Students of the Fortnight

Jayde Axam, Caitlyn Diaz, Rhys Bard and Ryan Hilton are our outstanding students of the week. These four students helped plan Harmony Day and the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, which was celebrated on Friday 20 March.

They all went above and beyond by taking on key speaking roles for the assembly and spoke clearly and maturely. Jayde, Caitlin and Rhys also represented Albion Park High School magnificently on WIN local news on Friday night, commenting on how Harmony Day was used to empower the students at our school to stand up and say no to bullying. Well done Jayde, Caitlyn, Rhys and Ryan!

Principal’s Message

This will be the last Park Press for Term 1, 2015 and hasn’t it flown! We have had a brilliant start to the year, concluding it with a wonderful Cross Country and last week a beautiful Harmony Day ceremony.

As I said to the students during the event organised by Ms Amy Greig, I could not have been more proud of how our students, particularly the Year 10 Leadership group, conducted themselves. One of our key aims for the next three years is to build student leadership capacity, and this event certainly showed how we are developing as a school. Ms Greig also ably oversaw a WIN TV media interview for the news, supporting the students, well done!

A massive THANKYOU goes to Ms Lisa De Jäger who was the key organiser of the Cross Country. Her PDHPE faculty along with DJ Ms Beck Keen were key

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CHANGE OF DATES

P & C MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

P & C MEETING TONIGHT

Monday 23 March, 2015 at 6pm will be the Annual General Meeting.

A welcoming and friendly school working with and for our local community
players in ensuring that the afternoon went perfectly. Our students were fabulously behaved and despite a very hot afternoon of about 30 degrees everyone gave it their best. Special mention to Science teacher Ms Claire Phillips who ran the course twice!

Last week was particularly busy with Ms Suzi Roth's Drama students of Years 9 and 10 performing dramas with an anti-bullying theme. The performances were so good that I have had a request that they be repeated for Year 9 in the last week of the term, which we will endeavour to do.

Finally, the term also concluded with some significant fundraising and volunteering for the Cancer Council's Relay for life event at Albion Park. Well done to the small but significant group of students who donated their time and energy for what turned out to be a terribly wet weekend, to the very best of causes. Whilst I wasn't able to attend this year for the first time since I've been Principal, the school is extremely proud of those who represented themselves, their families and their school to aid cancer research. Thanks especially to Ms Tyne Maclver who organised this event and the teachers who supported the event.

Ms Roth's students are currently very hard at work performing the pantomime "Pollutia and the Forest Fairies", which is being performed for the primary school students. I am very much looking forward to seeing our talented young people on stage again.

Suzi Clapham
Principal

Make Online Payments
Starting next term it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting ‘$ Make a payment’.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called ‘Other’ this to cover items not covered in the previous headings.

When you access ‘$ Make a payment’ you must enter:

- the student's name, class and reference number OR

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. A new payment must be made for each student.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

Please note if you are paying for an excursion or activity being held outside of school, a permission note is still required before your child will be able to attend. This note must be handed in at the front office.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Manager on 4257 1744.

What's happening in the PDHPE Faculty & Sport?
In Years 7-10 Health, assessment tasks are currently being handed out for all classes and tasks will be completed in class either in the last few weeks of this term or early next term. The grades given in these tasks will form the major component of each student’s grades for the Semester 1 report.

In Years 7-10 PE, most students have either completed gymnastics or dance and are currently completing a games unit. Students have participated in a cross country practice over the last fortnight, in preparation for the carnival completed at school during sport time.

Bike riding for sport....
On Thursday 12 March, 12 intrepid cyclists set off with Miss Dwyer and Ms Nelson. They were part of a group that had been riding once a week for sport and were celebrating their last week with one BIG ride.

Catching the train to Woonona with fourteen bikes was a challenge, but these responsible and mature students faced this with ease. Once at Woonona the hard work began, as the students set off for Albion Park. Following the bike track through Wollongong for a lunch stop, the students then continued on to Port Albion Park. Following the bike track through Wollongong for a lunch stop, the students then continued on to Port Albion Park. Following the bike track through Wollongong for a lunch stop, the students then continued on to Port
Kembla, along the coast bike track. By the time they reached Windang they were tiring but after a pep talk and a quick snack they kept going around the lake to Oak Flats.

Then they were on the home stretch, back to school. The last few kilometres proved difficult for some but they all made it. They totalled over 50km, returning to school only half an hour late. Miss Dwyer and Ms Nelson would like to congratulate Ronan Anderson, Corban Bunker, Danielle Etienne, Jacob Grew, Claire Hansen-Arthur, Bailey Jenkins, Brendan Meikle, Nathan Montalbano, Aiden Shel, Ethan Smith and Jessica Thurgood on a tremendous effort.

Our highly successful Under 15’s team continued on their merry way, dominating their age group and defeating Edmund Rice in the final. This is the second time this age group has won this event. They will now move onto the South Coast stage of this event next term.

Thanks to Mr Georgiou for taking the team and congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Southern Illawarra Zone Under 15’s team, who will compete at the South Coast trials in Week 9: Tristan Brazulaitis, Mitchell Johnston, Dallas Harrison, Dylan Lucas, Damon Polley, Cole Thompson, Jake Brisbane and Jack Walsh.

Rugby League…..
We have had a number of competitions and gala days for our rugby league teams of late.

In week 6 we hosted Picton High School for our annual Blake/Mallon Shield, which is used as a trial for our school teams. On the day we had our Under 13’s, Under 14’s and Under 15’s playing for the shield, which our school won last year. The Under 13’s lost to Picton, while our 14’s and 15’s both won convincingly. This meant we retained the shield for another year. Big thanks to Mr Georgiou and the Year 11 Sport Coaching class for their organisation and help on the day.

In week 7 the Southern Illawarra Country Cup Gala Day was held at Croom Road Sporting Complex. We had the 13’s, 15’s and Opens playing on this day, with the 15’s and Opens competition doubling up as trial for the Southern Illawarra Zone team. Our 13’s were pretty strong on the day, winning most of their games, but unfortunately they lost their last game which meant they missed out on the final. Thanks to Mr Bridges for coaching the team on the day.

Finally……. a big thanks to Mr Farrugia and Mr Todd who have stepped down as Sports Organisers to take up Year Advisor roles. Miss Greig will be the new Recreational Sport Organiser and Miss de Jager will be the Competition and Representative Sport Organiser from Term 2.

Cross Country Report
On Thursday 19 March, Albion Park High School held their annual cross country carnival. Excitement was radiating from the students early in the morning as they eagerly awaited the beginning of the carnival.

After regular periods 1 - 4, we were able to open the carnival with a house group ‘chant off’. Guruwin took out first place for the second time in this event, with a hugely enthusiastic team of students demonstrating both passion and pride for their house. As a result, Guruwin received an extra 20 points! Check out their war cry further down the page. All students were involved in the events that followed and there were many exciting races to the finish line.
It was great to see year 12 involved and putting in an extra effort to dress up for the event. Mario and Luigi made an appearance, as did Elmo and a giant taco! It was quite amusing to watch year 12 make their way around the cross country course for the final time (look out for some photos in the next Park Press).

A special mention to some of our fit and fabulous staff members who participated in the cross country event and gave the kids a run for their money!

Now it’s time to answer the question on everyone’s lips ………. who won the house cup???

**Buru** displayed the best promotional material on the day, earning them an extra 20 points. This increased their total to 164 points, placing them 4th.

**Guruwin** came in 3rd place, totalling 201 points.

**Munda** In 2nd place received only two more points than Guruwin, earning a total of 203.

**Gugara** secured first place by receiving 220 points for the day. What a fantastic effort. Well done team Gugara!

The first 10 students from each age group have made it through to the zone carnival to represent Albion Park High School. This carnival will be held at the Integral Energy Cross Country Park in West Dapto on Friday 8 May. Good luck!

The following students are our Cross Country age champions for 2015:

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**Guruwin War Cry**

Sliding down a waterfall,
Landing on a cactus,
We think the other teams,
Need more practice,
Roll out the carpet,
Roll out the mat,
Come on sharks,
Let’s knock them flat!!
GURUWIN, GURUWIN, G-U-R-U, let’s WIN!!!!!

**Year 8 – Science Experimental Design**

Mr Hassanpour’s Year 8 Science Experimental Design class are breeding three different types of chickens for their assignment this term and are enjoying it as well.

The three breeds are:
- Sussex
- Australorp
- Plymouth Rock

So far, twelve Australorp, six Sussex and 7 Plymouth Rock’s eggs have hatched. We are looking forward to see all of the eggs hatching. Through an experimental design project we are comparing our chicks’ growth and development. In the next several weeks we will scientifically test our hypothesis and conclude which breed has the fastest growth.

Stephanee-Chase Horton – Year 8

**Clean up Australia Day Report**

On Friday 27 February at the start of recess we were called to meet at the farm to participate in a “clean up Australia day activity”.

When we got there we were put into groups. Then we were allocated to different parts of the school to clean up all the rubbish.

We got from 1.15pm to 2.10pm to clean our areas.

When we got back we cooked a sausage sizzle and ate all the sausages. Prizes were handed out to the people who had the most rubbish in their bag.

Mr Hassanpour was in charge of the day and he was wandering around, helping and taking pictures. It was a good day and all of us enjoyed it and we are all looking forward to participating next year!

Connor Pearson – Year 8

**Pitch Perfect 2 Poster Competition**

This week the winners of the Pitch Perfect 2 Poster Competition were announced. Hope Van Vliet Smith of Year 10 and Kaylee Thorn-Clarke of Year 7 were first and second place winners respectively.

In the coming week both of the girls will be given time to produce their poster on a canvas that you can see on display in the Foyer of the school, and on the Pitch Perfect 2 movie night you will see in the foyer of Greater Union.

Pitch Perfect 2 movie night is being held on May 7, at 7pm. The night is our major fundraiser for the White Ribbon Foundation, and also raising funds for year
12's graduation ceremony. The night is hosted by Year 12. Tickets are $20 each, and are available through the front office of the school. For the $20 ticket price you receive entry into the movie, popcorn and a drink, a bargain! Buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

Miss Kelly Poole.

Homework Centre
(Wednesday afternoons till 4pm)

We have had an excellent start to 2015 with over 30 students in regular attendance at the Homework Centre. What a fantastic, free resource!

Teachers from a variety of subject volunteer their time to assist students in completing homework and assignments. Afternoon tea, also free, is an added bonus.

A huge thanks to the teachers who regularly attend: the generous contribution of your time and expertise is greatly appreciated.

Come to the Library Wednesday afternoons with your work and a smile. See you there.

Mrs Hoole.
Teacher Librarian

South Coast Sport Representatives
The students of Albion Park High School have got off to a flying start in the area of sport this term. Many sporting trials have already taken place and we have some talented athletes from our school who have participated and earned their spot in a team representing the South Coast.

The following students attended South Coast trials and were successful in gaining a position on a team:
- Zane Montgomery - Open Boys Tennis
- Declyn Brazulaitis - U/16’s Boys Touch Football
- Dallas Harrison - U/16’s Boys Touch Football
- Nicholas High - Open Boys Soccer
- Breanna Payne - Open Girls Soccer
- Amy Lucas – Swimming

Congratulations to these students and we wish you all the best in your upcoming competitions!

Congratulations to Jessie Ingram and Josephine Barkeit for successfully making it into the Regional Dance Company – Well Done!