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P & C MEETING
Monday 26 October, 2015 at 6pm

A welcoming and friendly school working with and for our local community

Students of the Week
Debate Roundup
The final debate for our junior debating team saw them compete against Moss Vale High School early this term. The team, comprising Aleiya Jolliffe, Aliya Picker, Chloe Flynn and Chloe Clifford were victorious in their argument that “we should ban the Naplan test”. On such a contentious topic, the team put forward key arguments based heavily around statistics and facts about educational standards. They dominated the debate and each spoke to a time above the 4 minute mark.

This was a wonderful way to conclude the debating competition this year and our team have performed very well to achieve a pleasing 2 out of 3 wins. As always, they conducted themselves confidently and with good manners. A fabulous effort.

Mrs Cable

Principal's Message
The 2015 HSC is well and truly underway with the second week of exams completed.

It was wonderful to see so many of our staff gathered on the grass area outside the school to wish the Year 12 students all the best on the first day of the exams. The Year 12s appeared well prepared yet eager to have their first exam behind them.
Special thanks must go to Mrs Gonzalez for her ongoing support of the Year 12 cohort. She has been an incredible Year Adviser and the students have been extremely lucky to have her guidance over the years. HSC Results will be released mid-December.

Finally, a very big thankyou to all the parents of our Year 12 students. The school recognizes the love and care that you have shown your child over the years – it has been wonderful working with you!!

Successful education is an effective partnership between the school and the home. On behalf of the school I would like to thank the Year 12 parents for their support over the last six years. It has been an incredible journey – it has been a pleasure working with you.

Paul Ryan
Relieving Principal

The Australian Mathematics Competition

The 38th annual Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) took place in August in primary and secondary schools all over Australia. Hundreds of thousands of students from Year 3 to Year 12 compete on the same day, making it possibly one of the largest single events on the Australian education calendar.

Students of all levels of ability, from all types of schools in vastly different locations around the country, sat a 75-minute secondary paper, which contained quirky questions with an emphasis on fun and problem solving.

The AMC is also the first and believed to be one of the largest competitions of its kind in the world, with more than 1100 prizes and 60 medals awarded annually. Since it began in 1978, it has become a truly international event, attracting approximately 14 million entries. This year, there are entries from more than 40 countries across South East Asia, the Pacific, Europe, and Africa. There is an increase in entries from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

‘Many of Australia’s leading mathematicians under the age of about 40 were identified through the AMC and are products of the Olympiad programs. They are serving their country in science in areas such as climate change and defence’, he added.

Students who are outstanding both within their state or country and overall in the Competition are awarded medals at annual ceremonies.

The Trust is under the Trusteeship of the University of Canberra. Support for the AMC also comes from the Canberra Mathematical Association.

The Albion Park High Mathematics Faculty wishes to congratulate the following courageous students who participated in this year’s competition. They placed themselves far out of their comfort zone and for this reason alone, they should be celebrated.

Year 7:

Year 8:
Josephine Barkeit, Daniel Munro.

Well done everyone and thank you for your commitment to excellence.

Mr F Gonzalez
Maths Head Teacher

The Confidence Man

On Friday 16 October twenty four students and Mrs Roth went to see the play “The Confidence Man” by Zoe Pepper and Adriane Daff.

The performance had six characters which were volunteer audience members, donning a mask and a headset. The actors were given stage directions and sometimes their inner thoughts through the headset. Christie Ann Shaw and Ryan Hilton from Year 10 both eagerly volunteered.

The audience was given a smartphone with headsets with the ability to listen in on each of the characters individually.

This form of interactive theatre was a little disorientating at first, but once we became familiar with the characters it was great fun to switch between them. It was interesting to see that sometimes, the action of the actors were comical, unless you had the audio with it!

The students are to be commended for their maturity and behaviour throughout the day. The only person
who found it difficult to remain silent in the quiet carriages on the train was me! Thanks for a great day
Yr9/10 Drama
Mrs Roth

**Fit I a.m Fitness and Breakfast Club**

Fit I a.m Fitness and Breakfast Club has recently received substantial sponsorships and donations from various local community organisations, including a generous donation from the Albion Park Crows Junior AFL Club. The funding will allow for new fitness equipment, club jerseys and cover ongoing running costs next year.

Fit I a.m has resumed for Term 4 and runs every Tuesday and Friday morning at 7.30am. FIT I a.m provides all students and teachers with the opportunity to begin their school day participating in a range of physical activities as well as enjoying a nutritious breakfast.

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**Albion Park High School Work Experience Program 2015**

Albion Park High School encourages all Year 10 students to participate in the Work Experience program. Work Experience is considered a valuable program which allows students to develop general work skills and observe/experience skills and knowledge in a field usually chosen by the student. Work experience also helps students manage their transition through and from school to further education, training and work.

The voluntary placement of Year 10 students will be held:

- Week 8 Term 4 23 - 28 November 2015
- Week 9 Term 4 30 Nov – 4 December 2015

Students will only be permitted to participate in one week-long block of work experience, but are able to nominate which week is the most suitable for their placement.

**Work Experience Placement**

It is the responsibility of the student and their parents/carers to locate host employer/s for both the block Work Experience and the Job Experience Day.

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**Students and parents are issued with:**

- An introductory letter
- Student Placement Record
- Work Experience Guidelines
- Employers Assessment Sheet
- Parent and Carers Guide to Workplace Learning- This booklet introduces the concept of work place learning, what’s involved and the support available to parents, carers and students
- An Employers Guide to Workplace Learning- this guide introduces work place learning, the support available to employers, insurance information and the roles and responsibilities involved in hosting students. This document must be given to the host employer.

**Parents/Carers**

Students and parents/carers must complete and sign the mandatory Student Placement Record for the work experience to proceed. Students cannot participate in work experience unless parental consent is given.

**Host Employer**

The host employer is given the Employers Guide to Workplace Learning document and must complete and sign the Host Employer’s details on the Student Placement Record. This enables the employer to outline the work to be undertaken, the supervision and training to be provided and the WH & S systems in place. This information must be provided prior to the placement. Detailed information is required in this section of the paperwork.

The host employer must sign an agreement to abide by the conditions of the work experience prior to placement commencing, including agreement to provide appropriate supervision and training and initial induction. Work experience will not be approved unless this completed agreement has been received by the Careers Adviser.

Host employers are also asked to complete an evaluation of the progress of the student participating in work experience at the end of their placement.

**Work Experience Induction**

Students will have participated in the Work Experience lessons prior to their placement as well as a pre-placement induction regarding rights, responsibilities and emergency contact information so they are well prepared for the experience.

An Albion Park High School staff member will contact the student and host employer during the block work experience to assess student progress.
Timeline for Work Experience

- 7-16 October 2015 - students receive information about Work Experience in Careers lessons.
- 19 October - Work Experience forms available from Mrs Fisher
- 6 November 2015 - completed Work Experience forms must be handed in to Mrs Fisher by this date.
- 11-18 November - copies of Work Experience forms returned to students and pre-placement induction given. Copies are for student, parent/carers and host employer.
- 23-28 November 2015 - first one week block of Work Experience
- 30 Nov-4 December - second one week block of Work Experience

Any queries should be made to Mrs Fisher, Careers Adviser, who can be contacted on 4257 8015.

Shellharbour City Council is hosting a FREE PARENTS’ WORKSHOP

To help you with practical advice about:

- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the Learner Driver Log Book and
- Providing on-road driving practice

The FREE 2 hour workshop for parents and other supervisors of learner drivers will be held at 6.00pm on Monday, 9 November 2015 at the Council Chambers, ground floor, Lamerton House, Lamerton Crescent, Shellharbour City Council (opposite the RMS Motor Registry).

Bookings are essential. Please call Jenny Davies on 4221 6124.