Our School Values are – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITMENT

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CHANGE OF DATES

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

P & C MEETING
Monday 25 May, 2015 at 6pm

Student of the Fortnight

Hayley Esposito of Year 7 was nominated for student of the fortnight in acknowledgment of the wonderful transition she has made to High School.

While all of Year 7 have made a positive and enthusiastic start to the year, Hayley has been recognised by her teachers achieving excellence. For this she has been nominated as student of the fortnight.

Principal’s Message

Welcome back to Term 2!

Late last term we farewelled our marvellous Head Teacher VET and Careers Adviser, Mrs Cheryl Burling. Cheryl has been a major player at Albion Park High for many years, in fact she has been part of the school for 22 years.

Cheryl has been a leader of leaders and taught many of the wonderful students who have returned, to themselves become teachers, including Jess Pinney, Steve Mayo, Adam Blake, Kelly and Daryll Poole and Deputy Principal, Mr Paul Ridgway!

We also say farewell this term to Mr Wayne McBride who has not been with us for very long, but has been a wonderful senior physics teacher, we wish Mr McBride well in his retirement.

A Concern that Everyone Needs to Know About

You will have no doubt heard on both radio and on television the very real and disturbing stories about the growing use of the drug Ice in Australia, some of you may have seen the 60 Minutes special.

I read a comment by Superintendent Wayne Starling, from the Illawarra Local Area Command, in the local Advertiser, about the concern that local police have that in fact statistically the Shellharbour area is showing higher levels of Ice usage than even Wollongong. This is a very frightening scourge on our local community, and in a more global sense, our society.

This new drug cuts across all ages, genders and socio-economic groups. It is ESSENTIAL that parents be aware of, be on the look-out for and informed about, this and other dangerously addictive synthetic drugs.

I have made suggestions for places to look for up-to-date information below. I have also placed these on
the school's website and Facebook. I urge you to become aware and talk openly and frankly about the high stakes and terrifyingly fast addiction rate of these insidious drugs with your child/children and to be aware of anyone attempting to convince them to take a risk with ‘experimentation’.


Suzi Clapham
Principal

ANZAC Day
For the past three years the HSIE faculty has been using the ANZAC and Remembrance Day services as a platform for Project-Based Learning.

A Year 9 class has the opportunity to design, organise and manage the production of the ceremonies and in turn learn about the events the nation commemorates through these two significant days. The students develop skills in collaboration, organisation, management and leadership. Their responsibilities stretch from teaching other classes about the significance of the poppy and how to make some with paper to be displayed during the ceremony, organising classes to create some care packages for currently serving members of the defence force, communicating between teachers and students, designing a multimedia presentation for the ceremony and a symbolic banner to commemorate the event and much more behind the scenes work.

The History/Geography class responsible for this year’s ANZAC ceremony have set the bar high. The calibre of the service made for a meaningful and thought-provoking morning on Friday 24 April. The school gym was filled with students and staff, made possible with the running of two ceremonies, and was decorated with the efforts of the class' work and a newly-purchased five-piece display of a poppy field.

The class is to be congratulated on their hard work and the professional and efficient manner in which they approached the preparations. Special mention is to be made to Evanthia Ghikas for the design and organisation of the commemorative banner, Adam Still and his team of students for providing a lunchtime BBQ (with profits going towards their chosen organisation - Defence Care Australia), Liam Pearson for the design and organisation of the ceremony’s presentation, Brooke Powlay for leading her group of students in the management of care packages and Cassandra Zaucer and Jade McGrath for hosting the ceremony.

The ceremony itself included several special guests and routines made possible with the assistance of the Australian Air League - Albyn Park Base, the local cadets and H.M.A.S. Albatross. We were privileged to have guest speaker Lieutenant David Cartlidge of the Hydrographic Office Wollongong join in our commemoration, as well as Commander Rod Walker from the Air League who was present to support young members of his squadron, also students of our school, who performed a catafalque party routine. The members of the catafalque party, Bronwyn Smith, Danial Jones-Morley, Connor Strickland, Daniel Munro, Daniella Walker, Jessica Lynn and Kathryn Lynn, gave an impressive display alongside Army Cadets Shaylee Baker, Jordan Darracott and Rhys Bard. These students demonstrated outstanding professionalism and discipline, making Albion Park High School very proud.

A special mention to Danial Jones-Morley who took initiative in communicating between the organising Year 9 class and his squadron commanders, organising rehearsals and for assisting in the set-up of the gym. Also in attendance was esteemed war veteran Mr Axam and grandparent to Jayde and Ryan Axam. It is a pleasure and honour to host such an important member of our school community.
The student lead ceremony included student speakers Connor Whelan, Shaylee Baker, Jordan Darracott and Adam Still. Shaylee Baker, in particular, filled in for another student last minute and gave a brilliant speech on her inspiration. The sound team, Ryan Bonacina and Jack Twist, lead by Mrs Keen, were efficient and supportive as and without them the ceremonies could not have been at such a high standard.

Our special guests have formally acknowledged their appreciation of the ceremonies and commended Albion Park High School on its respectful and welcoming students.

**Ancient History Excursion**

In week 3 this term Year 11 Ancient History students will be travelling to The Rocks, Sydney to participate in an archaeological program. The Big Dig centre, constructed above an archaeological site dated to early European settlement, hosts hundreds of students from all over the state each year. Our students will have the opportunity to speak with experts in the field of archaeology and learn from them the skills of the archaeologist and historian.

They will be exposed to real artefacts from the site, will learn how to analyse and conserve them and be shown the processes required for site excavation. After lunch, the group will head to The Rocks Discovery Museum where their mornings work will be further informed by real life convict and settlement stories.

Students will meet at Albion Park train station at 8am and return at approximately 4:30pm. Students need to remember to bring their train fare and lunch.

**Valentine’s Day**

During term 1 the SRC ran a Valentine’s Day stall selling chocolate roses, heart-shaped soaps and adorable teddy bears for students to share with their Valentine.

On Friday 13 February, the SRC spent their lunch and class time packaging and delivering these gifts. Altogether the SRC successfully raised well over $200. The money was donated to the Heart Foundation to help them find cures and treatments for heart diseases.

Thank you to Mr Hughes for helping the SRC make such a successful day.

Stephanee-Chase Horton - Year 8.

**SHINE Term 1 2015**

On Monday 30 March, seven Year 8 students completed the SHINE course for Term 1.

SHINE is a self-esteem program for girls highlighting their worth, strength and purpose. The girls attend the course one period a week on a Monday for the term with the last week being a graduation lunch held at Murphy’s Bar and Grill. The lunch was fantastic and all the girls who attended had a great time. Congratulations to all girls who attended SHINE for Term 1.

A big thank you to the P & C Association of Albion Park High School for their ongoing support of this very worthwhile program (with special thanks to Shona from the P & C who attended the luncheon).

**‘Wrap with Love’ Program**

There are millions of people in the world suffering extreme cold. In 1992 ‘Wrap with Love’ began with the idea to help as many people as possible by providing warm wraps to ward off hypothermia. Wraps are now sent all around the world as well as being distributed in Australia.

Albion Park High School students will be creating wraps this winter. If you have 8 ply wool or size 8 knitting needles, you can donate please drop your donations off at the front office.
✓ Do you have a child aged 1 - 5 years old?
✓ Do you need to get out of the house and meet new friends?
✓ Do you wish your child had someone to play with or a range of different and stimulating activities to take part in?

Albion Park High School’s Year 9 Child Studies students are running a PLAYGROUP starting Term 2 on the 27th of May to supplement their learning in this subject. The Playgroup will continue to be run every Wednesday for the remainder of the year and will be held between the times of 10.35am–11:35am. A small cost of $2 per family will cover morning tea and go towards any materials needed. The students in Child Studies have identified that ‘play’ is vital for a child’s social, emotional and physical health, and therefore Albion Park High School has been committed to providing this opportunity to both the students and members in its surrounding community for the past 20 years.

For an information pack and to REGISTER your interest, call Albion Park High School A.S.A.P. on (02) 4257 1744 or email albionpk-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!
“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes”. (Marcel Proust, 19th century novelist)
Volunteer to host an international high school student through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at how this unique and rewarding experience can help bring your family together, understand themselves better and see the world in a new light.
We have students aged 15-18 arriving from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Scandinavia in July 2015 who are seeking welcoming families all over Australia, in both rural and urban communities. They will live like a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.
Capture the spirit of family and friendship - visit us on Facebook or at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request a booklet of international student profiles.
A welcoming and friendly school working with and for our local community

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SCHOOL SESSIONS
TUESDAY MAY 12TH
8.45AM TO 3.30PM

WEDNESDAY MAY 13TH
8.45AM TO 1.30PM

PUBLIC SESSION
TUESDAY MAY 12TH
3.30PM TO 5.30PM

Illawarra Credit Union Sports And Hockey Stadium Waples Rd, Unanderra

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