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**P & C MEETING**

Monday 22 June, 2015 at 6pm

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**Principal's Message**

**Congratulations to Year 11 Drama**

Year 11 drama, with the talented guidance of Mr Paul Ryan, performed an extraordinarily complex piece for their parents and friends on Wednesday night: Cocteau.

The talents of this group were showcased and I have no doubt that that they will certainly do very well in their HSC. The devotion to their acting and their commitment to the piece was astounding. Thanks also to the sound and lighting crew. Well done!

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This week Mr Ridgway oversaw a new program which enabled Year 8 to have a ‘TASTE’ of their elective choices for the next two years. There has been a major re-vamp of our elective system so that students are able to have more choice. In response to student surveys and evaluations which told us that they wanted more variety and choice, we have extended the electives to include two 100 hour (1 year) and one 200 hour (2 years) courses over Years 9 and 10. This means that students will get a total of 3 electives over two years.

The ‘Taster’ program was very successful and it was great to see the students engaged and excited about what is on offer. New offerings include ‘Law and Order’ and Electronics as well as all of the older favourites. I particularly enjoyed the clay emoji’s created in Ms Pack’s Art class!

It is that time of the year again, when the cold and the wet are upon us, when uniform sometimes slips. When students are at school wearing their jumpers five days a week it is important to have a ‘spare’ when their other is in the wash which is the most common excuse given for being in the wrong jumper.

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**Students of the Fortnight**

Congratulation to Paityn Green of Year 11 for getting into the National Art School.

Paityn's acceptance into the National Art School Intensive Studio Practice demonstrates her elite and studious commitment to the Visual Arts. She was selected through an extensive and gruelling process that saw thousands of entry's this year. As a result of Paityn's participation in the intensive program, Paityn will receive credit points that will assist her in entering a university degree.

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The difference between school and life?

In school, you’re taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.

— Tom Bodett
Please ensure that you purchase an Albion Park High School jumper from our uniform shop on the premises, and not the old red hooded jumper from a local shop, as this is NOT the school uniform.

We are in great need of pre-loved uniforms. Anyone who has spares which have been ‘grown out of’ would be happy to put them into our spare uniform room, simply drop them off to the front office! As always, if there are families in financial stress we will help with uniform.

Suzi Clapham
Principal

Parent Teacher Night
The Parent Teacher Night for Years 8, 9 and 10 and Year 7 again will be held on Tuesday July 21st, 2015. Families will receive either an email or letter that contains their unique booking code and an outline of the process.

Parents of Years 8, 9 and 10
- From June 22nd 8:00am (week 10, term 2) to Tuesday 14th July 7:00am (week 1, term 3) the website will be open for parents to nominate which teachers they would like to see.
- Tuesday 14th July 7:00am to Wednesday 15th July 3:30pm scheduling will occur based on staff availability and parent requests.
- From Wednesday 15th 3:30pm to Tuesday 21st July 11:35am parents can go online and make available changes and print their schedule. Any changes after that will need to be made by calling the school by 2:30pm. As always, if you are having any difficulty please call the school for assistance.

Parents of Year 7
- Once scheduling has occurred, parents of Year 7 are invited to book any available times remaining.

Please note that Ms Wray-Davis (current teacher) will be speaking to parents of students in Mr Wayne McBride’s classes.
- Mrs Fisher is our relieving Careers Adviser and will be available to talk to parents on the evening.

Teachers will have prepared feedback for parents based on the bookings they receive. To assist you to prepare for these interviews you might like to consider the following:

**Before the interview:**
- Review your child’s school work.

**For the interview:**
- Be punctual.
- Ask for suggestions on how you can help improve your child’s skills.
- Interviews are confidential. Share personal information that might be affecting your child’s progress or behaviour at school e.g. family illness. This information can help the teacher understand your child better.
- Clarify anything that you don’t understand.

**After the interview:**
- Discuss the interview with your child.
- Celebrate his/her strengths.
- Discuss areas where improvement is needed.
- Make positive comments about the interview process.
- Negotiate a plan with your child that encourages them to take responsibility for their own learning.
- Help to create a study time, review homework and encourage reading.
- Follow up with your child’s teacher.
- Read school paperwork brought home. Stay informed.
- Be active at the school. Go to parent meetings, help on activities, support school events.

Your active involvement and interest in their school sends your child positive messages.
As always, the school values feedback from parents and the community. Please let us know how the process goes and don’t hesitate to contact the school for further information.

**Mrs Cole**  
Head Teacher Administration

**Industrial Metals Class**  
**Getting Their Teeth Into Their Work!**

Year 10 Industrial Technology Metal students are currently completing their Major Project which is a Barbecue.

The Barbecue Project is completed with a solid plate, grill section, folding legs and carry handle.

The students had to design their own handle for carrying as well as designing a way to lock the folding legs in place while the Barbecue is being carried.

A multitude of skills are required in completing this Project including:- MIG (Metal Inert Gas) welding, cutting of some materials with a Cold Saw, measuring, drilling, filing and portable grinding.

An Electronic Folio is also being produced to complement the Major Project. The Folio will fully detail how the project was made inclusive of a timeline, pictures, drawings/sketches, costing table, materials list, tools and equipment tables and a final evaluation.

One of the key aspects with any work in our workshops is safety. Students are closely monitored to make sure that they adhere to all safety requirements in reference to WH&S (Workplace Health and Safety) requirements while working in the workshop environment. The focus is on correct footwear (fully enclosed leather shoes), their own apron (which the students purchase from the Main Office) for personal hygiene and keeping school clothes clean from grease and dirt and safety glasses (which each student is provided with by the Industrial Arts faculty) which students must wear when working with any rotating power tools and machinery.

**Year 9 Timber - Getting it Square**

Both Year 9 timber classes are working madly to finish their cube stools by the end of the semester. The students have worked tirelessly for the first term chiselling, drilling, dowel and gluing to construct their cube. Students have then sanded and finished their cube with clear lacquer or a stain of their choice.

The majority of the class has now moved on to the padded seat which fits snugly into the cube. The seat consists of medium density foam covered with vinyl. All students are showing a great work ethic in order to complete their jobs.

Please be aware fees are required for practical jobs. Payment can be made before school, lunch, recess and via the school website.

**Debating Report**  
Premier's Debating Challenge

**Team Members:**  
Speaker 1: Emily Clifford  
Speaker 2: Chloe Clifford  
Speaker 3: Sophie Elbourn  
Team Advisor: Harry Nicholson  
Absent: Chloe Flynn

After a successful Round 1 debate against Kanahooka High School in Week 5 Albion Park High School’s Senior Debating Team attended Dapto High School to compete in Rounds 2 and 3 of the Premier’s Debating Challenge on Tuesday 16 June.

Emily Clifford opened the first debate against Dapto High School in a confident manner and quickly defined the topic and established the team model for the banning of contact sports for under 18’s. She presented a series of strong affirmative arguments to support this model and established a solid base for the team’s case.

Chloe Clifford as second speaker strengthened the team line by arguing that contact sports cause injury, promote violence and come at a great financial cost to the community.

Our case was reinforced by third speaker Sophie Elbourne whose rebuttal was robust and who brought home a powerful winning argument. Harry Nicholson performed admirably as a last minute replacement as team advisor, consulting, guiding and providing brainpower to the team.

Round 3 of the competition found us up against Lake Illawarra High School debating the topic That Voting Should Be Compulsory. As the negative team we argued that compulsory voting ensures a fair
outcome, safeguards citizens’ rights and promotes democracy. Once again the team worked together to construct a logical, convincing case against the premise, but were defeated in what was a very tight competition.

Emily, Chloe, Sophie and Harry were impressive representatives of Albion Park High School demonstrating talent, poise and self-confidence. Congratulations on a fantastic effort.

Mrs Grant

South Coast Dance Festival 2015
This year Albion Park High School participated in the South Coast Dance Festival Performance for the second year in a row. The group of 10 students from year 7 – 10 have been working hard on their performance for the past term and a half and represented our school beautifully with a contemporary dance item.

The students performed in two evening performances and were invited to attend an exclusive closed performance where they were provided the opportunity to watch other items involved in the show.

The students should be congratulated on the time and effort they put into rehearsing and performing their item. These students give up their own time outside of school to rehearse and perform and their hard work definitely paid off!

Many of these students are also part of our Southern Stars Dance group who are about to commence their rehearsals for the show in August next term. So if you see them around congratulate and wish them good luck for their future dance performances.

Athletics Carnival
Our school Athletics Carnival was held on Friday the 5th of June, 2015. Previously postponed due to wet weather, we awoke to more rain in the early hours of the morning!! Many other local carnivals were announcing cancellations and we were feeling the pressure to make a decision. After much deliberation and a thorough investigation of the grounds and the rain radar, we decided to go ahead with it (Bianca Dye from i98 even labelled our kids as tough), and aren’t we glad we did!

Although it was a little brisk during the morning, it turned out to be a beautiful day for a carnival! We even saw some sunshine after lunch!

There was something for everybody with our serious athletes participating in the competitive events and novelty events to suit all. All participants won points for their house groups and had a really enjoyable day.

A big thankyou to the hospitality students who provided tea and coffee throughout the day and the year 11 and 12 Sports Coaching students who offered their assistance on the day, you guys rock!

We are sad that our carnivals are over for the year, however, we are looking forward to bigger and better carnivals in 2016 …….. hopefully we will have better luck with the weather!

➢ Age Champions
Congratulations to the following students for taking out their respective age champion awards:

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➢ Record breakers
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House Cup
Well done to Guruwin who took out the House Cup with a total of 1119 points! Their effort and enthusiasm is inspirational!! What a great effort from the entire team!

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Good luck to all of our students attending the zone carnival early next term!!

Nick Horton’s record breaking jump.

In2Uni Unique Experience Day at University of Wollongong
Last Wednesday, 55 students from year 10 attended the University of Wollongong's annual open day. Students were given the opportunity to attend "taster" lectures held by University Lecturers, experience life on campus and be a University student for the day.

Some of the taster sessions included Biology, Psychology, Early Childhood Education, Philosophy and the Arts to name a few. These were followed by morning tea on the duck pond lawn and then an afternoon seminar focusing on goal-setting strategies and hearing stories from current University students and how they realised their personal goal of getting into Uni.

It was a great day and I would like to congratulate all students for their mature behaviour and good manners throughout the day. Well done.

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Where do I find the job?
Strategies and Resources

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- Employers
- Current Apprentices
- Group Training Companies
- TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute
- Australian Apprenticeship Centres
- NSW Dept of Education & Communities

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Bookings (for FREE event)
For Wollongong go to: https://wpaccess.eventbrite.com.au/2015/apprenticeship-training-info-sessions
For Shellharbour go to: https://wpaccess.eventbrite.com.au/2015/apprenticeship-training-info-sessions-shellharbour
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