Students of the Week
On Friday 9 May, Albion Park High School held its inaugural Outdoor Cinema Night screening of Despicable Me 2. This event was the result of the hard work of a group from our Year 12 Business Services class - Layne Hornby, Megan Pavey, Kayla Correia, Tiffany Vandenbrink and Morgan McPherson.

To develop their employability skills, gain practical experience and gain real world insight into the concepts explored in this course, these girls worked over the course of Term 1 to plan, organise and host this event. It was a fabulous evening (and the rain held off!) and the support from the school and wider community was greatly appreciated. Well done to all involved!

Principal’s Message
At the P&C last week we had a long discussion about the Canteen at Albion Park High. We are excited about the possibilities for the future and moving to a much healthier supply of food. Many more students (and staff) are purchasing lunch orders which is fantastic, but what we now find is that there is a much greater need for volunteer support. We are asking that if you are able to volunteer time to us (it only needs to be part of one day to be helpful) please contact Shona Smylie, Canteen Manager. Phone the school on 4257 1744 and ask for extension 117.

We are also planning to use Hospitality students in food preparation, so that they can fulfil their competencies in their VET course. The student leadership teams are looking at alternative menus to increase the number of students accessing our food. All the proceeds from the Canteen come directly back into the P&C account and therefore the school, to help your children.

This Tuesday 27 May at 12.15pm we will be holding the Reconciliation event which includes the National Apology to Indigenous Australians. The last newsletter included a very comprehensive explanation about the importance of these events. We are warmly inviting any parent who is interested in attending to come along and be part of our audience.

Because of our prowess and talent in Drama, Albion Park High will again be hosting the Regional Drama workshops for schools in the Illawarra. Next week hundreds of students (and eleven schools) will be in attendance in our PA hall to showcase their dramatic
talents. Thank you to the generosity and passion of Ms Suzi Roth who oversees this important event. I am sure it will be wonderful.

This week we have had installed a new PA system in the school which is extremely important for the safety of all of our students and staff. We will now be connected to a state-of-the-art emergency evacuation and lock-down signal which is universal in sound to avoid confusion. The system will include a wireless hand held microphone which will be used in evacuations on the back oval (previously we carried a large sound system down with us). We will now have the capacity to make announcements to the whole school and in urgent situations call for an individual or give an instruction. It will include, in place of a bell sound for the end of period, capacity for us to have a song a minute in length, to signal the need to move to class which should be much more pleasant to hear and we can even play music at lunch breaks!

I would like to remind parents that students are, in winter, allowed to wear the black track pants with the red stripe on the leg every day, not just on sports days. Now that the cool weather is upon us remember that the uniform shop is fully stocked and the new red jumpers are proving very popular. With the change-over to the new uniform we allowed students to wear the older red jumper with the hood until a new jumper needed to be purchased.

By the end of this year the red hooded jumper will have been phased out and every student will be expected to be wearing the regulation red jumper. Once again any family who needs financial assistance need only apply to gain help.

Suzi Clapham
Principal

Parent Teacher Night
The Parent Teacher Night for Years 7, 11, 12 and Support will be held on Wednesday 11 June, 2014. Families will receive either an email or letter that contains their unique booking code and an outline of the process.

- From Friday 30 May (week 5) to Wednesday 4 June (week 6) the website will be open for parents to nominate which teachers they would like to see.
- Thursday 5 June and Friday 6 June (week 6) scheduling will occur based on staff availability and parent requests.

- From 5pm Friday 6 June to 3pm Tuesday 10 June parents can go online and make available changes and print their schedule. Any changes after that will need to be made by calling the school. As always, if you are having any difficulty please call the school for assistance.

Mrs Cole
Head Teacher Administration

Albion Park High Stands up to Bullying
Albion Park High School has an ongoing program to stamp out bullying within our school community. As part of this program, we educate students about the harmful effects of bullying. Students in Years 7 and 8 created posters promoting positive action against bullying which have been on display in the Library for the past two weeks. Braden Windsor’s poster (right) was fantastic.

SRC News
Recently, the SRC decided to start writing a fortnightly update about our activities within the school. Nathan Linsley, senior journalist for the SRC, will be working together with our two junior journalists, Stephanee Horton of Year 7 and Emily Clifford of Year 9, to bring you up to speed with what the SRC has been up to over the previous fortnight.

A recent innovation to our SRC is the new public Facebook page, titled “Albion Park High School Student Representative Council”. The purpose of this page is to invite discussion and feedback from the school community, parents, teachers and students to help contribute to our success. The SRC Facebook page is now the place where suggestions can be made to the SRC on what you would like to see happen within our school.

We’d also like to welcome our newly inducted members; Stephanee Horton (Yr 7), Bailey Jenkins (Yr 7), Ryan Cope (Yr 8), Justin Vella (Yr 8), Sophie Nicholson (Yr9), Julian Lorenson (Yr11), Taylor Garner (Yr11) and Isaac Fenech (Yr11). An official induction ceremony will be held during Term 4. We’re excited by this great bunch of new recruits and are looking forward to having their assistance to make our school an even better place for all.

Nathan Linsley,
Year 12

A welcoming and friendly school working with and for our local community
Random Acts of Kindness
Everyone likes to feel good and random acts of kindness not only make the recipient feel good, but the person who did the kind action as well. As part of a Shellharbour Council sponsored Youth Week activity, students in Years 7-10 wrote positive affirmations about their peers as random acts of kindness. Congratulations to Ms McKinnirey and Ms Horton for such a feel-good activity. Year 7 students Jessica Thurgood and Teearnna Connolly enjoyed reading the work of their peers.

2014 Royal Easter Show
At the end of last term Mr. Hassanpour took a number of agriculture students to the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

When we arrived we went to watch a shearing demonstration. This was a great way to see how to actually shear a sheep. We learned about different breeds of sheep and how to take care of them. Once they told us all we needed to know to complete our worksheets, they asked for volunteers to have a turn at shearing the sheep. This was a great experience for some of my classmates who got to give it a go.

Next we went to see our chickens that had entered into the show. All up we had four chickens, two broilers and two layers. This was a great opportunity to see many different breeds of chickens that had entered in Sydney Royal Easter Show competition.

Once we had finished with all of our agricultural experiences, we set out to enjoy the rest of the day having fun, going on rides, eating delicious food, buying show bags and souvenirs to remember that wonderful day.

To sum it all up, we all had a fabulous day at the show, even though it rained a little bit.

Rebecca Bird
Year 8

Matthew Doyle – Wuruniri
On Thursday the 19 June Year 8 students at Albion Park High School will be lucky to participate in a performance by Matthew Doyle. Thank you to Kerina Smallhorn a member of the school’s Aboriginal Leadership Team, for organising this fantastic event.

The Performer
Matthew Doyle is a descendant of the Muruwari people from the Lightning Ridge area of NSW and grew up in Southern Sydney on Dharawal land. At the age of fifteen Matthew Doule was accepted into the prestigious Aboriginal Islander Dance Theatre (AIDT), where he completed a three year course. In 1990 Matthew returned to AIDT to become a founding member of their professional company, where he worked on several productions.

Careers Expo
Well done to the Year 10, 11 and 12 students who attended the Illawarra Coal Regional Career Expo on 13 May. All 150 students were great representatives of Albion Park High. The morning proved to be very successful as students came to the Expo having done some independent research and were equipped with specific questions for the representatives at the Expo. The Expo is a very worthwhile event as students are able to speak with experts from University, TAFE, Apprenticeship and employer groups to gain an insight into future career paths and explore post school options.

Year 12 Interviews
Progress Interviews for Year 12 students will be conducted on Friday 30 May. The interviews aim to review students’ study skills and offer advice on how to make the most of their final year of school and check that their post school options for further education or work, are on track.

Work Placement
Year 11 students will be participating in a Work Ready Workshop on Thursday 5 June during Period 3 and 4. The workshops are being run by Workplace Learning Illawarra and will allow students to learn more about expectations in the workplace and skills employers will look for. The sessions will also provide good preparation for their formal Work Placement in Week 10.
Matthew has since become one of Australia’s leading performers and has toured extensively, performing to audiences in Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, England, Germany, South Africa, USA, Canada and France.

He has recorded many CDs and has collaborated with some of Australia’s leading performers, musicians, dancers and composers including the Bangarra Dance Theatre, Christine Anu, Professor Michael Atherton, Yothu Yindi and Leah Purcell. He has performed at Stomping Ground, Survival and The Festival of the Dreaming (in his acclaimed self-devised work Wirid-Jiribin: The Lyrebird) and was part of the closing ceremony at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. A documentary titled ‘My Spirit is Black’, a biography of Matthew’s life, was filmed by ABC TV in 1986. Matthew starred in the Year 2000 with his sunrise didgeridoo performance atop the peak of the Sydney Opera House for the ABC Millennium broadcast. He was a guest artist at the opening of the School Pacific Games and appeared in the opening ceremony of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. In 2005 he was in Japan for the World Expo and in 2006 he toured nationally with Taik Oz Japanese Drummers and performed at the Musée du quai Branly, Paris. Matthew performed on top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge in 2007 for the 75th Birthday celebrations.

The Program
With Matthew’s wealth of performance experience, he brings to students a varied cultural program spanning traditional Aboriginal culture and contemporary dance. A skilful didgeridoo player, Matthew’s program is accompanied by exquisite original and traditional music.

Matthew’s dance skills, acquired and refined through many years of study, performance and teaching, are shared readily with students. He demonstrates traditional techniques, telling stories through physicality and explains the origins of indigenous Australian dance. His background with contemporary dance companies is touched upon, looking at how the works of young performing and creative artists are inspired and heavily influenced by a history tens of thousands of years old.

Dreamtime stories, personal stories and a vast knowledge of Aboriginal culture are intertwined in a dynamic and interactive program for young people. Duration: 50 minutes  Performance Cost: $4.50pp

Zone Cross Country
On Wednesday the 7 of May, 58 of our best Cross Country runners represented Albion Park High School at the Zone carnival held at West Dapto. These runners went on to make 2014 our most successful year yet in Zone Cross Country. Albion Park High School took out the title of Overall Champion School! We are extremely proud of each of our students who attended the carnival. Their participation and determination helped us to achieve a point score of 500, awarding Albion Park High School first place! Warilla High came second with 536 points followed by Dapto High on 693, Lake Illawarra High on 782, Kanahooka High on 864, Oak Flats High on 879, Illawarra Sports High on 986 and Warrawong High on 1051.

Alongside our win as a whole school group, we also had a few age champions on the day. Our girls dominated, taking home 5 of the 7 Age Champion trophies! Taliah Moxham won the 13 years girls champ, Sinead Austwick, 15 years , Reideika Wright, 16 years, Rochelle Stolk, 17 years and Jessica Hull 18 years.

Congratulations to our team on these great results!

The following students made the team to attend Regional which will be held on Friday the 30 May at Cambewarra: Karlie Gentles, Zac Daniel, Jack Veenstra, Darcy Usmar, Jay Weaver, Taliah Moxham, Chloe Clifford, Amber Robinson, Dallas Harrison, Brock Harrison, Zane Montgomery, Ben Eagleton, Declan Hull, Sinead Austwick, Breanna Payne, Sophie Nicholson, Katie Carbone, Joshua Rice, Nicholas Davies, Rideika Wright, Bridie Lucas, Rochelle Stolk, Jaiyde Davies, Jessica Hull.

Well done and good luck!

More Regional Sports Reps.
We have four more Albion Park High School students who have been named in South Coast sporting teams.

Congratulations to Georgia Moore (Yr 10) and Tye Wilton (Yr 11) who have both been selected in their respective Open Squash teams. This is not the first time either of these students has been named in this team and both were NSW reps last year. They will contest the NSW CHS Championships in Sydney-North in late June. Well done G and T!

Riley Williams and Cody Hutchison (Yr 12) were both selected for the South Coast Boys Touch team, which is a well-deserved selection for both boys. It is the first time that these boys have made this team and with the South Coast winning last year’s State title, they will certainly be gunning for further success this year.
when they play at Taren Point in mid-June. Well done lads!

Rideika Wright was also called into the South Coast Girls team (as 1st reserve), but unfortunately, she wasn’t able to take up her position. Hopefully next year Rideika!! Congratulations to all.

Mr Todd

University of Wollongong Longitudinal Survey - REMINDER

A reminder that the Alcohol and Media online survey will again be conducted in Term 2. Students with Parental Consent (which was provided in 2013) will again be invited to participate – there is NO NEED to provide consent forms again this year as this was done in 2013 for the duration of the study.

This is the second year of a three year study and incentive prizes for students and the school are available. There is no need to do anything at this stage, this is just a friendly reminder to parents AND students that if you provided consent to take part in 2013 (even if you did not do the survey because you were away at the time) – you will be able to take part in 2014.

Albion Park High School - PLAYGROUP

✓ Do you have a child aged 1 - 5 years old?
✓ Do you need to get out of the house and meet new friends?
✓ Do you wish your child had someone to play with or a range of different and stimulating activities to take part in?

Albion Park High School’s Year 9 Child Studies students are running a PLAYGROUP starting Term 2 on the 28th of May to supplement their learning in this subject. The Playgroup will continue to be run every Wednesday for the remainder of the year and will be held between the times of 10.35am-11.35am. A small cost of $2 per child will cover morning tea and go towards any materials needed. The students in Child studies have identified that ‘play’ is vital for a child’s social, emotional and physical health, and therefore Albion Park High School has been committed to providing this opportunity to both the students and members in its surrounding community for the past 20 years.

For an information pack and to REGISTER your interest, call Albion Park High School A.S.A.P. on (02) 4257 1744 or email lauren.drummond@det.nsw.edu.au

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NSW Dept of Education & Communities

When and Where

Tuesday 17th June 2014
6.30m – 7.30 pm
The Builders Club

Wednesday 18th June 2014
6.30m – 7.30 pm
The Shellharbour Club

Bookings
Workplace Learning Illawarra
Phone: (02) 4252 2526
email: takis@ilp.nsw.edu.au

Presented by The Apprenticeship Partners:

The Prevocational Programs Unit at TAFE NSW Wollongong Campus

Will be conducting an Employment and Training Course for people who want to develop skills for employment or further study. The course will commence in July 2014.

The course is suitable for women and single parents and covers employment and further study skills. The course is the Certificate III in Employment and Training, course number 10699 and includes units in English, Computing Skills, Science, First Aid, Employment Skills and Maths for Work.

Please contact Antonia on 4229 0036 for further information or attend one of the following information sessions: Wednesday 18 June 2014, 4pm to 5.30pm on Wednesday 25 June, 2014, 4pm and 5.30 at Wollongong Campus, Building L, Room L.2.17

DRAMA DEPARTMENT – Albion Park High School are looking for a loan of a wooden rocking horse. If you can help please contact the school.