



Newsletter

Term 3 Week 7

Date 26 August 2013

SCHOOL CALENDAR – AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 28 th	Book Week Parade
Thursday 29 th	Year 6 Concert & Mufti day (Gold coin donation)
Wednesday 4 th	Regional PSSA Athletics Carnival
Thursday 5 th	Kindergarten Orientation 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th	Maths Olympiad 5W/6S
Thursday 12 th	High School Information Year 7
Wednesday 18 th	Recognition Assembly
Thursday 19 th	Year 12 Graduation
Friday 20 th	100% Attenders, TERM 3 ENDS



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Here we are half way through Term 3 and a massive term it has been. To date some of the highlights include;

The **'Expanding Horizons' Concert**, where our school choir performed alongside over 1,300 other talented performers from NSW public schools and from China. The Sydney Expanding Horizons event continues to build the relationship between DEC schools and China. Much thanks to Ms Winfield who has been working with our choir and the Arts directorate to provide our students with the opportunity to be a part of this massive performance opportunity at the Sydney Opera House.

High School Experience Day for year 5 & 6 students from our partner public schools, Crown Street, Bourke Street, St Peters and Erskineville. With over 180 visiting students and their principals and teachers, it was a massive task to organise high school lessons as well as continue the day to day teaching of our APCS classes. But 'hats off' to our staff and Year 10 students helpers as the day was a huge success. The lessons included hands on, fun and interesting tasks from Science, Food Technology, Design and Technology, Visual Arts, PE, Music, Aboriginal Studies and Careers. Taking place over the 2 campuses and culminating in a BBQ lunch, the feedback from the visiting Principals and

teachers was overwhelmingly positive. They have asked to strengthen our relationship between our schools, to include GAT programs for students and also professional learning and collaboration opportunities for our teachers. Once again I must express my pride in our school. I spent the day with the classes, watching the lessons, talking to the visiting students and teachers. It is wonderful to be the principal of this great school that so often receives positive feedback and communication from individuals and organisations who work with our students and staff.

Book Week : Read across the universe

A myriad of fantastic activities to celebrate Book Week have been organised by our Librarian Ms Young. They have included a visit from the author Boory Monty, a scholastic book fair, continued reading of CBC shortlisted books during DEAR time, and a K-7 Book Parade where students and staff dress up as their favourite book characters. The Great Book Swap will be held in early September under the awning outside the old canteen. Students are asked to bring in books to donate books prior to 2/9. They give the books to their class teachers. Everyone will be welcome to pick a book for a gold coin donation from the swap pile.

Year 12 HSC Trial examinations have been undertaken over the past 2 weeks. The trial examinations are important assessment tasks in each HSC course, often weighted the greatest in the assessment program. The Trial examinations are structured to mirror the BOS HSC exams so they are also a good indicator of how a student is performing in exam type tasks. What is critically important is for students to continue to work hard in class and at home, taking on board the feedback from their teachers on how to improve their examination performance. With the HSC exams beginning in October there is still ample time to improve so that each student achieves their personal best. We wish all our year 12 students to best during the final month leading up to the HSC exams.

APCS 10 Year birthday party planning is well underway. A team of staff have met to draft up ideas on ways to celebrate our 10 year anniversary. To be held on Friday November 22nd, the plan is for a concert and carnival day to be held on the junior campus, in the hall and on the grounds. A museum showcasing the history of the school and spaces where students work will be on display are included in the plans. Invitations and promotion of the

celebration will be realised at a later date. I hope that many of you can come to school on that day to help us celebrate.

Planning for 2014 is well underway with anticipated students enrolment numbers identified and senior students having selected elective courses to study in years 9, 10, 11 and 12. We predict a continuing increase in our enrolment numbers which is a great sign of community support in our school. Currently I am convening 2 merit selection panels. The first is for the position of Deputy Principal (Secondary) as a result of the retirement of Robert Bruce, and the second is for the Head Teacher of Mathematics as a result of the retirement of Allan Medway. I hope to have these positions finalised and filled by early in term 4.

Lots more reports on sport, leadership and special programs are included in this edition of our school newsletter including the very popular 'Maths Problem of the Week' section...Enjoy



Diane Fetherston, Principal

Service Learning and the Premier's Volunteering Challenge



At Alex Park Community School we work with students and families to provide high quality community engagement and service learning programs to ensure that our students value and experience community service and also develop their 21st century interpersonal networking skills. I share with you an email send to to our school recently which again highlights the amazing work that our students undertake and how they bring great credit to our school, their families and themselves.

"My name is Lieu-Chi Nguyen and I am the Science Liaison Officer of The Young Scientists of Australia, Sydney Chapter, a not for profit organisation intent on the promotion of science to the youth of Australia. As the Science Liaison Officer, it is my job to advertise volunteering opportunities and science events to our member base and manage volunteers from our member base.

I am emailing to inform you that Jennifer Vo, a year 10 student from Alexandria Community Park School, has volunteered at our Australian Museum YSA stall on the and also helped us recruit 2 other volunteers for the day: Helena Guo and Marissa Supriadi. They volunteered in manning a stall and guiding members of the public through several

science activities including a rope manacle trick, optical illusions, flip wallets (a practical topography exercise) and Mobius strips.

Jennifer has also volunteered at the Powerhouse Museum with the Endeavouring Science program.

Jennifer for the past year since she has joined YSA has been a tremendous help to our organisation. She displays an enthusiasm, confidence and a science demonstration and science communication ability that far surpasses her years. She has also added a substantial number to our member base. I wish her all the best in her future endeavours including this Premier's Volunteering Challenge.



SECONDARY STUDENTS PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING PROGRAMS 2013

Representing the Opposition to 'That the local Aboriginal language should be mandatory in all secondary schools' our team, Aaron Simpson and Ethan Broome spoke eloquently and argued persuasively in Parliament House last Friday. As a result they won their debate. Much thanks to their debating coach Mr Forbath.

MORE ACCOLADES ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

Last week students from year 10 and 11 attended an excursion at Sweet Lily's Leichhardt and I felt compelled to write and share with you our absolute delight at hosting them.

From the moment they arrived we could sense that we would be sharing the day with an amazing group of students and we certainly were spot on.

They were polite, funny, quirky, full of life and enthusiasm, attentive and a complete joy to spend the day with.

We run a small business in a very testing environment and conducting these excursions

allow us to escape these challenges and meet extraordinary young people that we otherwise wouldn't cross paths with.

The students are a credit to their school and it's easy to see why when they have teachers like Tiffany and Andrea. Watching the students interacting with them and the relationship they share is a confirmation of the positive effect this has on them.

This is the first year Alexandria Park Community School has attended our excursions and we certainly hope this will become a yearly event. You should be proud of them and we look forward to meeting more of your incredible students.

Kind regards,
Lily Hassarati, Manager, Sweet Lily's

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THE WEEKLY ADDITION!



This is what we're learning about in MATHEMATICS at APCS!

Kindergarten are using concrete materials to help understand multiplication and sharing. **Year 1** are starting to learn their 2 X tables. **Year 2** are learning about using cms and m correctly. **Year 3** have been learning their multiplications and are busily working on position and direction. **Year 4** are involved with many practical activities involving length and time. **Year 5** are learning about Volume, 2D and 3D shapes. They have also been working on data. **Year 6** are learning about 3D shapes, position, mass, volume and capacity. They have been learning about the properties of 3D shapes and have been experimenting with drawing and modelling them. **Year 7** are tackling Fractions, Percentages and Probability. **Year 8** are learning about Ratios. **Year 9** – 9A are studying linear equations, while 9X students have started factorising algebraic expressions, **Year 10** 10A are studying Trigonometry, while 10X are learning about Functions and Logarithms. **Year 11** are preparing for their Yearly Exams for Preliminary Mathematics courses. Mathematics (2 unit) students are studying Quadratics, while Extension 1 students have delved into locus and the parametric representation of the parabola. General Mathematics students are studying Statistics. **Year 12** students are currently in their Trials period!! We have students sitting HSC Trials for General Mathematics, Mathematics (2 unit) and Extension 1 and 2 Mathematics. Good luck Year 12's!!

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK!

Have a go at answering this week's Problem of the Week for your chance to win! All solutions are to be emailed to Miss Taranto at joanne.taranto3@det.nsw.edu.au with your name and class. The first correct answer will be awarded 5 deadly stamps (yes 5!). Additionally, the winner will be published in the next edition of this newsletter.

Kindergarten – Year 4: Problem 1

Using only 5c, 10c and 20c coins, in how many ways can you make up 35 cents?

Year 5 – Year 12: Problem 1

A property owner has two houses for sale – one in a fashionable area, one in a less popular area. He manages to sell them for \$468 000 each. Based on what he originally paid for them, one house has made him a profit of 20%, while the other has made him a loss of 20%. Overall, has the owner made a profit or a loss? By how much?

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST ADDITION'S WINNERS!!

Kristoffer Stribling (KC) and Hamaad Ahmad (Yr12)

Answers from last addition's problems:

(K-4): 7 (5-12): The girls won by a score of 266 to 263.

Premier's Spelling Bee

On Monday 5th of August, students of Alexandria Park Community School competed in the junior and senior school finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. It was a great to see students in both age groups showing off their fantastic spelling abilities. In the junior event, Taya Rouse and Andy Hung tied for third place, Wan Yi came runner up, with Savera Lather taking first place. Thomas Brander took third place in the senior event, Ajey Ardarsh placed second, with Jin Sasage winning the event. The students who placed first and second in both the senior and junior competition will be representing our school at the 2013 Premier's Spelling Bee Regional finals at Birchgrove Public School on Thursday 12th September. We wish them all the best of luck.

Middle School events and happenings Public Speaking Success!

Luce Neilson of 6S recently represented Alexandria Park Community School at the District and then Regional Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competitions. Participants were required to present a short speech and then present an impromptu speech on a given topic. Luce managed to win the district competition, and then also claimed victory in the regional finals. She will now represent A.P.C.S at the **State finals** which will be held on Friday 15th November 2013, at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation headquarters at Ultimo. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of Luce. Good luck at the final!

Yarn Up

In week two, six students from Stage 3 (Aaron Harkins, Elizabeth Cox, Sebastian Wooldridge, Emma Comninos, Nayleen Ballard, Trinity Dixon) had the opportunity to represent the school at the "Yarn Up" event. Yarn Up is a program which is an initiative of Sydney Region Aboriginal Education. It involves Stage 3 Aboriginal students and aims to encourage them to participate in actively in Public Speaking. Students attend several workshops throughout the term. At the final event in August, which is held at N.S.W Parliament House, students are required to present a short speech to their peers, teachers, family and community members. This is a fantastic program for students to be involved in. It will be wonderful to see the students present their speeches at the showcase on 30th August.

Middle School Mad Science Day



On Thursday 15th August, Middle School held their annual “Mad Science Day”. This day was held as a part of National Science Week 2013. Students from years 5 to 7 were split up into groups and they spent the day conducting intriguing and wacky experiments. Some of these experiments included looking at aerodynamics by creating balloon helicopters, making towers out of marshmallows and spaghetti, testing sense of smell and taste with soft drinks, mapping Alexandria Park, and conducting tests on what conditions the microorganism yeast grows in. Students came dressed as a wild array of crazy scientists and Thomas Brander (5W), Luce Neilson (6S), and Leo Wang (7X) were awarded prizes for ‘Best Dressed’. David Vo in year 7 even came dressed as a clone of Mr Miller! It was a fantastic day and a great celebration of the important role of Science in our community



News Updates from our Roving Reporter Jennifer Vo....

APCS takes on the United Nations

Feeling nervous, excited and unexpectedly unprepared, I arrived at the University of Sydney along with 11 of my peers from Alex Park to participate as delegates at the Sydney University Schools Mock United Nations on Thursday 25th of July 2013. Our arrival was welcomed by the bubbly and anticipated atmosphere from all of the students, and so our day officially and “Magically” commenced during our pre-council sessions.

The Security Council, represented by Ridwan Ansary and Daniel Hargraves, had a good laugh after voting Voldermort out of the room before he could utter a threat. Representing Iraq at the Human Rights council, Lucas Ruseicki and Natalie Williams, made a humorous suggestion to call upon the Avengers in times of global

need. It was delightful for Sheetal Singh and I to witness the Australian delegates of the same council, try to convince other nations to rely on their “superior, confidential and highly destructive” navy as an offensive plan to ward off Voldermort’s army.

Lunch was an array of 6-inch subs from Subway and was a great opportunity to personally meet students from other schools and councils. The World Health council, represented by Adiba Ali and Wesley Wintzaw, proposed to massacre the world’s billions of chickens to eliminate the outbreak of a new species of bird influenza. The United States were alleged terrorists, according to Noor Cheema and James Li, while representing Pakistan during an enthusiastic and heated debated on the topic of drones. And I must congratulate Ali Asghar Ali and Bushra Jahan who broke the Alex Park record, passing 7 out of 13 amendments and receiving honourable mentions, and of course handshakes, from their directors. Massive thanks to Ms Jane Ryan for organising this year’s SUSMUN team. There may be a school club inspired by SUSMUN established in the near future and I highly encourage fellow students to give the mock United Nations a go. For us it was an educational, highly inspirational and thoroughly entertaining day and in future we anticipate on participating in more events such like this one.

Lights, Camera, Action!

It was a chilly morning when approximately 100 Alex Park students, including myself, from years 8 to 10 gathered together on Platform 10 at Redfern station at 9AM on the 2nd of August 2013. We were on an excursion to the Australian Short film festival ‘Little Big Shots’ held at the Sydney Opera House in Circular Quay, supervising us were three English teachers, Ms Foley, Ms Ryan and Ms Bruce. We sat through three film sessions, all showing a series of highly entertaining short films. My personal favourites were the first and last films during our first session. The first film was created by Japanese producers; it was an animation portraying a “brick’s” perspective of Sydney Harbour. The other film was a recreation of the Julian Assange scenario, but Julian as a fourth grader. Both films left a great impression on me, being creative and quirky yet symbolising a much greater meaning. The day concluded at 2:30PM after our last film session, the temperature grew much warmer throughout the day and everyone was in great spirits for the weekend.

Director of Public Education for a day Guess who was boss?



As I arrived on Mary Ann Street, Ultimo on the 30th of July

2013, I was due to meet at the front of a building with scaffolds and boards to introduce myself to the three other students I would spend the rest of my day. The dilemma was that I didn't know which building was my point of rendezvous for at the time it seemed as though the entire street was under construction. I found myself completely and utterly lost until my attention fell upon the two navy blue figures standing on the other end of the street. You may question why I am wondering about Ultimo on a school day. After my application was successful, I was offered a position to shadow the Director of Public Schools of the Marrickville Region, Rod Megahey, for a day for this year's Education Week.

We began the day with introductions, Mr Megahey running up and down the carpet corridor in search of the list with our names, came to me as to being a friendly, busy, yet absolutely lovely man. And I found the girls I would spend the rest of my day with, intelligent and enthusiastic individuals, who find no difficulty in conjuring up a conversation with absolutely anyone about anything. We were given a brief tour of the Director's Ultimo office, and were soon herded off to visit his other offices in St Peters and Carlton South.

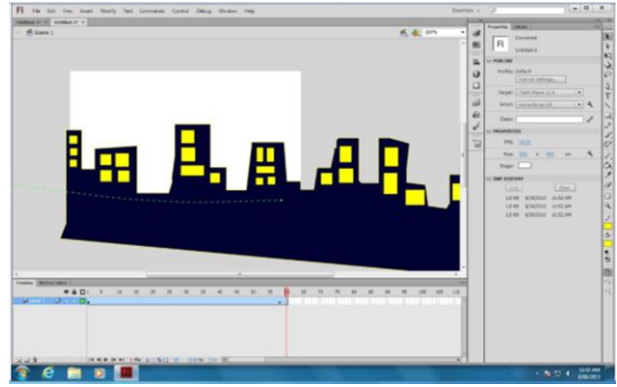
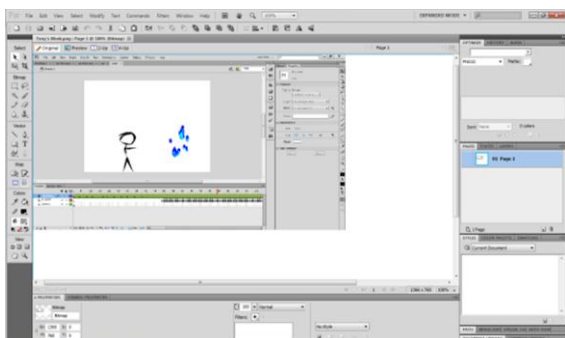
The highlight of my day was during our visit to Cairnsfoot School in Arncliffe. What made this school significant to me was that it only educated students with moderate or severe intellectual disabilities. Entering the school was at first rather confronting, however I gradually became aware of the fact that this was normal for these children and that their behaviour defined who they were. And so I began to acknowledge the teachers and carers who put so much love and energy into educating these children. This experience for me was absolutely inspirational and is sure to stay in my memory for many years to come.

It was an absolute honour meeting Mr Megahey. Altogether, the day was beyond educational, it was inspiring. I had learnt so much about the Australian schooling system in a matter of hours, and have discovered that there is so much more to teaching than I thought possible.

Jennifer Vo

ITM Year 9

The unit of work we have been focussing on is the study of 2D animation techniques used in webpages and cartoons. It involves the development of skills and knowledge in working with vector graphics. Students are taught how to use *Macromedia Flash* software and have the opportunity to produce a short animation. The class has been working on a variety of skills including tweening, motion tweens and armatures. They have been very creative with their interpretations and I am thrilled at the enthusiasm they have shown towards their creations. Well done everyone!



Photography Year 9

We have been inspired by the artist Rob Dobi, who has photographed and documented a variety of city landscapes with the focus of urban decay. We have taken a series of photos, used filters and borders in photoshop to emulate a similar style. Like the artist, we have documented our work using the web and have developed a website each to display our work.

Indigenous Science Excursion

Year 7 went to Redfern Community Centre for the Indigenous Science Day excursion last Monday. The events they did there was listening to one of the elders' stories. Then they were split into groups and rotated around each activity. There were activities such as to watch how a replica of the volcano works, learned about sea eagles, playing with well-camouflage and stick insects, saw display of Aboriginal art and tools and drank Aboriginal tea/medicine. The next thing the year 7 did was to experience some of the Aboriginal tools and actually to make one: a stone axe. To make one we needed a string, a sharp-edge stone, and a branch. In the end we didn't make one that was able to cut through a branch in a short time. The Year 7 had a great time at the Redfern Community Centre.

by Christine Ho

EID MUBARAK!

APCS CELEBRATES THE 'END OF RAMADAN' WITH A SCHOOL BBQ

Year 8-12 staff and students celebrated the end of Ramadan on Monday 12 August 2013 with a school BBQ. Kindergarten to Year 7 classes also received a bag of sweets to mark the event.

Eid al Fitr (also called the Feast of Breaking the Fast or Sweet Festival) is the celebratory day that marks the end of Ramadan (a month-long period of fasting and spiritual reflection). It is a time of generosity, gratitude, remembrance to give in charity and is celebrated with family and friends.

This event builds on our school culture of "Growing Respect" and embracing diversity.

A very big thank you to Uncle Hilton (AEO), Ms Mishra, Mr Abdullah, Mr Bashir and their team of student 'BBQ chef helpers' for their support in making this activity a success.

(Note: Eid Mubarak is a traditional Arabic greeting meaning 'Blessed Feast').

Ms Jamal

Relieving Deputy Principal

A.P.C.S. Athletics carnival

On Tuesday the 30th July, students aged 8-13 years walked to Erskineville Oval for the athletics carnival.

When we were walking I saw beautiful coloured plants and other things on the way. When we arrived at Erskineville Oval the teachers told us to sit down and listen. They first called out junior girls. We all followed Miss Micallef onto the oval to run the 200m race. I came 5th in the race but at least I got points for my house, Wattle! I decided not to join in the 400m race as I was so tired.

After lunch all the girls did long jump. On my first go I got 240cm, on my second go I got 244cm, on my third go I got 238cm. After the long jump I did the 800m race and unfortunately I came last. Later we did discus and I was number 13 and I got to do it again and so did some other people. On my second go I did worse than my first go. Then we did shot put, the ball was lighter than I thought it would be. We then ate lunch at the oval. It was a SUPER FUN DAY!

Tehya Rouse



A.P.C.S Athletics Carnival

There were plenty of activities, including 200m race, 400m race, 800m races, shot put and more. Many junior and senior children raced.

House colours are very important, there are 4 house colours. Red, Waratah, blue, Bluegum, yellow, Wattle and green, Banksia. It was recommended to wear your house colour. For me, I had to wear blue since my house colour is blue.

It was a wonderful time, and everyone enjoyed it. The last race was the 400m relay race. Only people chosen could race, and that included me.

Finally, it was time to go, when we got back to school, it was 2:03pm.

I enjoyed that day very much, it was such a wonderful day.

By Mervin Hao

U15 Girls Basketball

The Under 15 girls basketball played their first game in this year's regional knockout tournament. Local rivals Tempe High School brought their team down for the game on Wednesday the 31st of July and looking at the warm up, it was going to be a tough game. Unfortunately this was not going to be the case. Led by some full court

defensive pressure from the Folwell sisters and Eri Kawada, as well as some nice offensive moves from Serika Shillingsworth and Sarah Ishak, our Alex Park girls ran away with the game 70-15. I'd like to congratulate the entire team who played with a great attitude and sportsmanship throughout the whole match. Thanks also to our ref, Charlene.

Stewart Okell, Teacher & Coach

NASCA Cultural Camp

On the 22nd July 4 of our year 8 students, Diamond, Monica, Sarah and Kieran, headed down to the South Coast with NASCA students from Tempe and Marrickville. Students were accompanied by Tempe High's Aunty Carol and Taliya Tuiano, our own Uncle Hilton, NASCA project officer Dave Hickey and myself. After a long four hour drive to our destination Burrill Lake (South of Ulladulla) the students were ready for some food, but little did we know the banquets that would be waiting for us. Over the course of the 3 days, students were able to try a number of foods traditionally eaten by the local Indigenous population. These included Kangaroo, Emu, Crocodile, prawns, mussels, scallops salmon and swordfish. These dishes were able to keep the students energized for the variety of activities planned. Spear throwing, Boomerang making and throwing, bushwalks to cave paintings and talks from local elders were all part of the fun that all the students took part in. Every member of our travelling group had an amazing trip, with the students learning a lot about their culture. I'd also like to commend all students on their exemplary behaviour and thank Uncle Hilton and Aunty Carol for their guidance during the course of the event.

U15 Girls Basketball Update

Our U 15 girls' basketball team played their Round 2 Knockout tournament game against Caringbah High School on Wednesday 14th of August. The girls were expecting a much tougher game than the 70 – 12 victory against Tempe and they weren't disappointed.

Our girls made a slow start, which combined with some skill from Caringbah's Point Guard, kept the game close for the first ten minutes. The final 10 minutes of the first half really won the game for our team. Eri Kawada's defence took their star player out of the game and some important attacking contributions from Saysha Cummins, Serika Shillingsworth and the Folwell sisters, set up a 13 point half time lead.

The second half started the way that the first half ended, with Tahliya Sabatino scoring some quick points and grabbing rebounds to set up second shots for her team. The second half also allowed Sarah Ishak to show her passing skills to set up some open shots for Sheetal Singh. She was also helped by the rebounding ability of Saraih Flood who stopped plenty of second chances on the defensive end and created many chances with her offensive rebounding.

The final score of 52-29 is a testament to the hard work that the girls put in every week, including their holiday training sessions. I know all the girls would like to thank local legend Terry Denzil who imparts his wisdom to the girls on a weekly basis.

Stewart Okell.

GALA DAY REPORT

On Tuesday 13th August, Miss Kasz, Mr Bowman and Hilton Donovan took year 9 and 10 students to Heffron Park to participate in the Zone Sports Gala Day, where Alexandria Park students in year 9 and 10 competed in soccer and netball against other schools in the area.

The girls Netball team was successful in winning 4 out of 7 of their games, with the three losses being a near miss against the opposing teams. The boys soccer were also successful in their games, which were highly competitive.

All the Alexandria Park students showed great sportsmanship and team work and were the paradigm of good behaviour on the day. Thanks to the teachers who allowed/encouraged their 9/10 students to participate in the Gala day, huge thanks to Mr Bowman, Sports Coordinator for organising the day and the teams, and Uncle Hilton Donovan for his standard hearty support that is always of huge benefit to the students. It was a wonderful day and we all look forward to the next one!

Miss Tiffany-Jane Kasz, PDHPE teacher

Year Six Cake Stall – Thursday 29th August

Throughout the year, Year 6 students will be fundraising for their graduation celebration and the gift to the school.

For our third fundraising event, we are asking that each Year Six student donate some cake, cookies slices or lolly bags that can be sold by the students at the Year Six Cake Stall. **Please ensure all food is nut free.**

Talent Quest

Years 3-7 Talent Quest – Thursday 29th August, Period 1 & 2. **Bring a gold coin to come dressed in mufti.**

Cake Stall: please bring money to buy cakes, cookies and other yummy treats at the cake stall Lunch 1. Cake prices will range from 50cent to \$2.00.

Performers need to bring: Any music, instruments, costumes or props you may need.

Purpose of the event: the talent quest is designed to provide students with an opportunity to share their talents and skills in a range of areas through performing arts.

P&C Reminder

Please come along if you can to our next meeting on: Wednesday 28th August - Junior Campus Staff room 6.30pm start.

"The P&C will be holding an Election Day BBQ on 7 September. The Hardware Store at Alexandria has kindly donated funds for this event. Please join in the event and buy a sausage sizzle which will help to raise funds for the school. We are also asking for cake donations on the day.

Thank you,
APCS P&C

Dear Parents/Carers

It is always fantastic to see parents bringing their children to school, often with younger ones in tow. Children in strollers are always a pleasure to see in our playground. However, if your young pre-schooler is on a moveable toy could they please walk it while in the playground. This helps to keep all children safe while playing.

Thankyou for your cooperation.

Jann Hanekroot
AP K-4

Scholarships now open

The Public Education Foundation has just has opened a new round of scholarships for 2014.

Twelve scholarships categories are now open for applications, including the Friends of Zainab Scholarship which provides assistance for senior high school students who are refugees or asylum seekers through to the Mamma Lena and Dino Gustin Foundation Scholarship which provides the successful applicants with a trip to Italy to attend language lessons in Rome.

To see full details of these unique scholarships, which are exclusively available to students attending public schools

We hope you will share these exciting opportunities with your school community and / or networks.

Students who are interested in applying for a scholarship should download an information pack from the [Public Education Foundation website](#).

Applications must be received by the Public Education Foundation by Friday 20 September 2013.

Scholarships currently on offer include:

Friends of Zainab Scholarship – open to refugee students in years 10 and 11 who have entered Australia on a humanitarian visa or applied for protection.

Mamma Lena and Dino Gustin Foundation Scholarship – an exciting scholarship open to students in year 10 who are passionate about the study of Italian language and culture. The recipients will travel to Rome to attend language classes and learn more about Italian culture.

Medich Foundation Elizabeth H Blackburn Scholarship – open to year 10 students who wish to pursue a career in a medical field.

The Malala Yousafzai Scholarship - open to hard working students in the middle years of schooling who have a strong belief in the power of education.

Pinpoint Scholarships – open to female students currently in year 8 who may benefit from some assistance in order to achieve their best at school.

The FEX Group Scholarship – open to year 10 students interested in pursuing a career in economics or finance.

First Seeds Scholarship – open to students in year 11 to assist them to “sow the first seeds” towards a successful career.

Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Opportunity Scholarship for a Student with a Physical Disability – open to students in year 12 with a permanent physical disability who wish to progress to university but may need some financial assistance to do so. A further scholarship is offered to a student with a physical disability who is relocating from a regional or rural area to commence university study.

Unions NSW Metropolitan Scholarship – open to metropolitan students with an interest in unionism or a curriculum related subject (for example economics, modern history or business studies.)

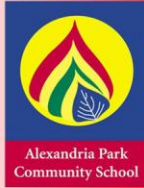
Unions NSW Rural and Regional Scholarship – open to rural and regional students in year 11 with an interest in unionism or a curriculum related subject.

Inner West Technology Scholarship – open to students in year 9 who wish to pursue study of a trade or

technology.

Emergo Scholarship – for a student entering year 7 at the Conservatorium High School as part of the vocal stream or majoring in the study of a woodwind instrument.

Enrol Early for Kindergarten 2014 at Alexandria Park Community School



EVENT	DATES	TIME
Parent Information Days	5th September 7th November	9.30am - 10.30am
Kindergarten Orientation Day	5th September 7th November	9.30am - 10.30am
Transitional Playgroup for 3 and 4 year olds	Every Friday Terms 3 & 4	9.30am – 11.30am

For more information contact:

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Careers August Year 12 and all things tertiary .
Applications to University Admission Centre (UAC), open on Wednesday August 7th and on-time applications close on Friday 27th September. Applications made after this closing date will incur a late fee of \$122.

The processing charge for on time applications is \$28. If students wish to take advantage of my help they can make their application to UAC through the school by giving the \$28 to me and then I will help the student apply and pay the processing charge with my visa card.

I strongly urge all Year 12 students to make a time to meet with me to plan their choices and prepare applications for **scholarships or early entry /special entry schemes** that may be available to them.

Please make sure all students are researching Universities, courses and scholarships before they make their application to UAC.

Every student in Year 12 needing to apply to UAC has been given their own copy of the **UAC Guide**. This book retails for \$19.95. Inside this guide you will find all the information needed to make a University application as well as UAC contact details.

The Equal Access scheme (EAS) is designed to help students gain extra consideration when applying to

University due to a disadvantage they may be experiencing. There are several categories in which students can apply and the advice is they should apply for each category they are eligible for. All our students are automatically eligible under one code but, your student may be living with other hardships that are also categorised. You can find all the information you need about EAS on the UAC website.

Currently I am processing applications from students interested in applying to the following Institutions under their special entry pathways.

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| University of Technology | Science Schools |
| Recommendation Scholarship | Principals |
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| University of Canberra | Principal's |
| Recommendation Scheme | Principal's |
| University of New England | Early Entry |
| University of Sydney | E12 Early offer |
| UNE / University of Sydney | Alternative Entry |
| Pathway | |
| Charles Sturt University | Principal's Report |
| Entry Program | |

Adult Migrant English Program

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) is an Australian Government program designed to help adult migrants learn English and settle successfully in Australia. **510 hours of free English classes.**



Free English Courses | كورس تعليم اللغة الإنجليزية مجاناً | 免費英語班 | Libreng mga klase sa Ingles | Cours d'anglais gratuits | Kostenlose Englisch-Unterricht | 無料の英語の授業 | Kelas bahasa Inggris gratis | Lezioni di inglese gratuite | 無料の英語の授業 | 한국 영어 수업 | Kelas bahasa Inggris Percuma | كورس تعليم اللغة الإنجليزية مجاناً | Aulas de inglês gratuitas | Бесплатные уроки английского языка | Clases de inglés gratis | كورس تعليم اللغة الإنجليزية مجاناً | Ücretsiz İngilizce dersleri | كورس تعليم اللغة الإنجليزية مجاناً | Các lớp học tiếng Anh miễn phí

SATURDAY GREEN SQUARE CLASSES at City West Green Square Community Room
35 O'Dea Ave, c/n Victoria Park Parade, Zetland

Classes are 9:30am to 12:45pm. Starts from Saturday 17 August.

ALL WELCOME!! BRING YOUR PASSPORT!!

If you are not eligible for AMEP, there will be a \$50 administration fee.



(02) 9387 6880

The Adult Migrant English Program is an initiative of the Australian Government's Department of Immigration and Citizenship

2013 TERM DATES

Term 3

Students' return Tuesday 16th July
Students' last day Friday 20th September

Term 4

Students' return Tuesday 8th October
Students' last day Wednesday 18th December

