On Wednesday afternoon/night we had a highly successful parent teacher event, thank you to all of the parents, carers and grandparents who braved the chilly night. It was exciting to see the quality conversations and positive interactions between the staff and parents; communicating well, openly and with respect is an essential part of what we do at Albion Park High School! I am really proud of the high quality of my staff and their professional standards.

Next week we will be holding the Merit Assemblies on Monday 15 June, to acknowledge and reward the students who are achieving at a high level. This is a very important event for our recipients and I encourage anyone who is available from the family to come along.

At the time of writing this newsletter we were participating in an extremely successful Athletics Carnival – despite the very chilly weather the staff and students braved the cold and participated in a wonderful day.

Thank you to Ms Lisa De Jager and her fabulous team along with the Hospitality staff and students and Mrs Keen and her wonderful protégée Jack Twist! Next week no doubt the newsletter will be filled with photos showing the wonderful event.

Did you know that Mr Fogliada still holds the record for the 12 years 400 metres run in 2001?

Suzi Clapham
Principal

Albion Park Rugby League Success
Albion Park High School and students from Albion Park High School have been experiencing plenty of success on the footy field this year.

Our highly successful Under 15’s team have had a dream run in the Country Cup competition in 2015. Previously, this team has been South Coast All School Champions and South Coast Country Cup

P & C MEETING
Monday 22 June, 2015 at 6pm

Change of Dates: Please note the Merit Assembly scheduled for Friday 19 June has been moved to Monday 15 June, 2015.

Principal's Message
This week a small number of our Aboriginal students travelled with Mr Fogliada to Shellharbour to participate in the Reconciliation walk. Mr Fogliada was high in his praise of our students, their respect, their maturity and their responsibility. Well done!
Champions and this year hopefully they will go one better. Our Under 15’s team won the Southern Illawarra Zone Country Cup, then went on to win the South Coast section of this competition earlier in Term 2. This means they have now progressed to the Southern NSW Finals, which will be held in Cootamundra during Week 2 of Term 3.

The boys have made this stage before and will be hoping to go one better and make the Grand Final for this competition, which means they could be the best team in Country NSW. The team consists of: Dallas Harrison, Liam Pearson, Tristan Brazulaitis, Mitchell Johnston, Jarryd Hodgekiss, Dylan Lucas, Damon Polley, Cole Thompson, Riley Renehan, Declyn Brazulaitis, Liam Jordan, Jack Jordan, Jake Brisbane, Jack Walsh, Kade Lucas, Shaun Taurariki, Scott Franke, Kyle Mounfield, Mitchell Potts and Connor Ruse-Kent.

The Under 15’s have also had plenty of success in the school representative arena, with numerous players selected for the Zone, Regional and Greater Regional teams this year. The following boys were selected for the South Coast Under 15’s team this year: Dallas Harrison, Dylan Lucas, Jack Walsh, Jake Brisbane and Cole Thompson. Unfortunately, Jack Walsh had to pull out due to injury and Mitchell Johnston was drafted into the squad.

All the boys played well against Riverina in Canberra and all the boys were selected to attend the NSW CHS State Trials in Toronto during Week 5 of this term. The boys came up against some larger opposition, including many players from the greater Sydney region, but held their own and all put in solid performances. Unfortunately, we did not have any players selected for the State Under 15’s team this year, but it was the highest number of students we have had representing Albion Park High School at a State rugby league carnival. What a fantastic achievement.

Our Under 14’s team have also been very successful in the school arena. They played very well in the Steelers Shield this year, but unfortunately didn’t quite finish as the number 1 team. They then moved into the next few rounds of the CHS Buckley Shield, which involves most schools around NSW. After a couple of forfeits, they then played strongly in their CHS game against Bomaderry High, running out eventual winners, which has now meant they are in the top 2 schools in the South Coast region. We now move to the final 16 in the CHS Knockout, which is the highest level one of our rugby league teams has progressed to for many years in a CHS Knockout. They will most likely face the winners from Sydney South West early in Term 3, which will be a big step up in terms of quality of opposition.

There have also been several boys from the Albion Park Oak Flats Eagles Under 14’s team, who go to our school, who have had a great year in the rep scene outside of school. We have 5 boys from our school who represented the South Coast Group 7 Bulls at the recent Country Championships. They were: Jack Walsh, Jay Henry, Lachlan Davies, Jack Veenstra and Zane Kember. These boys won the Southern NSW Region of the Country Champs and then went onto defeat the Northern Region winners 26-14, meaning Group 7 is the strongest region in Country NSW for 14 year olds. This is only the second ever Country Championships win for the South Coast Region. Well done to the boys and especially to Jack Walsh who was co-captain and named man of the match in the final.

Well done to all these boys in the Under 14’s and Under 15’s and don’t forget we are training every Tuesday at lunchtime on the oval from now on as we move closer to our upcoming games. A big thank you also goes out to all the parents who have helped out and transported students to the various venues we have played at. Your support is crucial to the success of our rugby league program.

Also, good luck to our Under 13’s team who are representing Albion Park High School at the South Coast All Schools this year at Figtree this week. I’m sure you will also do Albion Park High School proud.

Mr Blake

Zone Cross Country Report:
On Monday the 18 May, 55 students from Albion Park High School competed at the Zone Cross Country Carnival at West Dapto Integral Energy Cross Country Course.

The carnival had been previously washed out, however, we had a beautiful sunny day for the rescheduled event. Our students had to run a little bit further than our school course with our 12-13 years
boys and girls running 3000m, 14-15 years boys and 14-18 years girls running 4000m and our 16-18 years boys running 6000m.

We saw some great results on the day we had 23 students representing Albion Park High School at the regional carnival on Friday the 29 May at the Willandra Cross Country Course, Cambewarra.

Congratulations to Karlie Gentles, Taliah Moxham, Sinead Austwick and Zac Barry who were all their respective age champions.

Good luck to all of our students attending on Friday, watch out for ‘heartbreak hill’!

Chess Competition
Congratulations to the students who represented Albion Park High School in the NSW Junior Chess League competition. Kyle Mounfield (Yr 10) Bryce Vandenberg (Yr 8), Daniella Walker (Yr 8), Ben Bacon (Yr 7) Gabriel McBride Vasquez (Yr 7), Kate Lynn (Yr 7) and Ayden Goldberg (Yr 7) played Nowra Anglican College and although they played well (and learnt a few tricks along the way), they were defeated on the day. This competition provided students with valuable playing experience and they were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Any students interested in learning how to play chess or in playing friendly games can go to the Library during the long break on Tuesdays.

Games of chess with the rules can be borrowed for practice during this time.

News from the Support Unit
The Support Unit has had a very busy year. We had the pleasure of the largest intake of Year 7 support students in recent years. The students have been enjoying the work with Ms Atkinson on shoe gardens. Mr Bridges’ class have been working very hard across all subjects, especially Life Skills where on Fridays they have been cooking fantastic mini meals that they then enjoy in class.

The Senior students have been completing one day a week of TAFE in such varied fields as baking, retail, automotive panel and diesel mechanics. They are then performing work experience on Fridays, usually within the field they are studying at TAFE.

Mrs Campos and Mrs Hiscocks will be returning from maternity leave whilst Mrs Pinney will venture onto maternity leave. We will be losing our long term staff member, Mr Bridges, who has received a long awaited permanent position. Mr Bridges, has been a most valued member of our staff. He has pursued the use of technology within our classrooms, whilst maintaining the highest standards of education.

We currently have several projects in the planning stage, including our soon to be made vertical gardens. The students and staff are excited about the second half of the year.

Prevocational Programs at Wollongong Campus, TAFE

Certificate III in Employment and Training course.

This course would be suitable for anyone wishing to return to the workforce or furthur education, such as carers and single parents.

Please contact the course coordinator on 02 4229 0104 or 02 4229 06983 for further information. Alternatively information sessions will be held at Wollongong Campus, Building L, Room L.2.17 on the following dates – Monday 22/6/2015 at 1.30pm, Wednesday 24/6/2015 at 10.30am, Wednesday 24/6/2015 at 4.30pm.