Our School Values are – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITMENT’

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Term 3 Week 6

18 August, 2014

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REMINDER NEXT P&C MEETING – Monday 18 August, 2014 at 6pm.

It ain’t great to be late!!
School starts at 8.25am be on time!

Students of the Week
This fortnight we would like to acknowledge the students from the SRC who assisted staff during the Subject Selection Evening. Melissa Gibbons, Ashley Hunt, Brittany Luland, Daniel Gonzalo and Janice Roberts all volunteered their own time to help with the organisation of this event and were wonderful assistants. Well done!

Principal’s Message
The subject selection process for 2015 has dominated the action at Albion Park High this fortnight. Thank you to the parents who took the time to come to the school to participate in this very crucial decision-making time for your young people. These events are not just about information but about making connections and to continue making, with your school; parents often take the opportunity to catch up with other information and ask questions that are unrelated, but are as equally important.

We took this opportunity to ask some questions of you as we plan for the next three year educational planning cycle. If you did not get an opportunity to fill in the form and wish to do so, please ring or get your young person to ask for a questionnaire form from Mr Paul Ryan. The responses which were outstandingly positive and useful are published on our website; they will form the basis of our planning for 2015-2017.

The on-line subject selection process is ready to close and students have been told on assembly today what the deadline is. Students who do not complete this process are in jeopardy of not getting the subjects that they most desire.

The process for the senior students (Year 10) is a long and complex one but is always very fair. The first round of discussions, at executive level, is about the subjects, which are not tenable to run. Subjects with very small candidatures are not viable; if your child chose a subject which does not run then their next option takes precedent.

The second part of the process is to arrange subjects into ‘lines’, that is, subjects which run at the same time (simultaneously). Again this process blocks some students out of subjects because two of their favourites may run at the same time. This is why the order that students place their subjects is vital.

Thank you to Mr Ryan and Mr Ridgway who are working many extra hours outside of school time to ensure that this process is on-time and fair. Please
discuss with your child that they have their subject options in.

**Congratulations to the Highest Achievers in the Trial HSC exam**

We are extremely proud of the efforts of most of our HSC students but we give special congratulations to the students who achieved outstanding results. The study and determination that goes into achieving at this level is very high and the hours of study and preparation have paid off, well done and keep working as we near the HSC!

- Sarah Higginbottom – English Advanced, Mathematics, Extension Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology and Physics
- Tayla Robin – Ancient History, English Advanced, Visual Art
- Samantha Hayes – CAFS and PD H PE
- Jordan Walker-Lau – Ancient History (and a perfect result in one English essay)
- Keiran Masters – Business Studies
- Sarah-Kate Quinn – English Standard
- Aaron Berry – English Standard
- Kayla Correia – Modern History
- Josh Leet – General Mathematics

**Remembering the Pacific Conflict**

School Leaders at the Memorial Service at the Albion Park RSL on Friday 15 August.

**Some Uniform Reminders**

- There is a uniform winter sale on – see this edition of the newsletter for details.
- There are a few girls who have begun to wear tights on sports days – tights under NO circumstances form part of our uniform.
- Black leather shoes are mandatory.
- Support for uniform can be requested – simply see or ring the principal.

Suzi Clapham
Principal

**SRC News**

The SRC are excited to announce that the “Jeans for Genes” fundraiser this week raised a grand total of $334, which is a fantastic contribution for this very worthwhile cause. Well done, Albion Park High School!

Preparations for the upcoming 2014 School Election are now underway. School captaincy offers aspiring leaders the opportunity to facilitate positive change within the school, act as a mentor and role model for the younger students, and inspire others to pursue a leadership role. The role of a Captain or Vice-Captain also allows for students to have their name etched into Albion Park High School history, for future students to see.

We have six Year 11 Captain candidates for 2014: Ashley Hunt, Belinda Marden, Brittany Luland, Julian Lorenson, Reagan Pabis and Taylor Garner. These students will be presenting their election speeches to the student body on Friday 22 August.

This year we will be trailing a new process for student voting; the SRC will be setting up a polling station in the common room, where students will come to place their votes. By replicating this democratic process within our school, we hope students gain a greater understanding of the importance of a democracy and gain some insight into the function of such a system.

Lastly, the SRC would also like to acknowledge the massive success of the ‘Milkshake Monday’ initiative, having completely sold out all stock this week. Superb effort!

**Vocational Education and Training (VET)**

The latest updates on school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) at Albion Park High School. Did you know?

SBATs are more than just part-time jobs - they're a great way to set yourself up for the career you want whilst completing your HSC.

SBATs are available to all Year 10, 11 and 12 high school students in NSW. They allow students to commence an apprenticeship or complete a traineeship while at school. A school-based apprenticeship or traineeship combines paid work, training and school; as well as an industry recognised national qualification you will gain credit towards the...
HSC. Some apprenticeships and traineeships can contribute towards the ATAR.

At Albion Park High School we have a number of students undertaking SBATs as part of their senior studies. In Year 12, Taya Humby and Mitchell Mauro are completing the second year of their Retail traineeships, Taya at McDonalds Albion Park and Mitchell at Woolworths Kiama. Both will gain a Certificate II in Retail Operations on completion of Year 12. Kathryn Munro has successfully completed her Retail traineeship with KFC which she started in Year 10.

This year there are eight Year 11 students undertaking seven traineeships and one apprenticeship. Kirra Swaby recently commenced the first year of her hairdressing apprenticeship at Pure Hair by Ange. Kirra works one day a week at the salon, attends TAFE to complete the theory component of her apprenticeship and attends school to study her HSC subjects.

The following students who are undertaking traineeships include:
Ashlen Patrikka-Animal Care and Management at Greencross Vets Fairy Meadow.
Ben Pattison- Retail Operations at C1 Speed Albion Park.

An exciting new SBATs initiative for Indigenous students is the Djinggi program which targets students interested in becoming teachers. Year 11 students, Joel Aitken, Shania Coe, Megan Jackson and Tehlia Lucas, successfully applied to be part of this program which offered a school-based traineeship in Certificate III Education Support, which upon completion will qualify them for entry in the University of Wollongong Bachelor of Education courses. Joel and Tehlia undertake the practical component of their traineeships at Albion Park Primary School, while Shania and Megan complete theirs at Albion Park Rail Primary School.

A significant benefit of their traineeship is the acquisition of valuable ‘on the job skills’ developed in the classroom, with the assistance of their teacher mentor, which are advantageous in their planned careers as primary teachers.

**Construction News**

Year 11 Construction students, under the guidance of Mr Mayo, have been busy completing their latest project. The project involves the construction of the very popular timber picnic tables, three-seater and platform bench seating which are being placed in the school grounds for student use.

The students construct the custom designed outdoor furniture from plans developed by Mr Mayo. The whole project involves the development of a variety of skills and competencies which students are assessed on in order to gain their Certificate II qualification.

Students begin the project at the plan reading stage and progress through to selecting appropriate materials and then final construction of the furniture. The next step is to excavate the playground, form up and pour a concrete slab for the furniture to sit on and finally fix it to the slab. The end result is very popular seating for students to enjoy during lunch and recess and beautification of the school grounds. The furniture is so popular and well-made that staff members are requesting orders for home use.

If students, parents or local employers require more information regarding SBATs please contact Mrs Burling, Head Teacher VET and Careers Adviser or log onto www.sbatinnsw.info

**It’s not so great when you’re late!**

Just a friendly reminder that school officially starts at 8.25am. Students who arrive to roll call after this time without a valid reason (note from parent/guardian) will be issued a lunchtime detention. Persistent lateness may result in an after school detention. Don’t be late!

**Thursday Gate Passes**

Only one gate pass will be issued per student, per term, on a Thursday. In order for a student to obtain a gate pass on Thursday, they must be able to produce a medical certificate or a Doctor’s appointment card. Students who would like to request a gate pass on Thursday must do so before school (by 8.25am).
Inbound Japan Visit

Albion Park High School recently hosted another successful visit from our sister school in Saitama, Japan. Ten students and three teachers from Omiya Kita High School spent eight nights with host families and enjoyed a full program of activities. This is the third time that staff and students from Omiya Kita have visited our school.

This visit was particularly exciting as some of the hosts from Albion Park High School are going to be travelling to Japan in September to stay with the students they were hosting, which demonstrates the reciprocal nature of our sister school commitment.

Having travelled from their rather hot and humid summer, the group found the cool weather of Albion Park a little difficult to adjust to but did not let it dampen their spirits.

The school program included English lessons, class integration, sports activities, two half day excursions to Kiama and Bald Hill and a lamington cooking lesson. The full day excursion was to the Blue Mountains where Japanese students were able to participate in an Aboriginal culture experience and see the ‘Three Sisters’. Students also experienced the Skyway, the Cable Car and the Railway as well as a short walk through the National Park. This seemed to be a highlight for many.

Japanese students also gave special culture presentations to Year 7 Japanese classes and participated in the Education Week festivities, with Year 4 students, from local primary schools. This involved Year 4 students experiencing the Japanese language and culture through calligraphy, origami, games and dressing up in traditional Japanese clothing, Kimono.

On the middle weekend, the majority of the group spent the weekend with their host families visiting Sydney, going to the beach, visiting the zoo, shopping and many other local attractions. The group were farewelled Friday morning with many tears from both Japanese and Australian students.

We would like to thank our host families who so generously welcomed these students into their homes and to experience life as a member of their family for the week. Without your support and assistance, programs like this would not be possible.

In the September school holidays, eleven students and 5 teachers from Albion Park High School will be heading to Japan for a reciprocal visit. This program will involve our students being hosted by students from Omiya Kita High School for one week. Our group will then tour Japan where we will visit places such as Kyoto, Nara, Osaka, Hiroshima and Miyajima. All students and teachers are extremely excited and counting down the days!

Southern Stars #webelieve 2014

With just three weeks to go until Southern Stars #webelieve2014 hits the stage at the WIN Entertainment Centre and mass rehearsals already taking place, the excitement being generated around the show is palpable.

Over 2800 students will perform in this year's #webelieve2014 which will take patrons on a musical journey through childhood, the teenage years, and into adulthood.

It is a show with something for everyone and is not to be missed!

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster and are priced as follows: Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140.

The Saturday matinee is a great opportunity for parents to take their smaller children who will be dazzled and amazed by the colourful costuming, thousands strong dance numbers, contemporary music, and sheer vocal and musical talent of our public school children.

Many thousands of school children will also attend the Friday matinee performance and if you haven't done
so, remember to get your child’s permission slip in quickly to secure their ticket.

School and community support of Southern Stars is vital and will ensure the success of the show for many years to come, giving many thousands more students the chance to share in the unique and fulfilling performing arts experience of Southern Stars.

Albion Park High School Students rehearsing for the Southern Stars show #webelieve14.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**20% OFF SALE**

From
Tuesday 9 September (1-3pm)
to
Friday 19 September (8-11am & 1-3pm)

Includes Woollen Jumpers
No refunds or exchanges!

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**Aerosol Cans**

Aerosol cans of any type are banned at Albion Park High School. There are people with severe allergic reactions which could result in hospitalisation. Pump action or roll-ons are acceptable.

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**Shellharbour City Council**

is hosting a

**FREE Campfire Event**

at
Killalea State Park
for families with preschool aged kids.

This event will be held as part of Council's **Growing Minds Greening Communities program**.

Come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle, damper and marshmallows. We will also have some torches ready for some spotlighting fun!

**When:** Sunday 31 August 2014  
**Time:** 5.30 – 7.30pm  
**Location:** Killalea State Park  
Specific location to be advised upon booking  
**Bookings are essential**

Please note that priority will be given to Shellharbour City Council residents.

Contact Yvette on 4221 6351 or email gmgc@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au
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to TRY BASEBALL

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SATURDAY 23RD & 30TH AUGUST
AT REED PARK 10AM - 12.30PM

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