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Term 4 Week 8

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Coming events

Week 8

Monday 23 November
Yr 10  Work Experience
Yr 10  General Maths 2 HSC Task 1 Due
Yr 11  Minor Work Placement

Tuesday 24 November
Yr 10  Work Experience
Yr 10  Minor Work Placement
Yr 11  Hospitality Assess. Café

Wednesday 25 November
Yr 10  White Ribbon Day
Yr 10  Work Experience
Yr 11  Minor Work Placement

Thursday 26 November
Yr 10  Work Experience
Yr 10  Minor Work Placement
Yr 11  Sista Speak Program

Friday 27 November
Yr 10  Bridge to Asia Day
Yr 10  Work Experience
Yr 10  Minor Work Placement
Yr 6 to 7  Support Transition Program
Yr 6 to 7  Transition Program
Yr 6 to 7  Support Work Experience
Yr 11  Sista Speak Program

Week 9

Monday 30 November
Yr 10  Work Experience

Tuesday 1 December
Yr 10  Orientation Day
Yr 10  Work Experience
Yr 11  Hospitality Café
Yr 10  Stockland inspiration Work Exp

Wednesday 2 December
Yr 10  Work Experience
Yr 9  Playgroup Christmas Party
Yr 9  Year Meetings

Thursday 3 December
Yr 10  Work Experience

Friday 4 December
Yr 10  Work Experience
Yr 11 & 12  Support Work Experience

Students of the Week

Elections for School Captains were conducted on Thursday 12 November by members of our Student Representative Council. The students were responsible for issuing, collecting and counting ballot papers across the school. The conscientious nature of the students ensured the election was conducted in an efficient and professional manner. Many thanks to the following students: Stephanie-Chase Horton, Sophie Elbourn, Ryan Cope, Daniel Gonzalo, Blake Matterson, Murray Twist, Justin Vella and Noah Cegielski.

Principal’s Message

It is with enormous pleasure that I present to our community our new captains, vice-captains and prefects for 2016. The voting went ahead smoothly and was amazingly close. These students are fine young people who have deserved their positions. I look forward very much to working with them all next year.

CAPTAINS  Katelyn Todd  Jack Twist
VICE CAPTAINS  Georgia Moore  Will Worthy
PREFECTS  Nick Davies  Michael Fielder  Melissa Gibbons  Brittany Jolliffe  Aaron Schloeffel

At the end of this term I need to say a sad farewell to three wonderful and dedicated staff of Albion Park High.
Emma Sacco who has been with us for 15 years. Emma is much loved by staff and students but needs to follow her husband in his employment which moves the family to the North Coast. Emma has given so much of herself to our school and I know there will be many tears at her departure. We wish Emma all the very best and trust her dream to become a Head Teacher come true, she will be amazing!

Barbara Clayton retires at the end of the year after a long and wonderful career as an English teacher with the DoE. Barb has been a year adviser and a senior teacher with a passion for English at Albion Park High School for sixteen years. We hope that Barbara truly enjoys her retirement.

Breï Dwyer moved to Sydney this year and has been travelling to Albion Park which adds a considerable amount of time to her day, Breï has now gained a position far closer to where she lives. We wish Breï, who has been a tremendous asset to our school, all the very best and whilst we are sad to see her go, know that the travel was too much to cope with long term. Thanks in particular goes to Breï for the fabulous work she has done in ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies at Albion Park High School.

Uniform 2016
As we creep closer to the end of the year and preparations are being made for both Christmas and the 2016 school year, I would remind parents of the uniform expectations.

In 2016 the girls’ tartan skirt needs to be the one with pleats, no longer will the straight skirt be accepted.

By the end of the year our new senior girls’ tartan dress will have arrived, this will be available for years 10, 11 and 12.

I will also remind all parents that black leather shoes are the only ones which are allowed; towards the end of the year the wearing of correct shoes has declined with many parents wanting to purchase new ones for Christmas gifts, we have tried to be understanding but in 2016 the expectations will be that every student will be in the correct footwear.

Suzi Clapham
Principal

Presentation Night for 2015
will take place on December 9 at 6:30pm in the School Gymnasium.

Letters of invitation will be sent to parents this week, and we thank you in advance for your quick RSVP.

This year, we are asking that all families donate a non-perishable item at the front of the gymnasium for the Lord Mayor’s giving appeal.

We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the successes of your children with us.

Student Leaders Introduction Letters

Hello, my name is Katelyn Todd. I would like to thank everyone who listened to my speech last week. As some might not know, your votes elected me to be the 2016 School Captain.

Within the next year I will lead the fundraising to buy the school a Defibrillator, which is already being discussed amongst the year 12’s on how we are going to go about it.

The second point that I would like to focus on is trying to supply more shade around the school, as most students will agree we need more. I am not going to promise that I can transform the school but I can promise that I will be approachable, understanding and support each person’s ideas.

I am proud to be a part of Albion Park High School and wear my uniform with great pride. I am eager and determined to make each individual proud to call me their School Captain.

Congratulations to Jack Twist on also getting 2016 School Captain, also to William Worthy and Georgia Moore on Vice Captain, you are all deserving of the role.

Hi, my name is Jack Twist and I am the male school captain for 2016.

Firstly, congratulations Katelyn for being elected as female captain and both Will and Georgia becoming the new vice captains as well as our new school prefects as well.

I have a great passion for the performing arts, especially the technical side, assisting with the lighting and sound for all of our school’s assemblies. I have been on the tech crew for two of our previous musicals and currently participating in the school’s current production, Bats: The Musical. As captain, for next year it is my aim to set up a Creative and Performing Arts committee as well as increase the student’s interest in all areas of the Creative and Performing Arts.
Will: I offer my own time to work with students who are struggling with their workload, mental wellbeing, etc. as I believe that if a student is to lend a younger student help in the areas that need attention, it could prove to be beneficial due to the student-to-student connection that can be built. I hope to provide a larger variety of bins around the school (the back oval, and various other locations around the school) in order to avoid the litter build up caused by the laziness of people not being bothered to go to a bin because they “aren’t close enough”.

My name is Nicholas Davies and I am lucky enough to have been chosen as a prefect for the 2016 school year. My participation in the Max potential Program has helped me to refine my leadership skills and has helped me to gain more confidence. I want to lead the school and make sure that I create an atmosphere that everyone wants to be a part of.

My major focus as a prefect will be to get more people to come to the homework centre, it is a great study space and the atmosphere makes you want to start work and studying. Another aspect that I wish to focus is the support and recognition of great ideas, I intend to take people’s suggestions to the P and C meetings.

Hi, my name is Michael Fielder and I am the spokesperson for the students of the Support Unit. I will be raising any issues or suggestions they may have to the S.R.C or any other person within our school community. I will try to be a great role model to my peers and the younger students.

I’m Melissa Gibbons and my main goal in life is to stop any negative emotions towards people who aren’t the same as most people because they have different coloured skin or don’t have the same sexuality. It really sickens me when people do this and I really want it all to stop because all I want is peace in the world and to not live in a world where being gay, bisexual or not white is frowned upon.

My goal in the coming year is to work to ensure that everyone in our school is accepting of the rights of others to live their lives.

Hi my name is Brittany Jolliffe and I have been named 2016 Albion Park High School prefect. In my role I plan to help in as many ways as possible; by giving the students a voice, by improving the school to make it place that we want to come to everyday, as well as trying to stop bullying by trying to implementing anti-bullying schemes, as well as myself trying to help wherever and whenever possible. To everyone reading this if you need any help with anything whatsoever whether it be school work, something happening at home or school or you just need someone to talk to I am here for you. If you ever need me I am usually sitting near D7.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who got captains, vice captains and prefects.

News from Support

How the year has flown by ….

It certainly is the time of the year that we look at our calendars and quickly realise time has skipped along a little too quickly. Term four is always a really busy time with finalising arrangements for the current year and busy with planning for the new school year that will follow.

This term we have run our Support Unit Orientation Program for our incoming Year 6 to Year 7 students. We will be intaking six students from across the Illawarra that will be joining our classes in 2016. As many of us remember for ourselves or for those who have recently supported students starting high school, this is always an exciting and anxious time for any student.

The Orientation Program builds up from students visiting, with the support of parents and carers in the first week to several scheduled visits over a four week period culminating in a fun day with the support unit downing tools and heading outside for some sports and games followed by a BBQ lunch.

Our Orientation Program involves tours around the school, get-to-know you games, speeches from our current Year 7 students, exploring our Orientation Booklet packed full of information and then students enjoy some hands-on practical fun by joining in on some of our lessons.

Last Friday the Year 6 students thoroughly enjoyed a Science lesson where they made their own bright green slime to take home. Next week the students are very excited to get in and try their first cooking lesson.

I am always very proud of our support unit here at Albion Park High School and I wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new students and their families. I very much look forward to getting to know you all and working with you throughout your child’s educational journey with us.
A Fine Representative Indeed
Congratulations to Michael Fielder who last week very proudly represented our support unit by presenting a speech to go for captaincy and other leadership roles for 2016.

Michael worked tirelessly preparing and practising this speech in the weeks before hand and overcame some nerves on the day to speak beautifully. Michael is a fine representative of all the values and skills we hope to build within our students. He is kind and courteous, hardworking, mature and respectful to all he comes across. Well done Michael, we are incredibly proud of you!!

Sarah Hiscocks
Head Teacher Special Education

The Spirit of ANZAC Centenary Experience
The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is a free, travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia’s involvement in World War One and our subsequent century of service.

This once-in-a-lifetime event will be staged at the University of Wollongong Sports Hub from 11 – 20 January, 2016. It’s an ideal summer holiday activity for families in the Illawarra region.

Over 40,000 Australians have already been through the Experience in Albury-Wodonga, Tasmania and Ballarat and the response has been overwhelmingly positive with locals saying it is “brilliant”, “amazing”, “a must see” and a "mammoth task executed perfectly".

Visitors can walk through recreated First World War environments, featuring innovative displays and interactive elements which showcase over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, the majority never before seen by the public.

Entry to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is free, but booking is essential as places are limited. Find out dates, locations and booking details at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au.

Follow us on social media using the hashtag #spiritofanzac.