Students of the Week
Jack Twist (Year 10) - Jack was of significant assistance during the Merit Assemblies that took place in Week 8. Jack has been working with the Music faculty throughout his time at Albion Park High School, developing his knowledge of sound and entertainment equipment.

For each assembly, Jack assisted in the smooth running of all sound and music requirements and embodied the school values of respect, responsibility and commitment. Congratulations and a big thank you is extended to Jack!

Principal's Message
Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who attended the student Merit Assembly last week. The Merit Assembly ceremonies are extremely important to both us as a school and for the individual students who have been chosen to participate. I am especially proud of how they are both student-centred and student run, highlighting the leadership capacity of our young people.

This event allows us to reward those students who are achieving academically, are consistent, try hard and exude the three key values of ‘Respect, Responsibility and Commitment’. Well done to all of our students and also their wonderful Year Advisers who work tirelessly to support them emotionally. Thanks also to those ‘behind the scenes’ who allow the event to run so smoothly:

- Ms Tegan Hatfied and Ms Kelly Poole – organisers
- Mrs Rebecca Keen – Music
- Student involved in the entertainment – Dimity Quinlan, Kayla Smylie and Harrison Ceely
- Student leaders – Jess Hull and Josh Leet
- Student overseeing the audio equipment - Jack Twist

Being not just aware of, but proactive in ensuring we are environmentally sustainable, is crucial for the 21st century and beyond. The curriculum in both Primary and High Schools has a strong environmental focus with an expectation that students know about, understand and are supportive of a sustainable world. I am extremely proud of the students who have signed up to the environmental group at Albion Park High overseen by Mr Mehdi Hassanpour.
This group has recently gained a grant which saw the installation of a water meter. An article written about this, was in the Lake Times on 8 April. Not long after its installation we received numerous text messages to say that there was major water leakage at night time. The students together with Mr Hassannour and Amos Costa, went into problem solving mode to track down what could have been occurring.

The environment group, overseen by farm assistant Peter Bowditch, participated in a full school water audit and to our surprise (and shock) we discovered leaks in numerous places which had gone undetected for some time. Initially, a long list of taps, toilets, bubblers and fittings were identified as faulty and the following list indicated what the students found:

- 9 bubblers losing up to 42 litres a day
- 6 taps losing up to 37 litres a day
- 11 taps losing 10 litres a day
- 7 leaking fittings and 4 leaking toilets

More leaks were reported and found over a 5 week period which led to a full water usage and audit report. As of 16 June 99% of the repairs had been done. One tap had unfortunately been found on in a locked toilet which saw a loss of over 500 litres a day.

The total water loss to the school had been over 2,500 litres a day which is of course, unacceptable. Mehdi and Peter, together with their trusty environmental group, have been instrumental in 'stopping the drain'. This is so important for numerous reasons, because of the cost of water to the school which is better used in education, because of the value of precious water as a resource and also because our students are learning to problem solve in a high quality environment, learning real-life lessons in how to be proactive.

Well done to the team, you have done a wonderful job and I am hoping that when you move on to saving power, which is escalating in price each year, you come up with some very useful and creative ideas!

School recommences on Tuesday 15 July for the start of Term 3 and hopefully the students and staff will be refreshed after a relaxing holiday break.

Suzi Clapham
Principal

Parent Teacher Night
The Parent Teacher Night for Years 8, 9 and 10 will be held on Tuesday 22 July, 2014. Families will receive either an email or letter that contains their unique booking code and an outline of the process.

- From Monday 23 June to Sunday 13 July the website will be open for parents to nominate which teachers they would like to see. Please wait until Monday as staff will be making priority requests over the weekend.
- Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 July scheduling will occur based on staff availability and parent requests. The site will be unavailable during this time.
- From 5pm Wednesday 16 to 3pm Monday 21 July 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

SRC News
The SRC were excited to send three Year 11 students: Belinda Marden, Ashley Hunt and Jasmin Hayes off to 'Elevate' last week. The Elevate program is a fantastic initiative run by the University of Wollongong. It is an opportunity for students from all over the region to come together to
discuss great ideas and build upon valuable skills such as public speaking, self-confidence and leadership. The skills gained through such programs as this one, will be valuable for a lifetime.

The SRC also provided much appreciated assistance in the organisation of our three Merit Assemblies that were held on the 18 June. Thank you to Daniel Gonzalo (Yr 8), Sophie Nicholson (Yr 9), Alicia Wheatley (Yr 9), Isaac Fenech (Yr 11), Brittany Luland (Yr 11), Belinda Marden (Yr 11) and Julian Lorenson (Yr 11). All members represented our committee with professionalism and provided great support to staff.

Also, a big thank you to Janice Roberts (Yr 9), Brittany Jolliffe (Yr 10), Ashley Hunt (Yr 11) and Isaac Fenech (Yr 11) for their assistance during the Year 7, 11 & 12 parent-teacher night that was held on Wednesday 11 June. These SRC members were most helpful to both staff and parents throughout the evening.

Regional Cross Country Results!
Congratulations to our 21 Regional Cross Country runners for representing our school and conquering ‘Heartbreak Hill’ at the Willandra Cross Country course, Cambewarra on Friday the 30 May 2014!

It is a really tough course ranging from 3000m to 6000m in length.

The following students did exceptionally well and will be competing in the CHS Cross Country during week 1 next term.

- Karlie Gentles (3rd place),
- Taliah Moxham (3rd Place),
- Sinead Austwick (5th place)
- Jessica Hull, who placed first in her age group.

Well done Girls and good luck!

Year 11 Sports Coaching
Students Make Good Impression
Over the last few weeks the students in our Year 11 Sports Coaching class have been assisting and officiating at various Primary School Athletics carnivals in the Albion Park area. The feedback from the schools has been outstanding. Barbara Longhurst from Albion Park Primary School commented “they were a wonderful credit to your school” and “they were polite to all of our students and parents, worked without complaint and helped to make the carnival a huge success”. Well done Year 11 Sports Coaching and keep up the awesome work!

Did you hear that FIT I A.M is the new Brekkie Club??
Brekkie Club has been revamped!
The aim of FIT I.A.M at Albion Park High School is to build a healthy, active community in which students have the opportunity to have fun in a supportive environment. FIT I.A.M also provides students with the opportunity to begin their school day participating in a range of physical activities as well as having a nutritious breakfast. Through FIT I.A.M we aim to allow students to feel a sense of belonging whilst strengthening links to our schools PD/H/PE curriculum.

Details: This great Sports Committee initiative is run every Tuesday and Friday mornings at 7:30am in the school gym. Students engage in ½ an hour of physical activity and then are provided with breakfast all before the bell goes for roll call. Students receive a membership card which works on a loyalty system, where a stamp is given for participation and rewards are given for every 6 sessions attended.

So grab some friends and come along to FIT I A.M!!

Alert Notice!
If any student or family member contracts chicken pox or measles could parents please notify the school immediately, as we have a student who cannot be immunised against these diseases and who needs to be isolated from any contact.
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

OUTREACH COURSE AT TAFE WOLLONGONG CAMPUS

Will be conducting courses for people who want to develop skills for employment of further study. Course include those specifically for women and cover vocational skills in:

1. Certificate 11 skills for work and training (introduction to retail)
2. Certificate 1 in access to work and training introduction to Café and Hospitality skills
3. Certificate 11 in skills for work and training (office and customer service)

These courses have no TAFE administration fee. Courses will commence the week starting 21 July, 2014. An information session will be held at 10am in Building L, Ground Floor, Room 19. Or phone Jennie Vulatha 02 4229 0149

24 June, 10:00 am Shellharbour TAFE Building G, Room G.G.28
These courses are fee exempt but there is a $25 student contribution fee. For further information please contact Kathy Finigan on 42218939

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 or Wednesday 25 June, 2014, 4pm and 5. 30 at Wollongong Campus, Building L, Room L.2.17

Apprenticeships & Traineeships Information Sessions

Improve your chances of getting an Apprenticeship
Find out:
- What employers want?
- Where do I find the jobs?
- Strategies and Resources

Hear from and talk to:

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Workplace Learning Illawarra
Phone: (00) 4229 0526
email: tafe@wllr.org.au

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