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Our School Values are – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & COMMITMENT

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Term 1, Week 8

16 March, 2020

Coming events

Week 8		
Monday 17 March	Yr 12	Work placement – Construction & Business Services
Tuesday 18 March	Yr 12	Work placement – Construction & Business Services
Wednesday 19 March	Yr 12	Work placement – Construction & Business Services
Thursday 20 March	Yr 12	Work placement – Construction & Business Services
Friday 21 March	Yr 7 Yr 12	Immunisation + selected Yr 8 Work placement – Construction & Business Services
Week 9		
Monday 24 March		
Tuesday 25 March		
Wednesday 26 March	Selected	Exc: Envir. Leadership Forum
Thursday 27 March	Selected	Exc: Envir. Leadership Forum
Friday 28 March	Selected	Exc: Envir. Leadership Forum

P & C MEETING

Monday 23 March, 2020 at 6pm
in the Common Room

Principal's Message

All parents will be quite aware of the coronavirus and the implications for the spread in schools. I am writing the newsletter with this focus to present some basic facts and to inform parents of the measures that we are taking at Albion Park High school.

- At this time Monday 16 March, all students should be at school – see details below.
- Each day the department is updating all schools with multiple emails outlining any changes, hour by hour.
- All excursions have been cancelled

- All professional development for staff has been cancelled.
- Everyone in a school setting is to apply the **1-metre rule** where you do not touch another person so as to limit any possible infection.
- All soap dispensers have been checked for soap availability and more dispensers are being sourced along with sanitizer. Please remind your child that drying their hands is as important as washing them.
- Students have been reminded about washing their hands at every opportunity, but especially before and after eating. This message needs to be reinforced at home.
- Students have been given extra opportunities to wash their hands in school hours, especially in hospitality kitchens, science, art and TAS, where water is readily available.

School response to COVID 19 – important update

Currently our school is open and operational. The only **justified reasons** for students to be absent from school are:

1. Students are sick/unwell or health compromised.
2. Students have recently returned from overseas travel including transit through high risk countries and are required to self-isolate as per NSW Health isolation protocols.
3. Student is confirmed close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and is required to isolate to comply with NSW Health isolation protocols

4. Student tests positive for COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19 during quarantine period.

Parents who choose to keep students at home for reasons other than those mentioned above will be recorded as un-justified leave.

As a school we are doing our best to support good hygiene and health practices. This includes:

- Encouraging staff and students who are unwell, especially those with cold or flu symptoms to remain at home until all symptoms resolve and where appropriate seek advice from a medical practitioner.
- Actively promoting and providing facilities and time for good hand sanitation practices, including the regular checking of soap dispensers and hand towel facilities.
- We are promoting good cough and sneeze etiquette to our student body.
- Actively participating in the phased social distancing strategy as set out by the Department of Education. This includes looking at alternatives to large gatherings of students where possible, cancellation or postponement of excursions outside our school community, including arts and sporting activities and events.

Albion Park High School has access to online teaching and learning platforms to ensure that staff/student communication can continue in the event that students cannot access face to face teaching. The following platforms are used by faculties;

Faculty	Online Learning Platform
English	Google Classroom
Maths	Google Classroom / Moodle
Science	Google Classroom
PDHPE	Google Classroom
HSIE	Google Classroom
CAPA	Google Classroom
VIS ART	Google Classroom
TAS	Moodle
SUPPORT	Google Classroom
PARKSIDE	Google Classroom

Faculties also access a range of other online learning platforms such as Study Ladder, Seesaw and Literacy Planet to promote student learning.

It is important that in times of high stress, we remain calm and look after each other. Young people have absorbed many extremely negative and distressing messages over the past six months including the bushfire devastation and more recently floods, it is vitally important that they are nourished psychologically and remember the plethora of positives that surround us all.

Please take the time to ensure a level of normality and joy for your young person, it may be time to turn off the news and revisit a favourite comedy!

Ms S Clapham
Principal

Students of the Fortnight

Myles Clark & Travis Potter of Year 7 found an iPhone 11 on the way to school, the boys brought the phone to the front office, the owner of the phone was then located.

The owner left the boys a thank you card each in appreciation.

Well done boys



World Acrobatic Championships

Earlier this term Latisha James Year 7 and Savannah Maytom Year 8 travelled down to Melbourne to compete in the trials for the World Acrobatic Championships. Both girls had been previously selected in the national squad to attend these trials.

Savannah's trio completed three routines, Balance, Dynamic and Combined, placing second overall. The trio's place in this competition, alongside their previous results, secured their place in the World Championships to be held in Switzerland in May. Congratulations Savannah and good luck!



Latisha, who competes in the pairs competition, placed 4th overall after participating in both the balance and dynamic events. Latisha and her partner were due to compete in the World Cup in Berlin in April, however, these plans have been put on hold due to the corona virus outbreak. The competition may now be held in another country. Congratulations Latisha and we hope that you get to show off your skills on the world stage soon!



South Coast and Regional Representatives

Congratulations to Jackson Davis of Year 10 for making the South Coast representative baseball team. Jackson will compete in the CHS state championships over 4 days later this month.



Matilda Turner of Year 8 is another student who has made the regional representative side in her chosen sport, touch! Matilda will be representing South Coast at the state trials in May this year. Congratulations and good luck, Matilda!

Park Press & Email to Parents Information: Tell Them From Me student feedback survey (Term 1, 2020)



I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate again in the Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how we do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 March to 8 May, 2020. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 17 March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

Mr E. Davies HT TAS/ART