Our School Values are – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITMENT’

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Principal's Message

Congratulations to our wonderful performers and our amazing staff who supported Southern Stars this year. As well as our dancers, we had singers in the choir and VET support from Jack Twist.

Thanks to Erin McKinnirey who is not only heavily pregnant but had the students by herself on Wednesday due to illness, Tash Remfry who kindly stepped in to help at the last minute due to the early arrival of Ms Wood’s little boy Parker. Nicole Woods trained our dancers. Beck Keen who is Stars’ Choir Conductor, Craig Hughes who is the Stage Manager and to the staff who came along to see the show and our students perform!

We talk at school constantly about the need to participate in 21st Century learning; in being part of Southern Stars, our students truly participate in every form of 21st Century learning, it is indeed the largest classroom possible. Students need to collaborate, they are part of not just one team, but layers of teams within teams which culminate in the Southern Stars finale, they problem solve and need to have significant learning with meaning to be part of the show. Southern Stars is the most authentic of tasks with a real audience and high stakes, students work with high level technology (including keeping away from the fireworks), there is extremely high level

P & C MEETING
Monday 26 October, 2015 at 6pm
discipline and a need for self-regulation, finally it provides communication in its purest form; dance and song. I want to pay special attention to one student, Shakiah-Lee Preo, who did a very special performance with the Indigenous group Illawarra Flame – she performed with such beauty and vision that she made me cry.

It is a privilege to be involved with students as well behaved, well disciplined and focussed as ours, along with teachers so dedicated and I am very proud of them!

Suzi Clapham  
Principal

Inbound Japan Visit
Albion Park High School recently hosted another successful visit from our sister school in Saitama, Japan. Ten students and two teachers from Omiya Kita High School spent eight nights with host families and enjoyed a full program of activities. This is the fifth time that staff and students from Omiya Kita have visited our school.

Having travelled from their rather hot and humid summer, the group found the cool weather at Albion Park a little difficult to adjust to but did not let it dampen their spirits. The school program included sports activities, class integration, cultural presentations to all Year 7 Japanese classes and an Australian Geography lesson.

A full day excursion was to Symbio Wildlife Park where Japanese students were able to see various animals and even pat a koala. This seemed to be a highlight for many.

Japanese students also participated in the Education Week festivities with Year 4 students from local primary schools. This involved Year 4 students experiencing the Japanese language and culture through calligraphy, origami, games and dressing up in traditional Japanese clothing, Kimono.

On the middle weekend, the majority of the group spent the weekend with their host families visiting Sydney, going to the beach, visiting the zoo, shopping and many other local attractions. The group were farewelled Thursday morning with many tears from both Japanese and Australian students.

We would like to thank our host families who so generously welcomed these students into their homes and to experience life as a member of their family for the week. Without your support and assistance, programs like this would not be possible.

In September 2016, ten students and five teachers from Albion Park High School will be heading to Japan for a reciprocal visit. This program will involve our students being hosted by students from Omiya Kita High School for one week. Our group will then tour Japan where we will visit places such as Kyoto, Nara, Osaka, Hiroshima, Miyajima and Tokyo. All students and teachers are extremely excited and counting down the days!

‘Tell Them From Me’ Parent Survey
The ‘Tell Them From Me’ survey is designed to help those people involved in making improvements at Albion Park High School know how teachers, parents and students feel towards the school in general, any problems that may be occurring at the school, and ideas for making the school better. All members of our school community will be participating in this survey during weeks 7 to 10 of Term 3. As a parent, this is your chance to tell the school what you think.

The survey asks some questions that may seem very personal or private. We ask these questions because they are important and are linked to student outcomes. It is important to remember that the survey is confidential and no one at the school will ever know your answers. If you are uncomfortable with responding, you can skip the question and move onto the next, or stop at any time.

Some of the questions may seem unrelated to school but actually all questions included in the ‘Tell Them From Me’ survey can help tell us about students, their
health and their school outcomes. Even things that do not seem related to school at all can give us important information on how to help students to be successful at school.

Should you wish to participate in the survey log into the ‘Tell Them From Me’ survey site and enter the details below:

Survey site: www.tellthemfromme.com
User Name: parent12591
Password: Alb8586

Ensure you enter the details as specified above using capitals where needed and no spaces. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet at home, the school is happy for you to come along to the School Library on a Wednesday from 2.35 to 4 pm where there will be a teacher available to assist you. Feel free to bring your children along.

Dates when school is open for parents to undertake the survey in the School Library:

- Wednesday 26th August - 2.35 to 4 pm
- Wednesday 2nd September - 2.35 to 4 pm
- Wednesday 9th September - 2.35 to 4 pm
- Wednesday 16th September - 2.35 to 4 pm

Contact Ms. Elizabeth Asanovic, Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, if you have any further questions or need assistance to access the survey.

Enriching and Extending Through Year 8 Personal Interest Projects

Personal Interest Projects (PIPs) are undertaken with the aim of developing students’ skills in independent learning, research, higher order thinking and time management skills. This annual project allows students the freedom to research, learn and create projects on a topic of personal interest to them. This year’s topics included a vortex cannon, a working model of an Archimedes screw, research into human anatomy, watercolour and acrylic art and a guinea pig retreat, just to name a few. The PIPs were demonstrated, (and eaten in the case of some cake designs and decorations) during week 4 when parents and family were invited into the school to celebrate Year 8’s achievements.

M@ster of ChefsCook Off

Congratulations to the year 10 students who were successful at being selected in the 2015 M@ster of Chefs Cook Off.

Throughout the M@ster of Chef Unit, Year 10 Food Technology students learnt about food styling and photography techniques and applied these techniques in a range of practical experiences. The best of the best student, throughout the unit were then selected to participate in the final cook off. With much anticipation this year’s winner will be announced next week on assembly.

Congratulations to all the students who competed, you all showed great commitment to the competition and prepared and presented your food with great style.

A Cheesy Grin for Some Lucky Students

Albion Park High School was one of several NSW schools making their own camembert cheese through an innovative Dairy Australia program, Cows Create Careers – Camembert in the Classroom.

The program is designed to encourage secondary school teachers and students to learn about the Australian dairy industry while introducing students to dairy manufacturing careers and pathways. Students made their own camembert cheese in the classroom and completed tasks from the information pack, including a multimedia advertisement addressing ‘Why Dairy is an Important Part of Our Diet’.

Upon completion of the program, Russell Smith, along with accredited judges, will judge and award the region’s winning cheese at a ‘Big Day Out’ awards presentation on 8 September 2015. Good luck Albion Park Year 10 Food Technology Cheese Makers.

Patrice Joynson, Heather Woolley
Home Economics – Food Technology

AIME

It was the end of an era for Joel Aitken, Brittany Luland, Shania Coe and Tehlia Lucas on Friday 7
August. These great Year 12 students said their final good bye to the AIME program that they had been involved in. For the past 4 years these students have been attending the AIME program at UOW, where young and older Aboriginal mentors surrounded them, teaching them about culture, pride and success. They stood and were acknowledged in front of 100 young Indigenous students from the Illawarra, as they were handed an AIME hoodie to congratulate their success and carry as a memento of all they have achieved in AIME. Brittany Luland summed up their experience with a few stories and words of gratitude toward the AIME staff and mentors. Albion Park High wishes the students the very best for their upcoming HSC and in particular congratulates Brittany on her captaincy of our wonderful school. We hope after the HSC all four students keep in touch with us to tell us about the next part of their journey!

Likewise, it has been a positive experience for Year 9, 10 and 11 AIME students, who will wrap up their year at AIME on 10 September with their own celebration.

Aunty Lindy
On Monday class 8.1 and 8.2 were lucky enough to meet Aunty Lindy, Indigenous Elder of the Year from 2014. Aunty shared her tragic story with us as she was apart of the ‘Stolen Generation’. Not a dry eye in the room as we listened intrigued to the trauma she went through.

Taken at a young age away from her mother, she never saw her again until she was eighteen and that was the last she saw of her. Her twin sister Mandy also passed in 2009 leaving Aunty heartbroken.

I feel that this was really touching and that her coming to our school was a really great idea. A day to remember, Always and Forever
Courtney Atton 8E2

Haworth Musical School Tour
On Wednesday the 5 August, Year 9 were given the opportunity to attend a performance by Haworth Music School Tour. The show went for an hour and focused on anxiety, resilience and goal setting mixed with some talented guitar solos by Glenn Haworth and a star performance by our very own Dallas Harrison with a beat box rendition titled “Watermelons and Tacos”. At the end of the show, Year 9 were asked what they had learnt in the last hour; hands shot in the air with students giving responses like how to overcome challenges, talk to someone who can help, how to bounce back from setbacks and the benefits of setting future goals. Year 9 got a great deal out of the performance (with some students even walking away with a free T-shirt) and wish to thank Glenn Haworth for a stimulating and insightful show!

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs have changed or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information your provide to the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program
Thank you to all that have been supporting the Woolworths Earn & Learn...
Parents of students in 7O, 8Math5 and 9Math5, your child has been given a 30 day free trial to a math website: au.ixl.com
Students have a username and password and are encouraged to do 15-20 minutes of self-selected Math homework each school night. Please encourage your child to participate in this homework that is BYOD friendly and will improve their Math skills.

The Earn & Learn program concludes on Tuesday 8 September 2015. If you have any stickers or sheets they need to be returned to the school by 14 September 2015.

Thanks for your support!

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Leaving school - What next?
The “Leaving School – What Next” Program will help you:

- Work out what careers would suit you
- See what courses may be available in 2016
- Includes a Career Assessment
- Check out TAFE and University options
- Is a FREE program for school students in Years 10, 11 or 12

Career Development, Assessment and Counselling (DCAAC) (a part of TAFE Illawarra) is inviting school students to a Career and Course evening. For many young people (and their parents /guardian) the decision about whether to leave school and what to do is very stressful. This program will help you get the information you need and start planning for study in 2016.

**Wednesday 9 September 2015**
Wollongong TAFE Foley’s Lane, North Wollongong
Black B, Conference Room 6pm to 8pm

**RSVP** by the end of August
To book your place or make enquiries please phone:
Sally Kettley on 4229 0535

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Albion Park Evening View Club
Invites you to attend a Trivia Night
To be held on
Thursday October 15 at 7.00pm
Windang Bowling Club
Judbooley Parade Windang
$10 per head
Tables of 8

RSVP to book your table by Friday 2 October 2015
Phone Trish Fletcher 42964646

or **email**
Bev at albionparkevening.viewclub@gmail.com

**All proceeds to go to**
The Smith Family
For Learning For Life and disadvantaged children
Payment for tickets can be made in advance by cheque to Albion Park Evening View Club and sent to
The Secretary
379 Reddall Pde Mt Warrigal 2528

*Dinner can be obtained at the club bistro from 5.30pm*
M@ster of Chefs Cook Off - 2015

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