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Term 4 Week 2  12 October, 2015

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Students of the Week

Many thanks to Courtney Brown and Jayden Knell for their hardwork and organisational skills in assisting with the Semester 2 Merit Assembly last term.

Principal’s Message

A very big welcome back to all our students and parents/carers to Term 4. With the mercury hitting 37 degrees on day 1, may I remind all students how important it is to have a substantial breakfast before leaving for school. The first break of the day is at 11:35am for lunch. Breakfast, therefore, is one of the most important meals of the day. I also encourage all students to ensure that they have a water/drink bottle here at school. Hats are also vital in the summer months.

Term 4 is an important Term in many ways – it is the time when we work towards a conclusion, whether that be assessment tasks, assignments, performances or sporting experiences. It is that time when everything we have learned throughout the year comes to fruition. Now is the time to focus on study and homework schedules in the lead up to exams and assessment periods.

The end of Term 3 saw a wonderful graduation ceremony for our Year 12s. This emotional experience took place in the school gym and the students looked splendid in their graduation gowns. It was wonderful to see the way these students approached the ceremony as they prepared to leave Albion Park High School.

These Year 12 students are currently preparing to sit for their HSC examinations. These commence in Week 2 and I know the entire Albion Park community wishes them all the best in this regard. The HSC is an internationally recognised

The Albion Park School community wishes our 2015 graduating class every success in the Higher School Certificate exams and their future.
qualification and the exams are the final component of the credential.

This term we are also re-visiting our mobile phone/electronic device policy. We ask that all students be prepared for lessons on time outside their classrooms with their mobile phone/electronic devices turned off and put away. We also ask that students have all necessary equipment for these classes. Caps are to be off before entering the rooms. We refer to this as Take Off (Caps/Hats) Turn Off (Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices) Put Away (Caps/Phones/Electronic Devices). The learning that takes place in classrooms needs to be free from distractions. Phones are only ever to be used under the supervision of the class teacher.

Education is a partnership between the school and the parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support of the school. I often reflect on how fortunate we are to have such a supportive parent body.

Paul Ryan
Relieving Principal

What’s been happening in HSIE…

Year 7 began their studies of History with the completion of assessments to build their research skills. This term they will continue their studies of Ancient China and the Roman Empire and explore the influence of these societies. Year 8 began their second course in Geography, building on the fundamental skills explored in the Year 7 course.

This semester students investigate globalisation, current events and challenges for the modern world. Many students completed the creative McDonald’s task where they were required to develop their own product for the company reflecting global taste preferences.

Year 9 began their studies of the new Australian History Curriculum, beginning with the Industrial Revolution and Australia’s early development.

This term their focus is World War I and World War II. Do you have family members who have served in the armed services? Students are strongly encouraged to talk to family and friends about their experiences in these horrific conflicts to support their studies at school. Year 9 students will again be organising and hosting the Remembrance Day commemorations at school this term to gain a deeper understanding of these conflicts and their impacts.

All junior subjects will be completing their semester two common test in Week 5 and 6 of this term. Guidelines to assist students study for these will be provided two weeks in advance and all students are encouraged to attend the homework centre, complete provided revision material and seek assistance from their teachers to achieve to their potential.

The HSIE senior subjects are always a favourite for students at Albion Park High School and a wide range are offered each year. In 2015, over 65 students will sit their HSC for the subjects of Ancient History, Modern History, Geography, Business Studies and Legal Studies. As a faculty, we would like to extend our congratulations to these students for completing their courses successfully and wish them all the best for their upcoming final HSC exams!

Upcoming excursions

Term 4 also brings with it many exciting opportunities for students studying HSIE subjects to broaden their understanding through excursions. Two major excursions are taking place this term in Week 5. Year 11 students studying Business Studies, Legal Studies, Business Services or Ancient History will be invited to an overnight excursion in Sydney later in the term. Multiple sessions will be organised so that students who study more than one HSIE senior subject can choose their areas of interest. Additionally, students studying the HSC Modern History course and students in Year 9 will be invited to a one day excursion to the War Memorial in Canberra on the 6th November. This excursion always proves to be a favourite with students with highly interactive displays.
and engaging guest speakers. Further information will be provided to students in class in the coming week for both of these excursions.

New Geography Curriculum

Exciting times are ahead for Geography students! After much anticipation, the new National Geography Curriculum has been released and will begin in schools for 2017. This is wonderful news and will lead to more engaging programs in Geography that focus on contemporary issues and getting out doing more fieldwork! Teachers are already preparing for these changes to provide a smooth transition to the new courses.

Horse Poo Lotto - We have a Winner!!

Huge congratulations to Emily Carbone of Year 9 who was the winner of the Sport Committee’s recent ‘Horse Poo Lotto’ fund-raiser.

To ‘earn’ her $250 worth of shopping vouchers, all Emily had to do was to ‘own’ the plot where one of our horses defecated – first prize going to the ‘owner’ of the plot where the poo presented!! And Plot No.50 was the winner.

As you could imagine, Emily was very excited when she learnt that she had won, as these pictures indicate.

Well done, Miss Carbone – you’ve got to be in it to win it, as they say.

A huge thanks goes out to Joseph Rossi (Year 7) who organised his mum and dad (Jo and Kevin) to bring two gorgeous Shetland ponies (Cisco and Shadow) to school on Monday 14 September for this event. We couldn’t have done it without you Rossi family!

And a huge thanks to all of those students, teachers and friends of the school and SASS staff who bought plots for the fund-raiser. Plot owner Lauren Hughes (No.40) deserves special commiserations as much of the faeces ended up in her plot too. Bummer Loz!

We will poo it all again in two years!

Albion Park High Sports Committee

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

The school have placed an order to the Earn & Learn program for the following items.

- **Science**
  - Mini Beast Skeletons (set of 3)
  - Mini Beasts Ocean Set - Large Set
  - Mini Beasts Frog Life Cycle
  - Solar System Model

- **Agriculture**
  - Vegetable Root Viewer with Seeds x 2
  - Child Studies
  - Polydron XL - Bright Colours - 36 pieces
  - Giant Polydron Gear Set 58 Pieces

Once again thank you to everyone for your support in helping the school attain the above items.

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