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Week 9

| Tuesday 2/12/14 | Yr 6 | Orientation Day |
| Wednesday 3/12/14 | Selected Yr 9 | Wicked Excursion |
| Playgroup Christmas Party |
| Friday 5/12/14 | Support Selected | Bridge to Asia Day |
| Work Placement |
| Korri Men’s Shed |

Principal's Message

Last week I travelled to Batemans Bay to be part of the Regional Aboriginal Awards. We were thrilled to find out that five of our Koori students won awards this year. This is an unprecedented number and attests to the growing capacity of our wonderful young people!

Congratulations to the following students:
- Leadership: Brittany Luland & Rideika Wright (unable to attend)
- Culture: Dru Marsden
- Sport: Brock Harrison
- Special Education: Mitchell Mauro

I would also like to congratulate Mitchell Mauro on gaining a significant award at the VET Award Ceremony. Mitchell has been extremely busy with his Year 12 graduation and two very special events where he was recognised. We are all very proud of him, as I know his parents are also!

We are all quite excited about the formation of our new HOUSE structure for 2015. I would like to thank the staff who are using significant time and energy in ensuring that the process is a fair, equitable and inclusive one. Students have so far voted on Captains and leaders, they will today vote on four house colours and four animals to represent their ‘team’. The animals are indigenous to this area and we are using local Aboriginal names. The options that the students had were:
- Buru – Kangaroo
- Birraban – Emu
- Gugara – Kookaburra
- Djuunga – Octopus
- Djidji – Willy wagtail
- Munda – Black snake
- Guruwin – Grey nurse shark

Don’t let your education slip away,
Come to school every day

Students of the Fortnight

The students of the fortnight this week are Blake Maples and Jarrod Booth. Both of these boys showed great compassion and support for one of their peers who was injured and distressed during school time.

They liaised with both members of the public and the ambulance service and made sure that the student felt comfortable, remaining with the student at all times. Well done, gentlemen.
The next part of the process will be to create a quality design/symbol for each house. For all of the processes so far, students have been central to the decision making. This is very important to us all as we really want our students to ‘get on board’ and be part of something fun and exciting which will give them a sense of purpose and belonging at Albion Park High. I am looking forward to seeing the colour and animals voted on by our student body! The names of the house captains are:

- A-D – Jayde Axam and Hayden Allen
- E-K – Alysha Foard and Declan Hull
- L-Q – Amy Lucas and Kyle Martin
- R-Z – Rideika Wright and Mitchell Sweeney

As we reach the last few weeks of the year I would like to give some timely reminders. Whilst uniform continues to impress overall, there are more and more students who are in incorrect shoes. We have tried to be understanding as students have grown out of their shoes and that Christmas is now on our doorstep, but as of Day One, 2015, there will be an expectation that every single student is in black leather shoes.

This makes a great idea for a Christmas present along with the (computer) device needed to support every students’ quality studies.

Suzi Clapham
Principal

News from the Science Faculty

Year 8 students from Albion Park High School took part in the ESSA (Essential Secondary Science Assessment) test on Wednesday 12 November. The students have to be commended on the maturity and perseverance displayed in completing this test. The test was completed online in a number of rooms across the school and was completed in three timeslots. The test took eighty minutes to complete and assessed the student’s knowledge and skills that they have developed in Science over the past two years.

The Science Faculty were impressed with the extremely high attendance of students, which ensured a successful day. Ms Nelson needs to be thanked for her hard work in organising an exam which presented a number of challenging issues in regards to timetabling.

Year 10 have just completed their final assessments and a few good results have been achieved. Year 7 and 9 continue to work well towards the end of the year staying engaged in lessons.

It is also a sad time for the Science faculty, as Joan Parkes is retiring. Joan has been a teacher for over thirty years and has been at Albion Park High School for seventeen years. Joan will be sorely missed by the Science faculty. Joan is a true professional who has always had the students’ best interests foremost in her mind. We wish her well in her retirement.

Personally, I would like to thank the Science faculty, the rest of the staff of Albion Park High School and the wider community for making my first year as Head Teacher Science such a pleasant and fulfilling experience.

Scott Mercer
Head Teacher Science

Excellence in VET Awards

Once again, Albion Park High has been a big player at the Illawarra Schools Excellence in Vocational Education and Training Awards. These awards acknowledge the outstanding achievements of students in the Illawarra region, who have completed VET subjects as part of their HSC. The following Albion Park High students were nominated by their teachers and awarded Certificates of Merit for their efforts and achievements, over their two year courses:

- Business Services: Emma MacQueen and Layne Hornby
- Hospitality: Corrina Harris and Kristen Powlay
- Metal & Engineering: Nicholas Hogan
- School Based Traineeship (Retail): Mitchell Mauro

Congratulations to Mitchell who was further rewarded for his efforts, receiving the Judges Award of Excellence for a School Based Traineeship. Mitchell was so successful in his traineeship that Woolworths Kiama has offered him a permanent position.
These are outstanding results for Albion Park High students. This indicates that successful work placement and the school-based training and simulated work environments, such as Café 11 and Bella Admin, are giving VET students the skills they need to become successful members of the workforce.

This year it was not only Albion Park High’s students being acknowledged for their achievements and hard work in VET. Congratulations to VET Head Teacher and Careers Adviser, Cheryl Burling, who received the Excellence in VET Coordination award.

As a follow up to the HSC High Level Success evening, Year 11 students will be being WORPEd during Week 8.

During this week, students will be participating in four specially designed and run workshops which will help them enhance their HSC performance. The workshops will focus on:

- Writing process
- Organisation
- Relaxation
- Practices for study and Education

Students will learn how to become better organised and how to create a study timetable. They will be instructed on how to take notes and make summaries, as well as how to compose highly effective pieces of extended writing. Finally, they will be shown how to minimise anxiety and stress.

Skills discussed and taught during this week will be reinforced during the final weeks of the term and again in 2015, along with further tips for effective learning and study.

**Year 6 Gala Day Challenge**

Our Annual Gala Day Challenge was held on Monday 17 November, 2014. Local Year 6 students from Albion Park Public, Tullimbar Public and Mount Terry Public schools made their way down to Albion Park High School on a beautiful sunny day to participate in some of their favourite activities for the morning. Two students from Albion Park Rail and one all the way from Robertson excitedly came over for the event also!

Some very lucky Year 7 students were invited to attend due to their excellent behaviour and application in PDHPE throughout the year.

Our wonderful Year 10 Physical Activity and Sport Science students took charge of preparing and providing our guests with fun activities to fill the morning, some of which included Basketball, Touch Football, Soccer, Newcombe ball, T-Ball, Tabloids and Chess. They did a fantastic job coaching and motivating the students. Our very own Mrs Roth (with help from some of our Year 8 actors and actresses) provided some fun drama games and Miss Boyd had a number of art activities for the students to enjoy.

After a morning of fun in the sun, the students were provided with a BBQ lunch (thanks to Mr Todd and his Sports Committee, who cooked up 600 sausages!) and time to meet some of their peers attending Year 7 next year.

The day was a great success, thanks to the support of everybody involved. It is so nice to have such great role models in all of our student helpers here at Albion Park High School and your time and effort is greatly appreciated!

**Miss de Jager**

**UNIque Experience**

About fifty five Year 9 students attended an IN2UNI day at Wollongong University. We were all split into our chosen subject groups and went around different lectures with our mentors. In our groups we also had other students from different schools.

The day at the University showed us many new and different career options and gave us an idea of what Uni would be like.
A special thank you to Ms Burling and Mrs Fisher for organising the day. I think that I can say that on behalf of the students that we all had a great day and got a lot out of the excursion.

_Sinead Austwick_

**Cyber Resources for Parents**

Parents can sometimes feel a little overwhelmed when dealing with issues that arise online. There are so many social media sites these days and students can quite often get caught up in the heat of the moment and write things that are inappropriate.

There are some really good resources for parents and I have attached the links for two of these. I have also included the links on the school website under our school – resources for parents – cyber safety.

A Parent’s Guide to Facebook
[www.connectsafely.org/pdfs/fbparents.pdf](http://www.connectsafely.org/pdfs/fbparents.pdf)

A Parent’s Guide to Snapchat

_Paul Ryan_
Deputy Principal

**Year 8 Leadership Group**

How awesome is Year 8? This week, students held a fundraising BBQ at lunch time. Students were raising funds to offset the cost of their reward excursion to be held towards the end of this year. Students cooked, buttered bread, unwrapped napkins and collected funds.

A very big congratulations to the Year 8 Leadership group and of course the wonderful Mrs Woods – who supervised the students while wearing a moon boot! Well done!

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**BEING ME –**

A Four Corners Program that every parent should watch


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**The Albion Park Crows junior AFL** are seeking players for 2015. Register by 1 December for early registration discounted to $80 for the 2015 season.

All new players receive socks and shorts free. Boys/Girls, play on Sundays

Ph 0423528041 for enquiries or go to [www.albionparkcrows.com.au](http://www.albionparkcrows.com.au)

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

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(EFTPOS available)

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Then back to normal trading hours
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, 10 November 2014 at the Council Chambers, ground floor, Lamerton House, Lamerton Crescent, Shellharbour City Council (opposite the RMS Motor Registry).

Bookings are essential. Please call Jenny Davies on 4221 6124

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Christmas Appeal 2014: “Operation Secret Santa”

Every year, the KARI Elves hand pick Hampers and personally deliver them to elderly Aboriginal people in our community that need a little extra help over Christmas time. Christmas can be a hard time financially; many of us forget that not everyone is able to enjoy a Christmas Hamper and all the other yummy treats that usually come with it.

The good news is you can be a KARI Elf too! We are taking donations of canned goods to put in KARI’s special Hampers to help get them to as many people as possible this festive season. Goods are due by the 1st of December. If you’d like to get involved or have any questions, contact Renee Wright on 0432 910 785 or renee.wright@pecstleo.net.au.

Children’s Christmas Presents 2014

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WEP Student Exchange – A Once-In-Lifetime Opportunity!

Ever wondered what it would be like to live in another country and to swap your vegemite sandwich for a pop tart or croissant? Applications for WEP Student Exchange Programs to over 25 countries around the world are now open for programs starting from July 2015 onwards. Choose from more than 100 short and long-term programs, designed to fit into your Australian schooling. Find out more today!

From Emily in France:
France has been amazing so far! I love everything and even though there is still a huge language barrier I’ve slowly started to understand more and more. The Paris Orientation was beautiful and I was so shocked that we actually managed to cover a lot of places in such a short amount of time.

The Australian and French schooling systems are definitely different from each other. All of my teachers are incredibly nice and understanding. I think in my first week I had a mini freak out because I couldn’t understand one word but being able to easily participate in Math, English and Gym has definitely helped and reassured me. I’ve even done a few tests for different subjects and actually managed to answer parts of it.

I’ve made quite a few friends, friends of my host sister and friends of my own. They’ve all been incredibly nice and try to speak English as well as French to me. Although I can’t understand what they say half of the time it’s still nice to hear them talk.

I absolutely love my host family; they are nothing short of perfect! My host sisters are absolutely hilarious and my host parents are always trying to help me. The family has been very welcoming and they are trying to help me out all the time but they’ve also integrated me into their lives. We all went to Dijon last Saturday actually.

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