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Our School Values are – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITMENT

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Term 4, Week 6

13 November, 2017

Coming events

Week 6		
Monday 13 November		
Tuesday 14 November	Yr 10	Playgroup Save a Male program
Wednesday 15 November		
Thursday 16 November	Yr 10	Selected – Exc - Mathematics
Friday 17 November	Yr 6 Yr 9 Yr 11/12	Support Unit Orientation visit Youth Frontiers final presentation Support Work Experience
Week 7		
Monday 20 Nov	Yr 7/8 Yr 10	Indigenous & Friends Excursion Work Experience
Tuesday 21 November	Yr 10	Playgroup Work Experience
Wednesday 22 Nov	Yr 10	Work Experience
Thursday 23 Nov	Yr 10 Yr 12	Work Experience Formal – Lagoon, Wollongong
Friday 24 November	Yr 6 Yr 10 Yr11/12	White Ribbon Assembly Support Unit Orientation visit PBL Rewards Excursion Work Experience Support Work Experience

P & C MEETING

Monday 27 November, 2017 at 6pm

PBL



The PBL focus for the fortnight is around **RESPECT** and how we interact with each other. We want students to respond positively to instructions and speak with kindness with both staff and peers.

Last Tuesday was positively Spooktacular as the CAPA committee geared up to celebrate Halloween.

This year the team added a new element of fun for the day in an Amazing Race. Our fantastic Mr Daniel Mayo of Year 10 was the driving force

behind this new element to our celebrations which saw thirteen teams take to the school grounds where they were required to follow clues and complete Halloween themed tasks in order to reach the finish line.

The event was extremely successful, so much so that we plan to make it an annual event. This is all due to the dedication and enthusiasm of Daniel. This young man created the race



course, rallied teams to run the race, liaised with staff to manage all the creepy challenges and was instrumental in the event running smoothly and the students involved having a wonderful time.

Thank you Daniel for your commitment to the CAPA Committee and for your work on the Amazing Race.

Students of the Fortnight

Charlee Walker, Sophie Pardoe, Shataya Parsons and Tahlee Parsons volunteered to assist with the preparation and serving of meals at the Melbourne Cup lunch at Warrigal Aged Care.

The girls prepared both a trifle and a chocolate mousse dessert for the guests. They handed out the raffle tickets, guided the residents to pin the tail on the horse, and assisted the residents with the



piñata horse. Lunch was served to over sixty residents and then the massive task of cleaning the tables and doing all the dishes. The girls received heaps of praise for their cheery outlook, fun playing the games and efficient cleaning of all the crockery/glassware used. They have been invited back to assist at Warrigal Aged Care's next function.

Principal's Message

Last week, for Remembrance Day, Albion Park High formulated a very special way of remembering and commemorating its significance. Through the HSIE faculty; as part of Project Based Learning; students in Year 9 created specialised projects which looked very deeply into specific aspects of the World Wars.



These students' projects are a far cry from the projects students did in the past. With the gold standard projects we are all aiming for at Albion Park High School, there is a very real authenticity, a real audience and the stakes for the projects are very high. There is a high expectation for what are regarded as the 'soft skills' of team work, collaboration and problem solving in preparation for the work skills needed in the 21st Century. As part of this learning program the best projects were taken to display at the commemoration service in Albion Park on



the weekend, where they were truly appreciated! This process also included the service itself at school, expertly overseen by teacher Lucille McGrath. Luci organised the students beautifully but the real congratulations must go to the students themselves who were magnificent. We have footage of the event which will be posted on our site as soon as it has been prepared. Well done Year 9, your willingness to grow and learn is exciting and you are a credit to yourselves and your families.

Suzi Clapham
Principal

News from the Science Faculty

The Science faculty has been working towards implementing the new HSC courses that begin in 2018. Next year we will be running Year 11 Biology, Physics, Chemistry and a new course called Investigating Science. It is a busy and exciting time with the Science staff programming, preparing resources and attending professional learning courses to ensure the smooth delivery of these courses.



Many of the junior classes have been taking advantage of the agriculture plot. Students have been growing vegetables, the venture has been very successful and a lot of the vegetables have been taken home. The Year 8 extension agriculture class been studying poultry production. Australorp eggs have been incubated and most of them hatched, the chickens are currently about 6 weeks old.

AIME Taster Day

Year 7 and 8 Indigenous students experienced a day at the UOW AIME



program. Students were inspired by various programs and mentors to aim high and achieve their dreams, whether that be improving their educational or leisure goals. Students were motivated by the activities and are now looking forward to the 2018 Year 9 & 10 program which will be held during Terms 2/3.

Piper Lucas, Courtney Brook and Rory Brown (Years 9 & 10) enjoyed the end of term session at AIME, celebrating



moving out of their comfort zone to try new experiences. Many students achieved their short term goals and are now looking forward to the future.



Employability Skills

What are Employability Skills?

Employability skills are personal, transferable skills that are important to employers. Young people gain employability skills at school, work, and when volunteering or participating in sport or cultural activities. The Australian Jobs Guide 2017 gives "people skills", how we relate to others, as the employability skills most important to employers in Australia.

Youth Central (a great website for young people) explains eight employability skills:

Communication: being confident to speak with others and in written letters, notes, customer documents. Every group task, oral presentation and assignment at school helps to achieve this one.

Teamwork: being able to work well with others and support the team by doing your allocated tasks well. Volunteering and part-time work can help you to learn these skills.

Problem-solving: being able to find solutions in a new situation or task. You work on this when you do school assignments, and, for example, handling customer complaints in your part-time job.

Initiative and Enterprise: being able to think creatively and make improvements to the way things are. Think about joining a service group at school to develop this skill.

Planning and Organising: being able to plan, prioritise and meet deadlines. You do this every day as you meet school deadlines and organise all the activities you do.

Self-Management: being able to get on with your work without someone having to check on you. Learning how to work independently is a very important work skill.

Learning is life-long: taking opportunities at work to learn new things, undertaking study so that you have the capacity to advance in your work or take up new, higher-level jobs is a part of every successful worker's life.

Technology and Using Tools: having the capacity to use a word processor, spreadsheet and email (and using the tools of your trade) are core things at work. You need to feel comfortable to try new programs, learn to trouble-shoot and show that you are keen to learn for this skill.

Why are employability skills important for young people at school?

The Australian Jobs 2017 report states that about 2/3 of employers put more emphasis on employability skills when they are hiring employees than they do on technical skills.

A Seek article on transferable skills tells us that, as workplaces and jobs change over time – with some jobs ceasing to exist and new ones developing, it is the transferable skills we have which will make us flexible, employable, and able to adapt to change.

SLSO position

A position is available for 2018
to work in the
Parkside Return to School Centre.
The hours are 9am-12 Monday to Friday.

Skills required

- High level interpersonal skills and a passion for working with young people
- Capacity to be flexible in a dynamic work environment
- Experience in supporting student learning

If you are interested in this position, please contact Todd Wilcoxon on
42571744 for an Expression of Interest Application.

Applications close - 20 November, 2017

Breakfast with the Boys and Girls in Blue!



Police from Lake Illawarra Local Area Command will be coming to:

Albion Park High School

on Friday, 1st December 2017

(From 7:30am until first period commences)

& providing all students with a
healthy & delicious breakfast.

A great opportunity to get to know some of your local police officers
and enjoy a bite to eat.

See you then.