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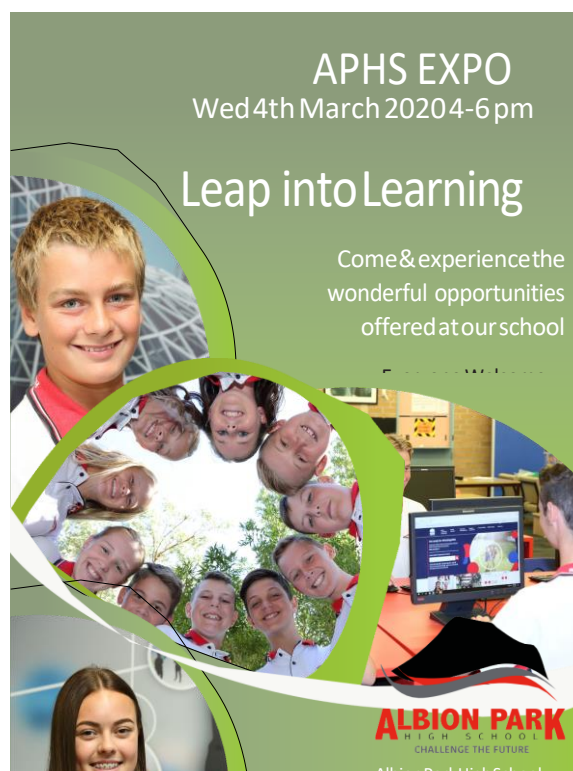
Term 1, Week 6

2 March, 2020

Coming events

Week 6		
Wednesday 4 March		School Expo Evening 4 – 6pm
Thursday 5 March		
Friday 6 March	Yr 12	Excursion – CAFS Homeless Hub
Week 7		
Monday 8 March	Yr11	Excursion – Legal Studies Downing Centre Courthouse
Tuesday 10 March	Selected	Regional Swimming Carnival Regional Oztog Tournament
Wednesday 11 March	Selected	Excursion - The Big Dig
Thursday 12 March	Selected	Excursion - Sydney Youth Leadership Conference
Friday 13 March		

Principal's Message



P & C MEETING
Monday 23 March, 2020 at 6pm
in the Common Room

Students of the Fortnight

One of our community members phoned the school to tell us how impressed she was with a number of Year 7 students who had stopped to chat with her whilst on her morning walk. They were Cianna Piccoli, MacKenzie Clout, Saraya Pearse and Charlotte Ford.



Ms S Clapham
Principal

PBL

The first student reward initiative related to Park Positives will happen in Week 11 and will be a movie in the gym. The top 200 students based on Park Positives points (deputy discretion), will be invited.

Our Park Positive linked certificates are changing this year! From this year, points from previous years will no longer carry over to the next year. Every year it is a clean slate. To receive a Bronze certificate, students need 400 points (which is 80 Park Positives). To receive a Silver certificate, students need 600 points (which is 120 Park Positives). To receive a Gold certificate, students

need 800 points (which is 160 Park Positives). From these Gold certificate students, we will pick one student who will receive the PBL Platinum trophy, which will be decided by the PBL team and will also be awarded at the Presentation evening.

English Faculty Information

Welcome

We have hit the ground running with another exciting year ahead in English, Japanese and Drama. This year we welcome Mr. Sean Dubois to teach English and Japanese. He and his family have moved here from Dubbo. He is a wonderful addition to our teaching team.

Reading is a life-long skill and too often in this age of social media we forget to practise it regularly. In our faculty we recommend that every student reads for a minimum of 15-20 minutes per night and talks to someone in the family about what they are reading, on a regular basis, which will help to develop their comprehension skills. It may be a novel, a biography or a non-fiction book about the history of Mathematics. Each year group will have a class novel or a wide-reading novel, in their English



learning program, at some stage during the year. Our wonderful teacher-librarian and Year 7 Year Adviser Mrs. Hoole is always available to recommend novels to students, from our library.



The key is to make reading regularly a habit. I love to travel so my favourite quote about reading is by the marvellous Dr. Seuss, 'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.' Reading opens up so many worlds of possibility and as the great English writer Neil Gaiman says, 'A book is a dream that you hold in your hand.' Our faculty is keen to see more 'dreams' in the hands of our young people. Let's take up the challenge Albion Park High to read more regularly.

7 Humanities HUB

The 7A/7P Humanities classes are well underway in their exploration of sustainability and the impacts that we, as humans, have on our environment.



To kick off the term, Ms Goldstein and I asked students to work in crews (small groups) to collaborate and think creatively and critically to solve a real world problem. The challenge for students was to design and build a device to transport two litres of water, two metres in distance, with minimal water wastage. Students had an absolute blast creating their designs and were able to successfully utilise a range of the essential 21st-century skills.

For the rest of the term, students will be developing their understanding of different perspectives of current sustainability issues and connecting this to their study of a related novel. In addition to this, they will be developing their skill set in History and Geography through a range of mapping and sequencing skills.



On behalf of myself and Mrs Goldstein, we would like to thank students for their enthusiasm and engagement during this launch activity and extend this to parents and carers for assisting our students in collecting reusable plastic items for the launch activity. We are very excited for the remainder of term 1 and look forward to completing our term 1 project which focuses on creating an awareness campaign on a current sustainability issue affecting people and the world they live in.

Ms Brown and Ms Goldstein

Year 7 Japanese

Students in Year 7 Japanese have dived headfirst into learning the Japanese alphabet, hiragana, this term. Parents may have seen their children pouring over the hiragana flashcards to prepare themselves for the variety of engaging digital and card games used within class.

If you are interested in learning along with your child try to download the 'Hiragana Memory Hint'

application in the app store. The best form of language learning is immersion, so when you're ready use some of the following words with your fledgling Japanese learners:

Good afternoon – *kon nichi wa*
 Good morning – *o ha you*
 Thank you – *ari gatou*
 Good bye – *sayo nara*

Mr. Dubois

Debating and Public Speaking

On the Public Speaking and Debating front, Albion Park High School plans to follow up our strong representation from last year by entering teams in both Junior and Senior competitions again this year. Our debating teams are competitive and feature student teams of four. In addition, we have also entered students in each of the public speaking competitions. I encourage any students with a passion for debating and public speaking to discuss their interest with their classroom teacher. The competitions we have committed to this year are:

- The Plain English Speaking Award (15-18 Years)
- The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award (14 years and under)
- Premier's Debating Challenge (Years 9 and 10)
- Premier's Debating Challenge (Years 7 and 8)
- ATSI Debating Competition (All ages)

These competitions provide students with the opportunity to improve their confidence and to develop their speech-writing and public speaking skills.

In addition, APHS will continue the tradition of running a Community of Schools training day for budding debaters. This day features specialised trainers, from the University of Wollongong's Debating Society, who work with students from APHS and our local primary schools to develop their debating skills. A fun day for all, this is planned for Term 4 this year. For those students who might like to try their hand at debating, but who lack the confidence to jump directly into a competition team, this is a wonderful opportunity.

Mrs. Cable

12 English Extension 1



For the past term Year 12 Extension 1 students have been collaborating with Engadine High School with their study of Worlds of Upheaval. As

part of their collaboration they are participating in the sharing and acquiring of valuable ideas and perspectives with students outside of their community. This Monday students took part in a virtual conference with their Engadine counterparts where they presented research findings and engaged in debates regarding the influences behind Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein'.

Mr. Sam Kilborn

Year 10 and 11 Podcasting

On Monday and Wednesday of Week 5 a group of Year 10 and Year 11 students had the opportunity to engage in a full day podcasting workshop. Students learnt how to not only develop their own ideas for a podcast, but also to script and create a final product.

Students came out of the workshop with a detailed understanding of how to bring their imaginative ideas and passions to life, taking home their own class produced podcast.



Increase your child's intelligence: read every night (It's also part of their English Homework)

Regular reading is one of the most important life skills you can possess. AHS expect that students in years 7-8 will be doing 15-20 minutes of reading every night as part of their English homework. To encourage this we have purchased membership for Year 7 students to Literacy Planet and allocated reading tasks for them to complete. We also encourage participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge and great deals on books twice per term through Scholastic Bookclub (see flyer). Please help your child develop skills in comprehension, vocabulary, writing, empathy, relaxation and (if they read before bed) better sleep. Encourage them to read each night.

Mrs Hoole
Teacher Librarian & Year Adviser

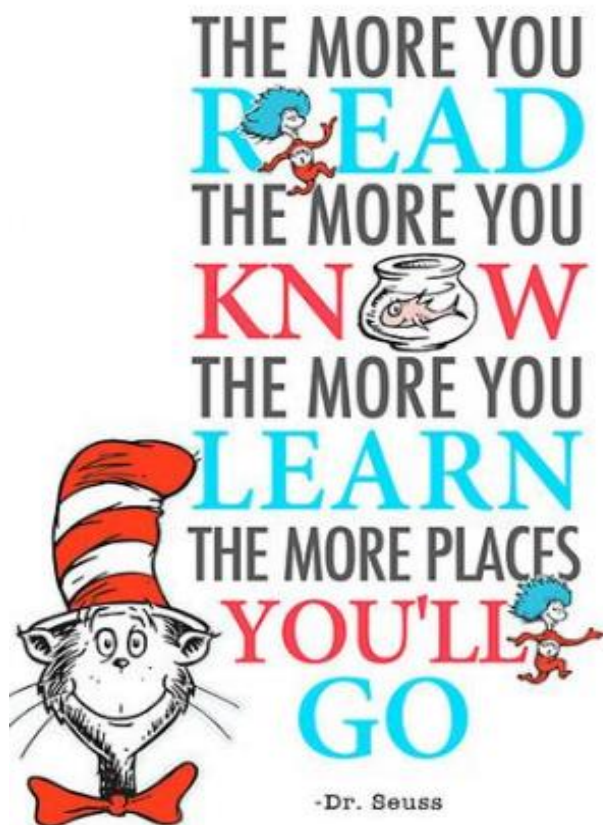
Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our class is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, I will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

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