

# PARK PRESS



Our School Values are – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITMENT

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Term 4, Week 4

30 October, 2017

## Coming events

Week 4		
Monday 30 October	Yr 7 & 8 Yr 9	Grandparent's Day Yearly Maths Exam
Tuesday 31 October		Playgroup Halloween Dress Up Day High Level HSC Success Evening
Wednesday 1 Nov		
Thursday 2 Nov		
Friday 3 November	Yr 7 & 8 Yr 7 Yr 11/12	Exc – Luna Park Mathematics Exc – AIME, 12 Indigenous Students Support Work Experience
Week 5		
Monday 6 Nov		
Tuesday 7 November		Playgroup Melbourne Cup CAPA Fundraiser
Wednesday 8 Nov		
Thursday 9 Nov		
Friday 10 November	Yr 6 Yr 11/12	Remembrance Day Ceremony Support Unit Orientation 11am Support Work Experience

## Student of the Fortnight

Shane DuMughn - prize winner of the Ability Artist Competition! Rod Clark from Ability Artists presented Shane with his prize.

Shane won with his entry of the amazing modern Aboriginal painting he is holding. Shane also came in the top three for the people's choice award. This was out of eighty five artists ranging from primary school students right through to adults. A massive achievement from a well-deserved recipient!



## Principal's Message

I would like to congratulate Mr Shannon Farrugia with his success in being awarded a National Excellence in Teaching Award (NEITA).



This special award begins with a written recommendation from the P&C, who put forward five Albion Park High school staff who they considered exemplary. These awards come from over the whole of Australia and celebrate quality teaching and teachers who make a significant impact on young people. This year there were one thousand four hundred and fifty nominations and Mr Farrugia was one of only sixty to be chosen!. He is the only teacher in the whole of the Illawarra to be awarded. This is a most prestigious national award and we are utterly thrilled to see such a dedicated staff member go so far.

The next step in this process is that only twelve teachers from across Australia are awarded in March next year. Drawn from across Australia, these twelve will receive a professional development grant and one recipient will also have the opportunity to go to Space Camp in Alabama alongside top teachers from each US

## P & C MEETING

Monday 27 November, 2017 at 6pm

## PBL



The PBL focus for the fortnight is around our school core value of **COMMITMENT** and **ATTENDANCE**.

We are focusing on being in the right place at the right time and we are specifically looking at sport. Sport is an important and compulsory part of being a student in Years 7-10 and at Albion Park High School we value sport and physical activity with the many benefits they provide.

**PBL student of the fortnight:**  
Jordan Baker in Year 7  
**PBL teacher of the fortnight:**  
Frances Cole



state. We are all very excited for Shannon. Check out the Illawarra Mercury's article.

<http://www.illawarramercury.com.au/story/5009154/albion-park-teacher-illawarras-only-national-award-winner/>

**Suzi Clapham**  
Principal

### Year 9 – Skills 21

The Year 9 Skills 21 class have worked tirelessly all year on planning, designing and now building a Living Classroom and Permaculture Garden.



This will be a resource that can be used by the whole school and it will create an awesome platform for project-based learning tasks. In addition it will promote principles of sustainability, health, nutrition and be a beautiful space to learn and commune.

This year, the students have accomplished a vast amount. This has included: selecting possible locations, surveying staff, acquiring feedback and input, conducting fundraising events, designing the living classroom and now commencing the building of the site.

Before this was done, the blessing of the site by local Aboriginal elders was sought, in which a traditional "Smoking Ceremony" and soil turning ceremony was conducted. This was an amazing spiritual event to be involved in and on behalf of



the staff and students of the school we would like to thank Uncle Gerald and the Men's group, the women's group and Warrigal employment for their support of this project.

The site now has a spiritual foundation that will yield an abundance of positive outcomes for the students of this school and the Albion Park community as a whole.

### What's happening in HSIE

On Friday 20 October, seventy students and four teachers went to Canberra to visit both the Australian War Memorial and Parliament House. Students from the Year 9 Law & Order elective

and Year 11 Legal Studies class got to have afternoon tea with our local MP Stephen Jones and discussed some current issues facing our local area.

All Year 9 students have been learning about the impact and experiences of both World War 1 & 2 on Australian soldiers, civilians and society in their HSIE lessons. The Australian War Memorial is a special place to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in order to serve and protect our country.



One of our Year 9 students, Tahj Amone, has written a moving poem about the emotional, physical and mental anguish suffered by many Australian soldiers during the Gallipoli campaign.

#### *The Life of a Soldier*

*It's very cold of a night,  
It's very hot of a day,  
I'd do anything to keep these flies at bay.*

*One day it's sunny,  
One day it's raining,  
But everyday we're training.*

*Many tears have been shed,  
We barely have a bed.  
The trenches are muddy and full of lice,  
I'd do anything for food,  
Even bread, just one slice.*

*The water is dirty and so are our cuts,  
My body is sore and tired,  
But when will the guns stop being fired?  
This trench foot is really bad,  
So are these rats,  
Me and Johnny have matching tatt's.*

*Nobody dares to go through no man's  
land.  
The last man that went through lost his  
hand.*

*I hope I go home someday,  
But on the bottom of ANZAC cove is where I  
lay.*

**Tahj Amone**  
Yr 9 Student