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Principal's Message
I would like to sincerely thank Mr Paul Ryan who stepped into the Principal role in my absence for the first few weeks of term, Paul has, as always, done a magnificent job. Thanks also to Mrs Letitia Summers who relieved as Deputy and to Mr Paul Ridgway who supported both of the senior executive. Thanks also to Claire Phillips who relieved as Head Teacher Administration this term. The term began smoothly and ran well due to Albion Park High having such talented and hard-working leaders with enormous capacity.

This week saw the conclusion of the HSC exams and the start of the Year 10 formal (internal) exams. Ms Sue Kirkland, our HSC supervisor, remarked on how fabulous, how well behaved, mature and pleasant all our Year 12 students were. I look forward very much to seeing them all dressed up for the Year 12 formal on Thursday 19 November, 2015.

Congratulations to all of year 10 who behaved in an exemplary manner in their exams, we are very proud of you and your commitment to learning.

This year as you will be aware we are running the inaugural “Activity Week” and all students have now chosen what they intend doing. This involves running two days of a wide range of activities; these activities are designed and run by staff who chose them because of their exciting and relationship-building factor. This is a wonderful opportunity to have fun, be involved, spend time with friends, get to know other people, be active, get your Christmas shopping done and make great relationships with new staff.

We are very positive about the social outcomes of these two days and excited about what the prospects for even more exciting events in the future. I want to remind parents that...
this is not a time to have off school – there is an activity for everyone and not all of the activities cost money. Please work with us to get into the Christmas spirit of joy and good-will and set high expectations of attendance for your child. Thanks very much to Mrs Rebecca Keen, Ms Kelly Poole and Mrs Emma Nelson, who are working hard on the organisational aspects of the days.

Suzi Clapham
Principal

Science News
A lot has been happening in Science recently. Firstly we would like to welcome Ms Melanie Blaser to our permanent staff and wish all the best to Mrs Nicole Woods on the birth of a healthy baby boy last term.

Term three was very busy with Year 12 Senior Science and Biology students taking an exciting overnight trip to Taronga Zoo and the Australian Museum. We also celebrated Science week in style with a guessing competition, Science demonstrations on assembly and a glow in the dark room in the Library. Thanks to Ms Wray-Davis for organising these celebrations.

The Agriculture area has been busy with new eggs coming in that should hatch into some pure bred chickens in the next week. The plants and veggies are also loving this warm weather and lots of rain.

Year 10 Marine Studies have just completed their Personal Interest Projects and Mr Mercer was very excited by the fantastic work of many of his students. They had been working on this project for many weeks in class and the range of topics and variety of presentations is excellent.

In year 8 science classes their Student Research Projects were completed at the end of last term. The students all investigated how changing one factor on a paper helicopter would affect its flight time. Most students really enjoyed planning and performing their experiment and it was great to see students getting involved in Science.

VALID
Year 8 parents should have received a letter about VALID (Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development). This replaces ESSA as the year 8 state wide assessment. The purposes of the VALID program will be to provide diagnostic and formative information about science learning by secondary students in schools across NSW and to provide a mechanism to allow schools to validate school based assessment in Science. The tests will take place in week 6 and 7 during usual science lessons and students will need to bring their own headphones.

Try A Trade
Students from Albion Park High School have been busy building a toolbox, learning about motor vehicles and constructing brick walls with our Try a Trade initiative across TAFE Illawarra Shellharbour and Wollongong.

The one semester customised commercial program is an extension of the Career Pathway Taster and gives selected students from local high schools an opportunity to gain essential practical skills in a cross-section of trade areas.

Deborah White, TVET coordinator, says the program is an innovative way to engage future students with the range of career pathways on offer at TAFE Illawarra.

“The idea behind the Try a Trade initiative is to give students an enjoyable experience that might connect them with a study area of interest.

The students will be continuing their learning with plumbing basics at TAFE Illawarra Wollongong in a couple of weeks and will also gain a White Card and First Aid Certificate. At the end of the program the students will walk away with practical experience, a sense of their future career possibilities and certificates in specific areas.”
Timeline for Work Experience

- 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.