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Our School Values are – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITMENT

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Term 4 Week 10  7 December, 2015

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Principal’s Message

Well Christmas time is almost upon us yet again and we all sing the same song; “where has the time gone?”

2015 has been a magnificent year for Albion Park High; we have achieved so much in such a short space of time. I wish to very publically thank my amazing staff who continue to excite me with their talent and enthusiasm and who deserve the best of breaks for their hard work.

It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr Paul Ryan for gaining the Principal position at Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts. It is a bitter-sweet moment as we lose a wonderful Deputy but on the other hand the region has gained a fabulous Principal. The Albion Park High School Community sends its best wishes with Paul as he begins his next educational journey!

I wish to congratulate our newest arrival to permanency, Amy Greig who is not just a PD H PE teacher but also oversees our Learning Support Team, she is a most welcome addition to the Albion Park High School family!

We have in 2015 completed the first year of a three-year school plan and we have reached all of the key targets we have set out to achieve, and in some cases in fact exceeded our expectations. It has been a year which has seen a large number of new programs – far too many to speak about in this context but I would like to make reference to some of the most significant initiatives, which have made particularly large positive impacts, for our students:

P & C MEETING
Monday 22 February, 2016 at 6pm

“Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.”
-- Chinese Proverb

At this time of year, it is a joy to pause and Thank the many people who have made our success possible.

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The teaching buddy program overseen by Paul Ryan and his “Teacher Innovation” Leadership team. This program pairs staff up to visit each other’s classrooms so that they can have deep and significant conversations about pedagogy & teaching.

The High level HSC success evening – overseen by Paul Ridgway and his “Program Innovation” team. This program targets students in Stage 6 to support the highest of expectations for HSC achievement.

The Classroom Matters program run by Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning, Elizabeth Asanovic, which supports teachers in targeted areas linked to our specific priorities.

The creation of the HOW2Learn team; Frances Cole, Letitia Summers, Allyson Fisher and Elizabeth Asanovic. This long-term program will dominate our discussions in 2016.

These programs are in the main about supporting staff to be the best teachers that they can be, but we have also a myriad of new programs to support students, including:

- The White Ribbon program to raise student awareness of, and combat, domestic violence.
- A wide and growing range of CAPA programs including dance, a special drumming program, drama of extraordinary quality, art and vocal programs.
- Our Personalised Learn Programs for Gifted and Talented students, as well as our PASS program for academic leadership.
- Project based learning across all faculties, specifically to encourage 21st Century learning skills of communication, collaboration, team work, problem solving and ICT has had a wonderful uptake by every faculty and remains a key focus for 2016.
- A particularly significant and successful program has been the creation of our Resolution officer to support students who are having personal conflicts, also overseen by Amy Greig.
- Debating and public speaking have blossomed and we have some exciting ideas in working with our three primary partner schools in 2016.
- The homework centre has had up to 30 students in some afternoons. Thank you to the staff who so generously give of their time each week and Librarian, Lisa Hoole.
- A vast and growing range of extra-curricular activities to ensure personalization and a sense of connection and belonging in our students.

Of all that we have done it is the last dot point which resonates most with me. For the past 2-3 years students have been telling us, through feedback and evaluations, that they need a greater sense of belonging. The attached chart maps what we have offered and how many students have taken up the opportunities provided. If your child is not at least doing one thing on this list then it is time to ask why they are not participating in these wonderful and meaningful opportunities.

Please see chart attached at the end of this newsletter (Page 5).

Finally I wish to thank all of our parents and carers who, continue to support and work with us to ensure the very best of outcomes for their child/children.

I wish all of our families a happy and safe break and that the joy of Christmas and its messages of peace and love dominate your holiday.

Suzi Clapham
Principal

Victor Chang Award

On Friday 6 November Claire Phillips from the Science faculty had the great pleasure of accompanying Hallam Patrikka to the Victor Chang Awards at Figtree High School. This award program is sponsored by the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute and is awarded to students in recognition of outstanding efforts in Science. The Science Faculty of Albion Park High School nominated Hallam due to his excellent efforts to achieve the highest mark in both Preliminary Chemistry and Biology.

The keynote speaker at the ceremony was Professor Jamie Vandenberg from the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute who spoke to the students about the joys of pursuing a career in scientific research. Professor Vandenberg touched on the fact that a large number of future careers will rely on the logical thought processes taught in scientific disciplines, and that they are already ahead of many in their cohort.

He mentioned the opportunities both within Australia and around the world for the growth of STEM-based careers and interpreting the research outputs into tangible products. Professor Vandenberg also spoke to the students about the importance of mentors. Initially these will be their parents and teachers, but to reach out and look for connections through universities and businesses to find the people who will
both inspire and challenge them to reach their full abilities.
In addition to this prestigious award, Hallam has been invited to tour the Victor Change Institute in early December. This is an amazing opportunity for a student who has worked consistently throughout his schooling career. The Science faculty are very proud of the hard work that our students are doing and hope for many more such achievements.

Industrial Technology
The Year 9 Industrial Technology Timber class has had a successful year producing a number of projects that have introduced the students to a range of skills.

The final project for the year has been a DVD/games/book storage unit.
Some of the finished projects from Year 9.

The Year 10 Industrial Technology Timber class have been working on their Major Projects and most have completed a well thought out and designed coffee table. This project allowed the students to bring all their prior knowledge and skills together into one project.

Bridge to Asia Day
On Friday 27 November we welcomed the Year 5 students from Mt Terry and Albion Park Primary Schools for an adventure through Asia. Many of the staff were dressed in regional costumes, from Japan, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, India and our intrepid PDHPE department who were Nepalese trekkers from the Himalayas!
The students arrived excited and ready to explore our region with our year 7 guides. The primary school students were issued their passports and escorted through ‘customs’ and on to various lessons around the school.

The aim of the day is to share some of the cultural diversity of our region and to have a little fun along the way. Students travelled to Indonesia to make masks, Japan for calligraphy, games and language, Korea to learn some Tae-Kwon-Do and Pakistan to learn about Malala Yousatzai.

Each group of primary school students was guided through the activity by current Year 7 and 10 Japanese students in addition to the support of our amazing staff. After a whirlwind tour of three stopovers the primary school students had gained some new experiences and learnt a little more about our geographical region. A brief customs check, a final stamp in the passport and we waved them off to return home to Australia with a little more knowledge and a lot of fun.

Thank you to all staff and students who were involved and to Ms Hutchins who organized the day.

Ms Phillips
Transition Co-ordinator

Food Technology News
In a recent assessment, Year 9 Food Technology students designed and produced individual Novelty Cakes to celebrate a 5 year old's birthday.

A huge effort was made by all students to decorate and present their cakes and party theme. Themes included; Minnie Mouse, Frozen, beach, rainbows, butterflies and Cookie Monster cakes, just to name a few.

A wonderful effort was made by all and Heather Woolley was very proud of their commitment and determination to succeed in the task.
In Term 4, Year 10 Food Technology students have been learning about the Food Service and Catering industry. They applied their knowledge and skills to prepare and present an afternoon tea for invited guests.

During this topic we learnt how to work in pairs and also the different techniques in cake making. We all thoroughly enjoyed this topic.

Macayla Hilton Year 9

Y8 Child Studies – Playgroup Christmas Party

Our year 9 Child Studies class have been working hard since second term organising activities and participating in the school playgroup. What better way to finish a fun and exciting year than with a Christmas Party?

The children participated in Christmas craft, listened to Christmas Carols, played and snacked on Christmas food as they waited with great anticipation for Santa’s arrival. With keeping to tradition Amos Costa volunteered his ride on mower and Santa came riding in, with the ding ding ding of Santa’s bell the children came running with cheer. It was a great success; I would like to thank Amos Costa for his continued help each year as well as Daryll Poole for playing a fantastic Santa.

We would like to thank all of the families that attend for their continued support. It’s fantastic that we can work so closely with our community, the girls have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of your children’s weekly activities and will miss being able to see them.

Playgroup will recommence part way through term two 2016, Tuesdays from 10.30-11.30.

Thank you, year 9 Child Studies, for all of your efforts this year. Well done girls, you have all done such a wonderful job. Very proud teacher here, Mrs Mayo.

Students excelling in sport

Zane Montgomery recently attended the NSW CHS Boys State Tennis Championships at Newcastle, where he represented the South Coast in six singles.

Zane won four matches and came a close second in the other two, losing in tie breakers. He also played six doubles, where he and his partner worked hard to win three. South Coast came 3rd overall in the competition and Zane was awarded the highest point scorer for the South Coast team.

Congratulations Zane, what a great achievement!

Nicholas Horton has had an outstanding year in High Jump! He attended the State Athletics Carnival in September this year where he placed second allowing his qualification for the NSW All Schools event.

At All Schools, Nick jumped a new personal best, a huge 1.96 metres (taller than his own height!) and took home the gold medal! Since then, Nicholas has been training hard under a new coach for the Australian National Athletics Championships held in Melbourne this past weekend.

Nick placed equal 5th in this event, an excellent achievement that gives him a worthy ranking as one of the best U16 boys High Jumpers in the country!

A big congratulations, Nick. We are looking forward to bigger and better things in 2016.
Albion Park High School Sports Presentation
Albion Park High Schools Sports Presentation will be held this Friday, 11 December, 2015.

The presentation named ‘Parque Du Sporte’ is circus themed this year and we are encouraging all award winners to come dressed in theme!

Parque Du Sporte’ will be held in the school gym beginning at 9:00am sharp and is expected to concluded at approximately 11:00am. Students being awarded should have received their invite both in the mail and in roll call.

Major award winners and their families are invited to attend a morning tea held in the library following the presentation.

Walk A Mile in My Shoes
Over the past few weeks Mrs Horton’s 7B English class have been studying the unit ‘Walk a Mile in My Shoes’. Throughout this topic students examine texts that provide insight into the diverse experiences of people around the world, with the aim of developing empathy and understanding for those living in different times, places and contexts to our own. The content of this unit inspired and motivated students of 7B to make a contribution to the lives of disadvantaged children in our community.

Students began brainstorming ways they could help others and through much collaboration it was decided that they would raise some money to purchase Christmas gifts to donate to a local charity. 7B aimed to raise $50, however, the final tally far exceeded their expectations and reached an amazing $90! This is a truly remarkable display of generosity and kindness from twenty eight, Year 7 students. Well done, 7B!

School Spectacular
We are very proud of Jessie Ingram from Year 8 who was a featured dancer during the event.
## Extra-Curricular, Leadership & Volunteering Opportunities
Currently Offered by Albion Park High School

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### Drama Performances
- Pantomine - 50
- Anti Bullying Performances from Yr 10 - 30
- Showcase to 7/8 Southern stars Drama company - 3
- South Coast Drama Festival - 26
- CAPA Performance - 36 + 6 crew Work in progress day - 78

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### Sport
- Sports Committee 24 Regional Reps: 26 State Reps: 4 Numbers in carnivals:
  - Zone - Swimming: 44, XCountry: 55, Athletics (No Carnival)
  - Regional - Swimming: 26, XCountry: 23, Athletics: 29
  - State - Swimming: 1, XCountry: 3, Athletics: 9

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### Homework Centre
- 25-30 each week
- 15 per week by Mid-term 4
- Chess team 10-15
- 10% on Top 40

### UoW Extension
- 3
- In2Uni Year 11 – 14 Masterclasses Yr 7-8 – 60
- Public Speaking 14

### Debating
- 8
- PIP project Yrs 7 & 8 (personal interest prog.) Year 7 – 40 Year 8 – 15
- G&T - PLP plans Yr 8 + 9 38

### Cows Create Careers - Camembert in the Classroom
- 10

### Cultural Acknowledgment of Country
- 3
- Men's shed + Sister speak Killalea Cult. Exc’n 10
- Sorry Day Nadioc Aboriginal Health Day 33

### Conservation Group
- 23
- Whales Prog. 29

### Cancer Council; Relay for Life
- 11
- Wrapped with Love (Knitting) 8
- Volunteers for Education Week, Open Day & Welcome to Yr 7 20

### White Ribbon
- 5 + all of Yr 12
- Canteen Volunteering program Year 9 – 8 SHINE 45

### Harmony Day
- 11