 9pm
Bowlers Club of NSW
Level 2 / 95-99 York Street Sydney

COME TRY RUGBY!

Age Group: 7 - 13 years
Venue: Vikings Rugby Club
Date/Time: 1st & 8th March 5.30 – 6.30pm
Cost: FREE

Contact & Registration: Nick Matts
0431 161 739
Visit tryrugby.com.au

RHEE TAEKWONDO ALBION PARK
Rhee Taekwondo is a great way for you & your family to keep fit and learn effective self-defence. Make a change in 2013 and take advantage of our special offer. Join Rhee Taekwondo Albion Park now to receive:
- Free registration
- 50% off uniforms
- Expert tuition by professional instructors in a fun, friendly environment

Centenary Hall
Albion Park
Tuesday & Thursday 6pm to 7pm
Tel: 02 4262 1982
Mobile: 0407 916 053
Email: dwayne.fogg@bigpond.com

ALBION PARK CROWS - JUNIOR AFL CLUB NOW PLAYING SUNDAYS.

Registration Days
16th Feb 10am-2pm Woolworths Albion Park
23rd Feb 10am-2pm McDonalds Albion Park Rail
Costs: $60 – All new players receive free shorts and socks
Email: apcrowsreg@hotmail.com or
Phone 0415 335 284.

RECRUITING NOW FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

RETURN TO WORK - FREE COURSE

Thinking of returning to work or study but not sure where to start?
This course will help you find your direction and path forward as well as giving you confidence in the skills and strengths you already have.

Starts 20 February 10am-12pm [8 sessions].
Call Kiama Community College 4232 1050.

Shellharbour City Council is hosting a FREE PARENTS’ WORKSHOP

To help you with practical advice about:
Supervising learner drivers
Completing the Learner Driver Log Book and
Providing on-road driving practice

The FREE 2 hour workshop for parents and other supervisors of learner drivers will be held at 6.00pm on Monday, 18 February 2013 at the Council Chambers, ground floor, Lamerton House, Lamerton Crescent, Shellharbour City Council (opposite the RMS Motor Registry). Bookings are essential.

Looking for fun and something slightly different?
Training Ship Albatross, Australian Navy Cadets
If you’re aged between 12 ½ and 19 years come and join us for sailing, camps and lots of fun.

OPEN DAY
Sat 16/2/13 from 9.30am
Any questions please call either
TS Albatross (Sat only) on 4276 2854 or
PO Sharon Frank on 0417 940 843 or
sharon.frank@cadetnet.gov.au

KIDS & BULLYING
This course aims to help parents better understand a range of issues associated with bullying and cyberbullying and to equip them with strategies on how to best deal with them.

CatholicCare, 25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong
2 Tuesday Mornings 12pm - 2.30pm
26 Feb & 5 March
Workshop Fee: $20 Bookings & Information 4227 1122