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Term 1  Week 3

9 January, 2015

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REMINDER NEXT P&C MEETING – Monday, 16 January, 2015 at 6pm.

Don’t let your education slip away, Come to school every day

Principal's Message
Welcome back to school and the 2015 year!

We have had a really wonderful start to the year and in particular Year 7 have settled quickly and effectively and already look like High School students. Year 12 have also had a very swift move to the senior position in the school and are utilizing the library and their time well. We are very impressed with their mature attitudes.

Congratulations to the 2014 Year 12 cohort who gained the best results in the history of Albion Park High. This was an amazing group of young people who worked consistently and very hard to gain their marks, well done! In particular congratulations goes to school Dux Sarah Higginbottom who gained an ATAR of 98.3 and Jess Hull who gained 93.8. Both students gained easy entry into their ‘dream courses’ at the University of Wollongong and we wish them, and all of the students of 2014, the very best in their futures!

Whilst it was an unfortunate start with both of our fabulous Deputy Principals being out in the first week, it is great to see them both back and well. Thanks very much to Mrs Cole and Mrs Summers stepping up so effectively to help out with a very busy start to the term. We have had a record number of new enrolments and are completely full in Years 7, 8, 9, and 11 and therefore accepting no “Out of Area” enrolments.

As all parents should now be aware, the students’ eDiary is available and all students need to do is check their email accounts to accept the invitation to join. This is a very exciting venture into truly 21st Century learning and we look forward to improved communication with students and parents.

We are also moving into the 21st Century of rewards with the introduction of the VIVO reward program for students. This is a computerized system which allows staff, with a click of a button on their computer, to allocate rewards to individuals, class groups, special groups and Year groups. These rewards will build to contribute to HOUSE points also. In particular this year we are looking to reward students who contribute to the school, the community and even the world. We hope all of our students get into the swing and enthusiasm of VIVO – we want to be a positive, energetic and globally sensitive school looking always
to the future and what we can contribute to make the world a better place.

I would like to congratulate our very talented Year 10 student Redeika Wright who last year entered the University of Wollongong's AIME design competition and won. Not only did she win money, but will also have her own design splashed across the very popular UoW AIME “Hoodie” worn by hundreds of local students and staff. Well done, Redeika!

After many months of planning and hundreds of conversations, we have created a draft 3 year school plan. Whilst it is not fully completed, it will be published on our website this week in draft version.

We have the mandatory three strategic directions:

- Teachers deliver the highest quality 21st Century Learning
- Teaching programs prepare students for their future
- Students are confident world citizens who value their education

We wish Penny all the best with the upcoming big event.

Many of our students have seen and come to know our school counsellor Mrs Penny Hayden, who has been a wonderful support for Albion Park High School. Penny has needed to leave slightly early for her maternity leave but will be replaced by the very experienced Mrs Jill Donnelly who has worked previously at the school.

We officially welcomed Mrs Elizabeth Asanovic to the position of Head Teacher Teaching and Learning (TaL) and Ms Patricia House to Head Teacher Welfare.

Ms Tegan Wright who has been a long-term temporary teacher at Albion Park High gained a classroom teacher position through merit selection.

We also welcome our new farm assistant Mr Craig Sevendaks.

Congratulations to our newest members of the Albion Park Family… Mr Shannon Farrugia’s beautiful baby Clementine, as well as Mrs Merrin Goodwin’s daughter, Holly!

I would like to encourage parents to come along to our P&C meetings – the first one being in week 4 of term one on 16 February.

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Suzi Clapham
Principal

TVET Kicks off for 2015
If you’re a student in Years 11 or 12, you can opt to study a TAFE vocational course while you’re still at school. These courses supplement the VET courses already offered at Albion Park High School. TVET gives students the opportunity to complete their HSC while they gain practical work skills and a TAFE NSW qualification.

TVET provides students with an opportunity to:

- gain practical, work-related skills to enhance their future employment opportunities
- complete units that count towards their Higher School Certificate (HSC)
- start or complete a nationally-recognised TAFE NSW qualification while still at school

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courses can also contribute to your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) if it is classified as Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

When students finish their TVET course they receive a nationally-accredited qualification or a Statement of Attainment. Most TVET courses articulate into further TAFE or university studies.

TAFE offers an adult learning environment where students are encouraged to be self-directed, self-motivated and are expected to take responsibility for their own learning progress. Students also need to show commitment, both in terms of attendance and attitude and a willingness to become fully involved in the learning process.

Industry recognises the quality of TAFE trained workers. This means TVET courses are incredibly powerful for those wanting to enter the labour market, particularly if the course includes a work placement component.

In 2015 there are approximately 80 students from Albion Park High School who are undertaking TVET courses at Shellharbour, Yallah, Wollongong and Wollongong West TAFE campuses. The courses they are involved in include: Automotive Mechanical, Plumbing, Signage, Hair & Beauty, Events & Tourism, Aged Care, Nursing, Animal Studies, Painting & Decorating, Brick Laying, Retail, Fitness and Baking.

Students generally attend TAFE one afternoon/evening per week, with most courses having a work placement component.

For more information on TVET @ TAFE Illawarra visit: http://www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au/course-and-careers/course-types-and-study-modes/tvet-tafe-while-at-school

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**Immunisation Day – Monday 9 February, 2015**

**NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM**

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2015 the following vaccines will be offered:

**Year 7 students**

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and

**Year 11-12 students**

- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health site at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

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 COMMANDERS ACTIVE CITIZEN AND ABORIGINAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

I had the pleasure of attending the Commanders Active Citizen, Aboriginal Youth Leadership Awards at Lake Illawarra Police Station last night in support of Brock Harrison and Jaidyn Scott, who both received awards. The program is implemented by local Police, Elders and NSW Sport and Rec in order to develop understanding, communication and leadership skills.

As part of the program, the boys were part of a team that hiked to the top of Mt Kosciusko, which is a great achievement. It’s a fantastic program which has had a profound and positive impact on the boys and their families.

So, if you get the chance, give them a ‘pat on the back’ and congratulate them for their involvement and completing this prestigious program. They were outstanding role models for our school community in front of an audience that consisted of local Elders, Police, Principals, the deputy Mayor and WIN TV!

Shannon Farrugia
Year 11 Year Advisor

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Albion Park High School Swimming Carnival has been re-scheduled for Tuesday the 10 February.

All students are required to attend the carnival, however, it is not compulsory to participate in a competitive event. There will be a variety of novelty events and games for students to enjoy on the day.

Students will meet at school for their normal roll call and will be supervised as they walk to the pool via the pedestrian crossing.

Students will need to bring $2 for pool entry on the day. The carnival will begin at 9:00am and conclude at 2:20pm. Parents and carers are welcome as spectators.

If the weather is poor on the day, a cancellation notice will be advertised on the Albion Park High School facebook page and on i98fm. If this occurs, students will be required to attend school for a regular school day.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Lisa de Jager (Carnival Organiser).

SOUTH COAST TRIALS

The below table is an outline of the South Coast Trials taking place in Term 1. Students, if interested in trialling, must see Miss Greig in the PE staffroom to pick up a permission note BEFORE the entry closing date.

In 2015 play AFL For the ALBION PARK CROWS.
Registration is $90 and includes free socks and shorts for new players. $80 for siblings. We are looking for players in our U/14s, U/12s, U/10x, U/9x and Auskick teams. Games played on Sunday. Please check our website at www.albionparkcrows.au

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The Australian Army Cadets

**Information Night**
Thursday 5 & 12 February 2015,
6pm at Wollongong Army Depot,
91 Gipps St Gwynneville NSW.

The Australian Army Cadets provides young Australians with the opportunity to learn, develop & practice many interesting, fun and valuable skills - especially leadership.

It is the only government sponsored youth group in Australia. Currently there are over 25,000 young Australians enjoying their involvement in tri-service cadet units throughout the country so we must be doing something right!

Become part of a unique, exciting and challenging organisation that will drive you to exceed your best. Why not join us and become a new member of the 26 Army Cadet Unit (ACU) at Wollongong? 26 ACU has a long and distinguished history of service, having been founded in 1985. Join us, make your mark, rise to the challenges and have a great time doing it!

**Unit name** - 26 Army Cadet Unit, Wollongong
**Parades** - Thursday nights weekly (6pm to 9.30pm) during school term and 4 weekend bivouacs per year.
**Age** Must turn 13yo the year of joining and not older than 17yo.
**Gender** - We accept male and female recruits
**Contact No.** - 4228 3698
**Email** - 26acu@cadetnet.gov.au
**Website** - www.armycadets.gov.au

Any interested students should come along to the Info Night with their parents and can see what cadets is all about. We only have 2 recruit intakes per year and the next wouldn't be until July 15, 2015 so if students are interested they should come along now.

Adult Basic Education Courses Semester 1, 2015
**Dapto Campus**

Courses being offered include:
- Intermediate Computers – Evening course
- Basic Computers

*COURSE FEES WILL APPLY*

Apply online at TAFE Illawarra website, www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au or phone/text Head Teacher Ros Williams on 42222860 or 0438664025 with your
Name, contact details and course of interest.
A staff member will contact you about your course or enquiry

ALBION PARK JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB
Terry Reserve, Hughes Drive, Albion Park

Registration Dates Sat 31 Jan & 7 Feb 2015
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm
4th Feb 2015
Time: 4:30pm – 7:00pm
Ages: 5 years of age to 18 years of age in 2015
Register online at www.apjsc.com
New players must bring birth certificate for proof of age
U6’s – U9’s $130.00 per player
U10’s – U18’s $145.00 per player

Have you ever wanted to have a go at BMX racing? Feel the thrills of having a go at the newest Olympic Sport. Well here is your chance.

Southlake/Illawarra BMX Club is the only BMX Club in the Illawarra area and is located in the CROOME ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX CROOME ROAD, ALBION PARK

We are having a FREE Come and Try Day.
**Saturday 14 February 2015**
From 10am to 1pm
We have riders ranging in age from 4yrs to 65yrs so anyone can come and have a go.

For safety reasons all participants must wear a FULL FACE HELMET, gloves, long pants, long sleeved top, shoes and socks. Please bring a road worthy bike with working brakes.

We will have limited helmets and gloves available to use or you can bring your own.
Full canteen facilities will be available.
For all enquires contact
Andrea Dallinger 0418 245 268
Russell Robelle 0411 645 644
Tim Robson 0450 095 150

Albion Park Girl Guides
Girl Guides have lots of FUN!! Camping, cooking, doing craft, playing games, earning badges and learning skills.

Young women 14-18 years meet Mondays 6-8pm
Girls 5-10 years meet Tuesdays 4-5.30pm
Girls 10-14 years meet Tuesdays 5.30-7.30pm
Albion Park Guide Hall, Parsons Place, Albion Park
Call – Mel on 0425403398

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