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**Principal’s Message**

It is with enormous sadness that I write this message to acknowledge the tragic circumstances in which Mr Michael Clancy and his wife Carol passed away, as passengers of the Malaysian flight. As a community we are all deeply shaken by such an unexpected and terrible event.

The former Deputy (and for much time relieving Principal) of Albion Park Primary School of 22 years, was an absolute gentleman and had a deep and enduring positive effect on generations of Albion Park students, some of whom have gone on to become teachers themselves.

We have met as a school to communicate our sadness and we have offered counseling guidance for any students who are in need of support.

Michael and Carol will be sadly missed.

We have started the term exceedingly well and I am very impressed at how quickly students have settled into what is always the busiest term of the year.

The welfare of our students is always the highest priority for us at Albion Park High School and I thought it appropriate for me to devote the content of this newsletter to reminders about cyber-danger.

Besides the ongoing warnings about being very careful in any cyber chat-rooms because you simply do not know who you are talking to and the even more obvious warnings, about giving your details to anyone whom you do not personally know and trust (in real-life, not on-line). There is another major concern of which we all need to be cognisant and wary, and that is SEXTING.

**Students of the Week**

Hayley Munilla Year 11 – Hayley is a dedicated student who always shows the school’s value of respect, responsibility and commitment. In the last week, on top of her regular studies she has been doing work experience at a Café at Dapto. When her supervisor was contacted he gave her a glowing report saying what a great ambassador for Albion Park High School she is.

REMINDER NEXT P&C MEETING – Monday 21 July, 2014 at 6pm.

**No Excuses – go to school – everyday counts!**
SEXTING is taking photos of yourself either naked or partially naked, or in compromising positions and sending them to another person. It is sometimes very difficult as adults to believe that young people are willing to do this but it has, in fact, become a real problem across every layer of society. This is possibly the result of many teenagers being immersed in video clips and other media which is flooded with sexualised behaviour and consequently them being ‘dulled’ to the sensitivities around sexting. For whatever the reason, a young person decides to SEXT, it needs to be openly discussed and stopped, the best strategy to do this is to educate about the dangers involved.

Firstly, students and parents need to be fully aware that compromising photos considered pornographic by the police, of young people 16 and under, are deemed child pornography and therefore illegal. The other two major considerations that teens often do not consider are: the person to whom the photo/s is/are sent very often will be both tagged and shared by the receiver, this is also illegal and considered in dealing in child pornography. Unfortunately, girls, in particular, can be quite gullible and trusting. Also, when young people go for employment interviews, the first thing an employer will do is ‘search’ about the person on-line. Needless to say, it is unlikely a person will make it to interview if inappropriate photos of them are discovered.

I would ask that every parent be open in discussing the dangers and stupidity of dangerous e-behaviours and warn your young men and women about the regrets that they will inevitably have in participating in sexting.

The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) has an excellent link on their website which includes audio of child psychologist Kimberly O’Brien speaking about the dangers of sexting: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/sexting-what-every-parent-should-know.

Suzi Clapham
Principal

Welfare
What an exciting end to Term 2! As you would have read in the previous newsletter, merit assemblies were held in week 8 of term 2, and more than 400 students were awarded for their achievements in semester 1. Students were awarded across a range of subjects, for a range of achievements including improvement in their study, extra-curricular activities and excellence in their subjects demonstrated in their assessments, projects and tests. The merit assembly gave us the opportunity to congratulate the students for their efforts and celebrate with their parents; we thank you most sincerely for your support.

In the final week of school, Years 7 and 8 celebrated a term of no negative interactions with a visit to the movies. Across the two year groups, students have been encouraged to make sure they had no negative behaviours in Term 2, those who succeeded were rewarded with an invitation to the movies. 200 students were issued with invitations, unfortunately, we only had space for 120 in the cinema and those spaces sold fast!

On Thursday, June 120 students, and 4 excited teachers boarded the two buses bound for Shellharbour Greater Union. Once there, the students were given drinks and popcorn, and their own cinema for a special screening of ‘Blended’. Some of the students shared their reviews of the movie: “I want to see it again!”, “I love Drew Barrymore”, “My favourite part was with the parasail and the Rhino”, “My friends told me to stop laughing so loudly”. Safe to say, if you haven’t already been, this film was highly recommended by the discerning critics of Year 7 and 8. For the teachers, it was a lovely way to celebrate the good attitude and behaviour of the students and we are looking forward to another excursion at the end of Semester 2. Big thanks to the PBS committee for their support of the excursion and subsidising the buses.

With an epic end to Term 2, you must now be wondering where to from here, for the Welfare team? The Welfare team is currently reviewing its policies and procedures and will be working to implement changes to the way students are cared for in our school. We are also undergoing training to become a White Ribbon School.

The White Ribbon Foundation will be known to most of our community as an organisation that works to eliminate violence in our society. Sadly, one third of women and children face violence in their daily lives, and with the White Ribbon Foundation we, as a school, will be implementing White Ribbon’s ‘Breaking the Silence’ Program. This program is unique within prevention.
education in Australia in driving attitudinal and behavioural change with young people across primary and secondary schools (8-18 years) ‘Breaking the Silence’ works to enhance respectful relationship education to prevent the perpetration of violence against women and girls. We are excited to implement this program into our school.

**Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea**

Late last term, 47 students from our three Leadership Committees - the SRC, the Sports Committee and CAPA - were invited to attend a morning tea to raise money for the Cancer Council.

This charity has grown into one of the most popular fundraisers of the year across the nation and full credit must go to our school captain, Jessica Hull, for organising this initiative again at our school this year.

Students who are current members of our Leadership Committees were invited to bring a plate of food and a friend to the Common Room, with $5 from each person going to the charity.

All in all, over $200 was raised, which may have been a little down on previous years, but was still a satisfactory amount given that the event was organised at short notice.

Well done, Jess and to all of the other students who were involved.

**Parent Teacher Night**

The Parent/Teacher Night for Years 8, 9 and 10 will be held this Tuesday 22 July, 2014. Families should have received either an email or letter that contained their unique booking code and an outline of the process.

- 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.

**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.

**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 half 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!!**

**Creating Opportunity for Young People**

Are you an employer or do you know an employer in these Industries?

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In 2014, Year 11 & 12 students from Albion Park High School will require work placements in the above industries.

Work placement is unpaid practical skills industry training and is an integral part of the vocational course these students are studying for their HSC.

If you can help, or you know somebody who can, contact Abbey Hartgrove at Workplace Learning Illawarra on 4225 2526 or email abbey@iswlp.org.au to find out more.
Southern Branch FC and Football NSW Southern Branch would like to invite all interested, age eligible, female players to trial for the Country Southern teams for the upcoming State Titles. Expressions of interest will also be taken for team managers of the 12’s and 16’s teams.

**Age divisions:**
- 12’s (born 2002 or later)
- 14’s (born 2000 or 2001)
- 16’s (born 1998 or 1999)

**Trial venue and dates:**
- South Nowra Football Complex, Mumbulla St, South Nowra.
- Friday 25\(^{th}\) July 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Friday 1\(^{st}\) August 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**State Titles dates and venues:**
- Monday 22\(^{nd}\) to Friday 26\(^{th}\) September 2014
- 12’s & 14’s - Glen Willow Sporting Complex, Pitts Lane, Mudgee
- 16’s - Valentine Sports Park, Meurants Lane, Glenwood (Sydney)

For further enquiries and expressions of interest please call:
**Mark Johnston (0488 034 500) or Phil McColl (0418 255 209)**
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Commanders Aboriginal Artwork Competition

Lake Illawarra Local Area Command is conducting an Aboriginal Artwork Competition as part of Naidoc week. The competition is open to children who reside in the Lake Illawarra Local Area Command and are of Primary and High school ages. The artwork theme of Reconciliation, Police and Community is being encouraged. There will be two winners, one from Primary aged children and one from High school aged children.

The competition will run from the 7th July 2014 and all entries need to be submitted by 4pm Friday the 25th July. The finalists will be chosen by the Judges, Supt Wayne Starling, Commander Lake Illawarra LAC and Aboriginal artist, Glenn Duffield. There will be two finalists chosen from the two age groups, with the winning pieces of artwork printed on Lake Illawarra LAC’s business cards. The artwork submitted will also be displayed at the Lake Illawarra Police Station.

In appreciation Harvey Norman Warrawong has kindly donated two 7 inch Android Tablets for the winners.

Superintendent Starling states, “This is a great opportunity for our local kids and teenagers to show their talent and have their art placed on display for both police and community members to see.”

Competition guidelines:-

- One entry per person and entrant must live within Lake Illawarra LAC
- Parents approval for children to enter competition
- Artwork to be submitted electronically (photo taken and submitted), with main artwork being used for finalists
- All submissions to have entrant name, date of birth, next of kin name, contact details (PH and Address) and school attended
- Entries to be sent to S/Cst Scott Burgess via e-mail burg2sco@police.nsw.gov.au or call 42325329 with enquiries
- Artwork to be no smaller than A4 size
- Finalists to approve their artwork to be proudly displayed at Lake Illawarra Police Station
- Finalists invited to Lake Illawarra Police Station for the presentation of the winners (Date to be announced)

Contact – Youth Liaison Officer, Scott Burgess
Lake Illawarra Local Area Command
Phone: (02) 42325329 Fax: (02) 4232 5333

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