**Principal's Message**

I would like to warmly welcome our Japanese visitors from Omiya Kita High. This is the fourth visit from our sister school and we have already shared many fun and exciting activities together.

Mr Paul Ryan welcomed them all on last week’s assembly with an impressive ability to relate that welcome in Japanese. We exchanged gifts and all of the ten exchange students introduced themselves to us. This is a fantastic program which helps our students connect on a global level; as the students share interests, stories and information our students learn and grow as they reach outside themselves to understand others.

We will be going to Japan later next year with five teachers and ten lucky student travellers who will experience the wonders first hand of overseas travel.

Sincere thanks to the staff who have helped support this visit, especially Japanese teacher Ms Michelle Hutchins and Head Teacher Welfare Ms Kelly Poole, both of whom are also overseeing the Japanese excursion.

Southern Stars is in full force now with only a few weeks to the big show. Because of our outstanding quality venue at Albion Park we are used on many weekends as the place to rehearse, it is exciting to see the hundreds of students involved practising on the weekends at Albion Park High School, and after hearing many of the songs last Sunday I can assure you it will be a show not to be missed!
All the best to our twenty five dancers who are currently practising hard every sport afternoon to ensure that their segment will be brilliant as well as our participants in the choir, ably led by Ms Rebecca Keen. Thanks to Mrs Nicole Woods who teaches the dance students while she is also just weeks away from having her first baby – a huge effort on Ms Woods’ part!

Suzi Clapham
Principal

Congratulations to Malita Moran,
Winner of the Wollongong Art Gallery – Friends Photographic Prize 2015 in the Student Category

Term 2 saw the Year 12 Photography class capturing the traditional area of Portraiture. It also coincided with the Wollongong Art Gallery’s Friends Photographic Portrait Competition, opened to the general public in areas of Professional, Amateur and Student categories. The opportunity was offered to the entire class and one student, Malita Moran, decided to enter in the student section.

Malita’s entry, My Brother, is hanging on one of the walls of the BlueScope Gallery alongside twenty-five other portraits. All entries are various interpretations of their diverse subjects, capturing the essence of their personalities. My Brother, a striking black and white digital portrait of Bryson, showed a cheeky and mischievous grin, full of stories to share or a joke to tell.

The room fell silent as the President of the Friends of the Gallery took the microphone. The room, an eclectic mix of people of various ages, eagerly awaited the announcement. The Student Category was up first, with Malita’s name barely pronounced and a huge gasp from an Albion Park High School Senior in disbelief.

Malita took out First Place, winning both a camera and monetary prize, along with accolades from an appreciative audience.

The best part, according to the Photographer herself, was the smile she could not wipe off her face from seeing a Winner plaque placed under her portrait. Again, I recommend you see it for yourself; the exhibition closes September 20, 2015.

Kate Boyd
Photography/Art Teacher

Drama News

This year’s Work in Progress Days were held in the school’s Performing Arts Theatre on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 May. The days provided the opportunity for Regional Drama classes to come together to perform their theatre pieces in front of their peers to encourage, learn and support each other in a relaxed atmosphere.

Across the two days we had nine visiting schools, totalling over 230 very keen and talented young students, eager to perform their pieces. Some students performed scenes from texts studied in class, others performed group devised works where they research a topic, form an opinion and then present different viewpoints of the topic in theatrical ways.

Pre-service Drama teachers who are studying at Wollongong University kindly adjudicated, looking for the ‘potential’ in the pieces they see. They provide feedback for improvement on those who will advance to the next round, The South Coast Drama Festival, at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre, in Wollongong.

All Albion Park High School’s Drama students embraced the opportunity to perform. This is a credit to them all. They were committed to work collectively and rehearsed tirelessly, often in their own time.

We had three Acts proceed into the South Coast Drama Festival which took place last Tuesday night. I had the privilege of escorting our students who worked tirelessly rehearsing their group devised pieces for this year’s competition. The Acts were varied. Bibbitty Bobbity Boobs was a satirical piece devised by Jayde Axam, Sophie Smith and Coutney Dacombe-Baxter (Yr. 10), that centred on the complexities of becoming a woman. The Island was a creative movement dramatic piece that explores the treatment of asylum seekers and the effects of this treatment on their mental health and well-being. Year 11’s piece, Cocteau, explored the madness of this brilliant artist, playwright, poet and filmmaker. The students who explored his work and together with Mr
Ryan, created this piece were: Kaylee Cohen, Stephanie Coomb, Melissa Gibbons, Keeley-Sierra Horton, Brodie Markovski, Hailey McPaul, Zarina Ross-Kelloway, Aaron Schloeffel, Chelsea Shaw, Joshua Thompson, Emma Turnbull, Jack Twist and Elisa Wiik.

We spotted many fellow Albion Park High School students and families in the audience this year, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for supporting Drama. We are sure you enjoyed the show.

Lastly, to the students involved across the Work in Progress days, the Drama Festival and the students who came along to support their peers, Mr Ryan and I are very proud of you. You proved to be incredible hosts with immaculate manners. You showed initiative and made the days run smoothly. Your dedication to perfect your performances is commendable and your enthusiasm is infectious. You are all a joy to work with and we sincerely thank you.

Dramatically Yours
Mrs Roth and Mr Ryan

Staff and Students
Serve it up in City Serve Project
Staff and students from Albion Park High School joined members from local churches, businesses and community of Albion Park to do much needed work in and around the Car Park and Skate Park between the Library, Museum and Swimming Pool in central Albion Park on Saturday the 20th June.

City Serve is a project based setup in conjunction with Shellharbour Council where local community members can join together and give much needed facelifts to beautify areas within our communities that our local council is struggling to finance and complete. The work done included:- landscaping, painting, trimming of bushes, rebuilding retaining walls, concreting, weeding, filling garden beds with mulch, and planting various native plants and shrubs. The weather was beautiful – not too hot and not too cold for well over a 100 people who volunteered their services and worked with local Shellharbour Council staff. Shellharbour Council provided the mulch, plants, concrete, paint, tools and equipment.

Local small businesses provided food for a barbeque to feed the hungry workers and keep up their energy levels. I must say that as I now walk through this area on the way to sport each week the surroundings are absolutely beautiful.

Four of our Year 9 students and one of our Year 7 students were involved and they were:- Jackson Stolk, Anthony Peitrobelli, Corey Debnam, Amaru Ross-Kelloway and Dylan Debnam. Thanks boys for a great effort and volunteering your time. You can certainly be very proud of your efforts.

Ken Morgan
Industrial Arts Teacher

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program
This year the school is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources. All we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths!

From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. Customers will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school foyer or at Albion Park Woolworths. If you just have stickers please give to Mel in the front office.

20 Years Albion Park High
2015 School Reunion
If you graduated Albion Park High School Year 12 in 1995 or Year 10 in 1993 you are invited to our 20 years school reunion. Teachers also welcome.

7pm Saturday 22 August, 2015
Albion Park RSL
$25
Includes light dinner
Partners welcome

Please pay by 1 August, 2015
BSB – 062 835 Account – 10049747
Account name – R. Holz & S. Sneddon
Any questions call 0459459261

A welcoming and friendly school working with and for our local community
Canteen

Help Wanted
Can you spare any time to come & help at our canteen?

We are striving to provide better choices at our canteen for our students but we need your help.

The canteen is open Monday to Friday from 8am.

We need help in all areas including breakfast preparation, lunch preparation, counter service morning, lunch & recess.

Peak times
- **Daily**
  7.45am-8.30am - Breakfast Prep & Counter Service
  - **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**
    9.30am-11.30am - Food Preparation
    11.15am-12.45pm - Counter Service for lunch.
  - **Thursday**
    8.30-10am - Food Preparation
    10am-10.40am - Counter Service

These are our peak times but any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

Please pop in & see us or phone the school 4257 1744 & ask for Shona in the canteen.

Hope to see you soon
Shona,
Maree & Allyson
& the P&C