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Term 4, Week 10

11 December, 2017

Coming events

Week 10		
Monday 11 December		
Tuesday 12 December		
Wednesday 13 December	Yr 11	Camp – Myuna Bay
Thursday 14 December	Yr 11	Camp – Myuna Bay
Friday 15 December	Yr 11	Camp – Myuna Bay
Week 1 - 2018		
Monday 29 January		Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30 January	Yr 7, 11,12	Commence School Year
Wednesday 31 January	Yr 8, 9, 10	Commence School Year
Thursday 1 February		
Friday 2 February		

P & C MEETING

Monday 26 February, 2018 at 6pm

PBL



PBL Focus: Do your best in all tasks all the way until the end of the term



Principals Presentation Evening Speech, 2017

I would like to welcome our newest school captains & vice captains into their respective leadership positions:

- Emily Harris - captain
- Dallas Harrison - captain
- Daniel Gonzalo - vice captain
- Macayla Hilton - vice captain

Well done to our many award recipients, be proud in your success, be both grateful and gracious in your achievements. Remember to thank your teachers and your parents.

I've built what I have to say tonight around the theme of pride. I must admit I have drawn some of my inspiration from the YES vote on same sex marriage. If any of you heard some of the speeches in parliament, they were the most moving I have ever heard.

The students here tonight have much to be proud of - they have achieved a high enough standard to be recognised for either their academic prowess or else their special achievement in a specific area. Well done to you all.

I would like to share with our community some of my own gratification in being the principal of Albion Park High School. I have a great deal with which to be satisfied. There are so, so many examples I could share with you; from learning of Mr Shannon Farrugia's National Education In Teaching Award ... to the two Year 12 students who recently gained the VET Illawarra student of the year in Business Services and Construction (Aleesha Windsor and Jordan Darracott), to finding out that Isabel Harding was a state finalist in the Youth Frontiers program. From watching

my amazing Year Advisers work with love and kindness and professionalism to support their students, through to watching staff as they gave and received random acts of kindness with each other - a beautiful initiative by Patrice Joynson. But I think the best way to illustrate my deep pride in my staff and students is to tell two stories.

FIRSTLY - there is the story of the primary school principal from Sydney, who contacted me out of the blue to see if she could visit with a teacher, to learn about what we had done in the Skills21 living classroom permaculture program. It would take me far too long to unravel the full conversation but the amazement on our visitors faces as they spoke to our skills21 students in Year 9, as they walked through our school whilst students openly said hello and smiled, whilst they viewed the permaculture area (PS if you haven't seen it yet please do so!), as they learned about the three year journey we have taken and listened to me rave about my brilliant staff and my awesome students - those faces said it all - I cannot tell you how proud I was to share!

The second story is that of White Ribbon and how it has grown and blossomed into a belief structure at Albion Park High School which has a strong stand in its zero tolerance of violence towards women - thanks Mr Todd Wilcoxon for leading this year's simple but effective symbolic gesture of trying white ribbons to the front fence with Year 11 boys taking up the leadership role in speaking to all students about respect of men towards women.

The last 'story' was captured via the video which I hope you all saw as you were waiting for the official party to walk in - this video captured eight individuals representing SRC, CAPA, Sports, Youth Frontier, REVS, Parkside, Support and the Debaters, telling us about what they were most proud of achieving in 2017....

PRIDE - so many of our students say they are too embarrassed, too shy, too unable to accept the accolades that are given - it is a very unfortunate Aussie trait linked to the

tall poppy syndrome - but I want for all of our students, as they come to collect their awards tonight, to be really proud, to know that striving for excellence is a great thing, that working hard and aiming really high is something to be admired. Love yourself. Be proud of who you are, as a unique individual and never be afraid to work your butt off!

You are so very privileged to have access to our education system and in particular our wonderful school - never take it for granted.

As I conclude, I would like (as always) to acknowledge my incredible Deputy Principals, Paul and Christine, who work such long hours, often at the cost of their own families to do this difficult job - from our community - an enormous thank you.

Thanks very much to the P&C - though small in number you are large in generosity.

And finally I wish a fond farewell to Head Teacher HSIE Letitia Summers (who cannot be here tonight as she is in Hawaii), Letitia is an extraordinarily good and effective Head Teacher who is leaving us for Moss Vale High - which is where she lives, I know it's great that you will not have to traverse that darn mountain again each day... but you have left an almighty hole in our executive, we will miss you enormously.



Merry Christmas,
have a safe and
family filled holiday.

Suzi Clapham
Principal



News from Industrial Arts

Year 7 Tech Mandatory

Students over the last term have been involved in a project based learning activity under the 'Area of Study' called 'Products'.

The aim of the project task was to design and build a built driven race car that could then be raced against other racer within the class and eventually the class winners would race off for an ultimate prize, the 'Fast and Furious' trophy.

Students learnt the value of scaling their vehicle in respect to full size vehicles, understanding the working of an electric motor, electronic soldering, chassis design and measurement.

To complement the project task the students had to collaboratively work in groups of 4 or 5 to design a group racing logo which would appear on their racer. They also as a group had to design a race day poster using Microsoft publisher in A3 size. The poster design incorporated their group logo, promotion of the race and racing details and rules.

The students were super keen in this activity and were looking forward to the big race day to find the 'Fast and Furious' champion.

Teacher of Tech Mandatory

Mr Davies, Mr McKinnon, Mr Morgan

Year 8 Technology Mandatory

Three Year 8 technology classes this semester have been busy designing and making their "Pixar recycled material lamps". The lamps have combined a wood workshop techniques, basic electronics, Computer aided drawing and 3D



printing, in one engaging project for all involved. The results are amazing. Well done!

Mr Carters

Year 12 Industrial Technology

Timber and Furnishing

It's all systems go for the year 12 IT Timber and Furnishing students. Year 11 finished with some excellent bedside tables. Now the focus turns to individual major projects, some of the proposed



projects are: coffee tables, outdoor bench seats, hall tables, wine racks and buffets. Just over two terms remaining until these are externally marked, there is much to do.

South Coast Writers Centre Workshops

Mrs Cable's Year 10 English class has been working with the South Coast Writers' Centre to extend and enrich students' writing skills. Working with Helena, Ron, Martin and Adara, students have composed a variety of unique writing pieces which have been published into a book.

The official book launch was held on Friday, December 1st, in the Albion Park High School Library. Hosted by Leighton Murphy and Stephanie-Chase Horton, the launch included readings by several of the students and expressions of thanks to Helena, Ron and Adara



from the Writers' Centre, as well as Mrs Cable, Ms Kennedy and Ms Clapham. It was a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. More photos available in the Albion Park High School website gallery.



Bomaderry Creek Excursion

Year 7 and 8 Indigenous students and their friends travelled to Bombaderry Creek National Park to learn about their Indigenous culture from National Park Rangers. Students walked the trails alongside the creek and learnt about the



Dharawal people living in this region, and experienced tasting some of the bush tucker plants, as well as seeing the plants used for medicinal purposes. Rangers shared with the students the emotional heartbreaking stories of some of the children that were removed from



their families as young as new borns and taken to the Bomaderry Children's Home. Children lived there until girls were transferred to the Cootamundra Children's home to learn to become domestic servants and the boys were taken to Kempsey Boy's home to learn to become stockman/ farm workers. A few children were fostered by white families and they tried to assimilate them. It was very sad to relive these memories.

Child Studies Playgroup Christmas Party 2017

We had a great time at our Playgroup Christmas party on Tuesday. We celebrated together in the spirit of Christmas with carols playing while the kids participated in lots of fun activities and ate yummy Christmas treats. It was great way to finish our year together and we absolutely loved seeing the excitement on the kids faces when Santa came bearing gifts!

Thank you to all the parents/ grandparents and carers who continue to support our school



playgroup. And a massive thank you and well done to all of the Year 9 Child Studies students, you have done us proud. Playgroup will return in term 2 in 2018. More information will be announced closer to commencement.

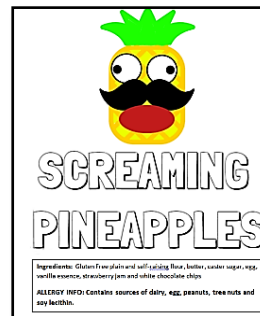
A Message from 8Tec2

During Semester Two, 8Tec2 participated in the Tasty Treats Project Based Learning task. In groups they designed and created their own unique biscuits to market and sell.

8Tec2 would like to thank everyone who bought their biscuits. As a class, we raised \$145 in profits. All of the profits from the biscuit sales will be going to the following charities: RSPCA, Benevolent Society, Salvation Army and Cancer Council.

Jessica Peters

Year 8 Student



Albion Park High School

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours 2018



January 2018

Monday	22 January	9am to 2pm
Tuesday	23 January	9am to 2pm
Wednesday	24 January	9am to 3pm
Thursday	25 January	9am to 2pm
Friday	26 January	CLOSED
Monday	29 January	9am to 2pm

THEN EVERY **TUESDAY: 1:00pm - 3:00pm**
 FRIDAY: 8:00am - 11:00am
 FRIDAY: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

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