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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9

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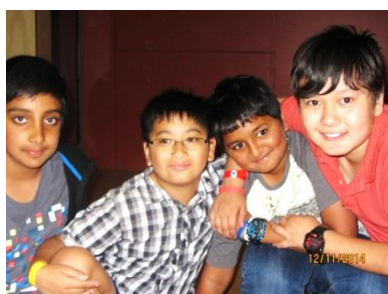
FEATURE STORY – Year 5 & 6 Camp Broken Bay: Sports Recreation Centre



On Wednesday morning November 12 Stage 3 were extremely excited as we boarded the bus for camp. As we bid our parents farewell the bus drove off to the Brooklyn Ferry Wharf where we walked to the park for some morning tea. Soon after we had finished eating, we split up into our groups and boarded the ferry to make our way to Broken Bay Camp across the river. During our camp we got to do lots of different activities. Our group got to go fishing and participate in pool activities on Day One. Baiting the hook was disgusting but it was fun to feel the fish nibbling on our line. William even caught an octopus. That night the girls had to help out with dinner. We also got to play games with other schools in the hall.



The next morning, we got ready for breakfast and packed everything that was needed into our day backpack. First we went to challenge ourselves on the Ropes course. Everyone was really brave and participated in at least one of the elements.



After lunch we got to play beach games, including a game called "Capture the Flag" where we had to dig holes in the sand as trenches. We then got into two teams and had to get to the other end, get the flag and bring it back to home base. When the siren rang out we had to get in our trenches quick smart to avoid being eliminated from the game. After that we went to Archery where some of us were able to hit the target every time. Miss McLeod was not as talented and we had to search for her arrows in the hill behind the targets.



That night we had a disco and showed off some of our awesome dance moves. We learnt a dance to some new song we'd never heard before *I would walk 500 miles*. It goes ski, ski, ski, treeeee. Just ask us to perform it for you. Later on, after all the dancing we had supper and celebrated Kalaish's birthday.

The following day we packed our bags, ready to go home; some of us more tired than others, due to some late night chats. It was the boys' turn to go down to breakfast and then we had time to buy souvenirs. Our final camp activities were Orienteering and Initiatives. In each activity we had to solve different puzzles as a team and learnt how to read a compass. Finally, it was home time and we were strangely quiet or perhaps exhausted as we made the bus trip back to Alexandria and back to our families.

REDFERN TALKS BACK

PERFORMANCE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

Redfern Talks Back has been created by the Sydney Opera House, The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, the Redfern Police and the Tribal Warrior Association. As well as these formal organisations there has been significant contribution from the following without who this project would never have happened: Alexandria Park Community School, Settlement Community Centre and WEAVE Youth and Community Service.

Director's Note

This project is about the young people of Redfern. The show is their voice. The play that was performed was developed through conversations and theatre games to slowly develop concepts and ideas. The central question discussed was 'what are the most important issues for young people in Redfern today?' While we couldn't tackle them all in one play, many animated discussions were had, and the story you see tonight is one tiny part of a complex, broad story that is overwhelming positive and strong.

Performers/Devisors/Co-writers

Russel Smith

Serika Shillingsworth

Chris Simpson

Ghenoa Gela

Diamond Smith

Rodney Russell

Guy Simon

Temeka Merritt

Shannon Stacey

Saraih Flood

Aaliyah Parnell

Karikii Penrith

Brittney Simpson

Haley Rose McKee

Sarah Riley

Sione Tonga

Musician

Projection and Lighting Design

Production Designer

Director

Corey Webster
(AKA Nooky)

Toby Knyvett

Georgia Hopkins

Frank Newman







Bring Your Own Device BYOD 2015



In 2015 our school will commence with the BYOD program. The BYOD Program will require all students in Years 5-12 to bring their own computing device to school each day. Students will be able to connect their device to the school's wifi, providing a filtered internet connection.

This personal computing device needs to meet BYOD device specifications that are recommended by the school in order to function effectively on our school network. Specifically the device needs to be capable of connecting to a 5Ghz wifi access point.

The personal device must be able to be brought to school every school day fully charged and be used solely by the student throughout the school day for educational purposes. Students and Parents are responsible for ensuring the device brought to school meets all the requirements of the BYOD device specifications.

Prior to bringing a personal device for the first time, students and their parents must read and sign the BYOD User Charter which sets out the responsibilities and expectations for use of the personal device at Alexandria Park Community School.

Students must then use their device in accordance with the school's Cyber Safety Policy, the Department of Education and Communities' policy *Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage* and their BYOD User C



BYOD PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT- Yrs 5 – 10

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Parents of students in Years 5 – 10 were invited to an information evening about the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program commencing in 2015. The program in 2015 will focus on ensuring that all students will have access to the tools they need to succeed in such a technology-rich world. We are aware that students and families may have a preference for certain devices (tablets, notebooks or laptops) and have adapted our program to allow more flexibility.

The information program will include:

- Cybersafety- Snr Constable Smith- School Liaison Police Office
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy and practices
- Recommended devices
- Purchasing school laptops at a reasonable price
- Equity policy for all students

Alexandria Park Community School, Park Road, Alexandria, NSW 2015.

alexparkcs-cs.school@det.nsw.edu.au or phone Jo on 9698 1967

Cost effective BYOD solution



Our school has available, for sale to current students in years 5 – 10, Lenovo Edge 11 laptops, pre-owned by the school. These refurbished laptops come loaded with:

a fresh installation of Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 13.

BIOS unlocked, providing the new owners with the freedom to change settings, add programs and customise the laptop as required.

As students will own this device they are encouraged to take the laptop home each day and bring it to school fully charged ready for use in the classroom.

This computer is compliant with BYOD specifications required to operate within our school network.

The cost is \$100.

All DEC students are eligible for the free licencing of several software packages including Microsoft Office 13 and Windows 7.

Eligible students can purchase this laptop through the Students Assistance Scheme – subject to approval by Principal / Deputy Principal.

Lenovo Edge 11

Specially developed laptop for Australian Year 9 students as part of the Digital Education Revolution (DER) program in 2011

- Processor: Intel Celeron U3400
- Operating System: Microsoft Windows 7 Enterprise
- Display: 11.6 Inch Glossy LCD with Intel HM55
- Chipset 500 MHz Graphics
- RAM: 2GB DDR3 @ 1333 MHz
- Hard Drive: 160GB 5400RPM
- Networking: 10/100/1000 Ethernet Port;
- Broadcom 2x2 802.11abgn Wireless Adapter;
- Bluetooth 3.0
- Battery: 6-Cell Li-On Battery

Pre ordering your laptop is essential. Please complete the following order form: (Laptop form on the last page of the Newsletter).

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



It was a wonderful ceremony this year at the Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards. Each year schools can nominate one Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who has demonstrated regular attendance, the completion of class work, improvements in their learning, high achievements in a variety of educational programs and is a positive leader in the school. I was thrilled to be able to join Aunty Deb Daley and Uncle Hilton Donovan at the University of Technology Sydney to watch our Deadly kids, Brittney Simpson and Jasmin Charles receive their award.



We are coming up to the time of the year characterised by school presentation and award ceremonies. I look forward to seeing many parents, carers and families at our Kindergarten to Year 2 Achievers Assembly on

Wednesday December 10 and presentation night for award winners in years 3 – 12 on Thursday December 11.



It was so much fun to be able to head up to Camp Toukley for the day to join in with years 7 & 8 on some of their camp activities. This was a new camp venue for our school and I was very impressed with the physical environment, the staff and the variety of activities that the campers were able to experience. Years 9 and 10 arrived in time for lunch so it was great to see years 7 – 10 at camp together, even if it was for a short time. I must thank the staff who took time from their families to

attend the camp over the 3 nights and also to the teachers who back at school covered the classes of their colleagues on camp. It was a great team effort.



The Year 12 Formal is a highlight event in our school's calendar. Organised by the Formal committee with the support of Ms Betar and Ms Arya-Pinatyh the event was held at The Waterfront Restaurant, Circular Quay, the Year 12 students and their guests looked amazing in their formal outfits, the food was wonderful, lots of dancing and even some special awards.

Thank you to all staff, parents and children who have been following our newly implemented safety rules in the car park on the Junior Campus. We have minimised the use of the car park as an entry and exit point to the campus for pedestrians and drivers using the car park have been adhering to the car park rules. I remind all drivers to stay below 5 kmph when using the car park area.



ALEX PARK in 2015

Some information about what is happening in 2015

Junior Campus Office Holiday Opening Hours

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd January, 2015: 9.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Our office staff will be able to assist you with the purchase of uniforms and the payment of contributions and fees.

School Hours in 2015

Kindergarten to Year 6 (Primary School)

School hours for Kindergarten to Year 6 students in 2015 will be from 9.10 a.m. – 3.10 p.m.

The Junior Campus playground is supervised from 8.40 a.m.

Year 7 to Year 12 (High School)

School hours for Year 7 to Year 12 students in 2015 will be from 9.00 a.m. – 3.10 p.m.

There will be no roll call or DEAR time to start the school day.

The school day begins with period 1.

Period 1 teachers will mark the roll at the start of the lesson.

The Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop is also open each school day 8.30a.m. – 10.30 a.m. You are welcome to come any day that suits you to purchase uniforms for 2015.

School contributions and fees

We ask that you pay your school contributions for 2015 at your earliest convenience.

- Kindergarten to Year 6 \$45
- Year 7 to Year 12 \$97
- P&C \$100

You can pay in person or online.

In person at the administration office using Cash, Cheque, Eftpos or Credit Card.

Cheques are to be made payable to “*Alexandria Park Community School*”.

To make online payments to the school via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac please follow these directions. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website, <http://www.alexparkcs-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/> by selecting **\$ Make a payment**

Financial assistance

If you are experiencing any financial difficulties please contact the Principal, Miss Fetherston to arrange for a confidential discussion.

Back to School in 2015

| Day and Date | What's happening |
|----------------------|---|
| Thursday January 22 | School office on Junior campus open 9.30am – 2.00pm |
| Friday January 23 | School office on Junior campus open 9.30am – 2.00pm |
| Tuesday January 27 | Staff return School Development Day |
| Wednesday January 28 | Years 1 – 6 return to school Year 7, 11 and 12 return to school Kindergarten Individual Best Start Assessment appointments. |
| Thursday January 29 | Years 8, 9 and 10 return to school. Kindergarten Individual Best Start Assessment appointments. |
| Friday January 30 | Kindergarten Individual Best Start Assessment appointments. |
| Monday February 3 | First day of school for Kindergarten |

Miss Diane Fetherston
Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Goodbye Interns!

This term, Alexandria Park Community School has been lucky enough to have four fantastic teaching interns from the University of Sydney. Mrs Hough has been working on 1/2F, Mr Madden on 1/2D, Miss Garay on KM and Miss Greenhalgh on 5/6S. The students have greatly enjoyed having them in their classrooms and have learnt a great deal. We wish them all the best in their teaching careers.



Miss Garay



Mrs Hough and Mr Madden



Miss Greenhalgh

No Hat, No Play



As you are no doubt aware, Alexandria Park Community School is a sun-safe school and follows a No Hat No Play policy. All students K-7 are required to wear a hat at school. Those who do not wear a hat need to be seated in the shade and will not be permitted to play. We hope to see every student wearing a hat and enjoying their playtime in a sun-safe manner. We greatly appreciate your support regarding this issue.

Deadlies Presentation

On Wednesday the 3rd of December, Deadly awards will be presented at the K-4 assembly. The assembly will be held at 11:40am in the Denzil. Students who have received 50 Deadlies or more will receive awards, and those who have reached 100 or more will be invited to attend the Achievers Excursion at the end

This term 4/5HT have been expressing themselves through poetry. And what a great job they are doing too! Here are some examples and we hope you enjoy reading them.

J. Hanekroot

(4/5 HT Teacher)

Cinquain Poems

Ice-cream

Cold, freezing
Eating, licking, slurping
Brain freeze, happy
Creamy

By: Flora Nguyen

Sun

Bright, shining
Beautiful, burning, fun
Heats up
Star

By: Samuel Owens

Flower

Flowers
Beautiful, Colourful
Bloom, Grow, Season
Calm, Peaceful
Floral

By: Mei Shi Huang

Wontons

Steaming, hot
Boiling, bubbling, simmering
Soft, delicious

Phuong Doung

**By: Wan Yi Lai and
Ambika Soengkoeng**

Soccer

Kicking, running
Scoring, passing, throwing
Energised, happy
Football

By: Eric Kidson

Technology

Slow, lagging
Typing, clicking, watching
Happy, relaxed
Machines

By: Lawrence Nguyen

Running

Fit, healthy
Racing, leaping, sprinting
Pumped, tired
Jogging
By: Lawrence Nguyen

Acrostic Name Poems

Cute
Unique
Legendary
Loveable
Useful
Myself

Always active
Never say no to mango
Ten in one week
On my feet 24/7
Never give up
Young and hungry

Shopping
Helping
Am polite
Respectful
Long legs
Energetic
Swimming
Everything family

Fun
Loving
Outstanding

Radical
And really, really pretty

Terrific is her middle name
Excellent at everything
Her favourite food is sushi
Young and beautiful
Also loves ballet

Halloween Limericks

There once was a bat that
wore a spooky hat
who had a friend the cat,
that sat on the pumpkin mat
they found a ball
which they play with in a
mysterious hall
then they tried to play with a
ball and a bat

By: Eve Stanizzo

There once was a girl
haunted by a doll
The doll was Anabel that
had a lot of coal
Each night Anabel haunted
the girl for her pearls
Anabel controlled the girl
with a swearl
One night Anabel ran out of
coal and the girl became a
doll

**By: Antony Pires ,
Lawrence Nguyen, Cullum**

Povey

There once was a rickety,
spooky house
Which was owned by a very
large mouse
It was so large, people
thought it was a giant rat
It was soon eaten by a fat,
black, cat

The sad mouse's funeral
was held in the rickety,
spooky house

**By: Wan Yi Lai and
Ambika Soengkoeng**

There once was a spooky
ghost
He loves insect toast
It was his favourite type of
food
He was a really spooky dude
He SCARED me the most
By: Tehya Rouse

Trick or treat, smell my feet
give me something nice to
eat
I like lollies
they make me jolly
I like to eat them in my seat
**By: Jessie Williams &
Racquel Ryan**

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

At present, teachers are involved in writing student reports. Carers will receive reports on student progress in Week 11 (the last week) of Term Four. At Alex Park, as with all public primary schools, the reports are outcomes based. Reporting on a student's progress is judged against how well the student has achieved an outcome. For example, a Science outcome may be 'Describes ways that different places in the environment provide for the needs of living things'. The ways in which a teacher might assess whether a student has achieved the outcome could be done in a number of ways. Assessing the outcome could be by way of listening to, and observing a student's contributions in a group discussion, through a prepared oral presentation, by way of a written assignment or through a 'hands on' assessment such as a diorama. Teachers judge the extent to which a student has reached the outcome, from 'not yet achieved' to 'outstanding'. Often, assessment is done over time and involves a range of informal and formal assessments. Assessing a student in a range of ways is an authentic and fair way of truly judging the extent to which a student has achieved an outcome and is based on individual student achievement, rather than on a comparison with others, or a ranking system. If you are unsure about any aspect of your child's report, please contact your child's teacher, who will be happy to meet with you.

*Mrs Julie Myers
Deputy Principal
Park Road Campus*

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

5M SOLAR SYSTEM

This term we are learning about the solar system. In the beginning we were asked to write down all the things we knew about the solar system. Then we conducted some research and created a model of our solar system. Everyone had to bring in materials and each group chose different types of media to create their model.

Some groups did paper mache while other groups used Styrofoam balls for their planets. Everyone's models turned out great. Written by Alecia Lim and Natarsha Sujanto (5M)



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS Year 7 & 8 Camp Toukley Central Coast



On Monday, 10th November 2014, years 7 and 8 went to Toukley on the Central Coast for a two day camp. They did activities like quad biking, the giant swing, raft building, flying fox, BMX biking, canoeing and had an evening around the

campfire. On Tuesday, the groups swapped and years 7 – 8 went home while years 9 – 10 arrived and did similar activities. Everyone had a great time at camp. The food and weather was fabulous and both students and teachers thought it was great to be able to interact with students from different year groups.



APCS students attend WORK INSPIRATION program

In October 19 students from Alexandria Park and James Meehan High School participated in a three day *Work Inspiration* program presented by The Smith Family (TSF) National Office, in collaboration with corporate partner Microsoft.



Work Inspiration is a work readiness program founded by TSF, The Foundation for Young Australians and NAB. The program is run by a number of our corporate partners and aims to make 'work experience' more inspirational for young people. It encourages students to investigate future career paths with greater confidence and thus supports successful transition to further education, training or work.

Year 10 students experienced two very different working environments - the national children's charity and a global software sales giant. They went 'behind the scenes' to learn about the non-profit sector and the corporate world, including about corporate social responsibility and graduate programs, and at Microsoft they had the opportunity to play with some exciting gadgets.

Students heard from a number of employees about different career paths to understand how 'careers happen', and reflected on their own skills and passions and how these could translate to the workforce.

There were tips on job applications, resume writing and job interviews, as well as guidelines on the dos and don'ts of job seeking conventions and etiquette. On the final day, Smith Family staff came together to watch the students' present some of their insights.



TSF staff who participated in the program were grateful for the opportunity to engage with two fantastic cohorts of students. Thank you APCS :)

Year 9 Science Excursion

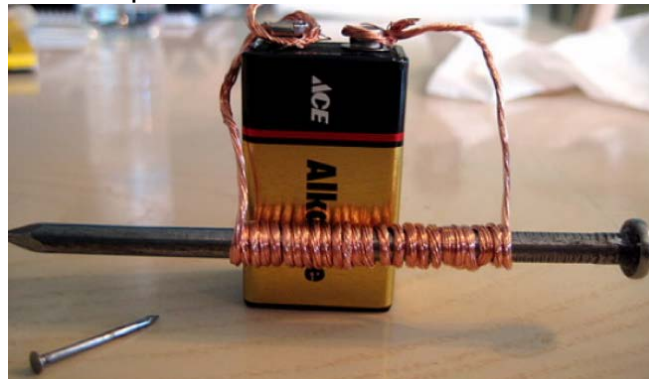
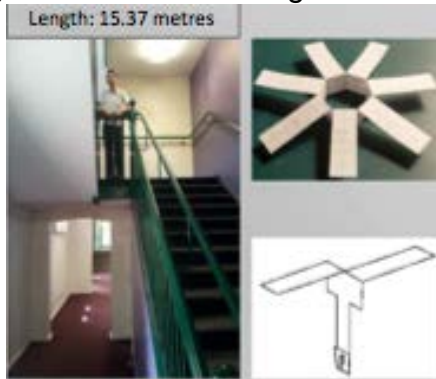
Year 9 were given the opportunity to travel to the Youth Eco Summit at Sydney Olympic Park. There were many stalls with different topics to learn about sustainability and the environment.

We were split into two groups. One group visited a bee stall and a solar car stall where we learnt about how the sun can keep a car running. We visited an agricultural stall where we found out about different types of chickens and how food grows. We were given the opportunity to hold chickens and ducklings as well as eat raw beans. We visited the 'animal stall' where Betty Chen was able to hold a huge python and a lizard was put on Jaylan's head. We visited a waterways stall where we learnt about the insects that live in waterways and were given an opportunity to look for and identify different insect and fish species that live in the water. We also learnt about water flow and turbidity. We visited a solar power resources stall where we learnt about what is needed to turn solar power into energy for our houses and ideas for renewable resources for energy. Overall it was an exciting and enjoyable excursion and we would like to thank Miss Caswell and Mr. Bashir for taking us there. Afia Hoque 9X and Betty Chen 9A.



During Week 5 9X were to present their Science independent research project that they had been investigating to the class. There were many 'eggcellent' experiments, including Kevin's testing water salinity with eggs. Jainen's 'Fanta-stic' soda experiment, even Wendy's experiment with mould growth was no match for 'mouldamort'. We were 'magnetised' by Stanley's homemade electromagnet. While some of the results were 'onix-pected' we learnt a lot about the importance of making sure methods are correctly followed and creating

investigations that are valid and reliable through repeated trials. Rachel's investigation on the ability for CO₂ to extinguish fire caused a 'heated' discussion as it was no 'match' for us. A student could be heard explaining 'gas' – it was different to what I thought it would be! Overall we 'halva' a great time researching our own choice of phenomena of interests.



MATHS MATTERS!

This term has been a busy and eventful term for Maths students. In particular, students have been studying hard for their yearly examinations and doing their best to achieve high results. We are pleased to welcome back Stephen Bennett who has returned from leave and is enthusiastically teaching Year 7 Mathematics and Science. We have also had a practicum student, Jennifer Chin, from the University of Sydney working in Mathematics classes, particularly with years 8, 9 and 11.

Introducing Jennifer Chin



Hello Alexandria Park Community! My name is Miss Chin and I am studying to be a Mathematics and Science teacher at the University of Sydney. I chose to complete my very first Professional Experience prac at Alexandria Park Community School not just because I'm an ex-student, but also because to me, Alex Park is such a diverse and dynamic school. It is wonderful to be back in the lively and positive environment as a teacher in training – a significant yet inspiring change from being a student of the school. I have enjoyed getting to know all the students and working with teachers, which makes the next two weeks very exciting where I'll be immersed in the lifestyle, lessons and activities of the school. If you see me around the school, please feel free to approach me and get to know me, because I sure look forward to getting to know you all!

Mathletics

In Mathematics, students have been accessing a range of digital resources both at school and at home such as Geogebra, Excel, Edmodo and Mathletics. Mathletics is a resource that is being used by students from year 7-12. Mathletics is an educational website or e-learning application and on-line learning resource which helps students enjoy mathematics and improve their results through a range of mathematics activities from various topics which cover the full primary and secondary maths curriculum.

Each week, Mathletics publishes a list of students who have earned an award for a significantly high level of participation and achievement. The students below have been recognised for their hard work in term 3 and 4.

| Week Ending | Points | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------|--|------------|----------------------------|
| 14/09/2014 | Tiffany Nguyen 10827 | | 26/10/2014 | Srea Islam 3250 |
| | Nafis Syed 1160 | | | Tiffany Nguyen 5341 |
| | Elliot Anastopoulos 23010 | | | Obinna Iwobi 1061 |
| | Arnab Bhattacharya 1278 | | 2/11/2014 | Peter Pham 3406 |
| 21/09/2014 | Tiffany Nguyen 4608 | | | Tiffany Nguyen 5817 |
| 28/09/2014 | Tiffany Nguyen 1150 | | | Andy Huang 1091 |
| 5/10/2014 | Tiffany Nguyen 2087 | | | Christine Ho 1990 |
| | Fuad Ferdous 4162 | | | Obinna Iwobi 1824 |
| 12/10/2014 | Tiffany Nguyen 2027 | | 7/11/2014 | Shaun Vincent-Davison 1955 |
| | Elliot Anastopoulos 1900 | | | Tiffany Nguyen 6011 |
| 19/10/2014 | Tiffany Nguyen 6642 | | | Jason Le 1902 |

We will be rewarding the top point scorers of each week at the Senior School assembly on Wednesday. Congratulations to our award winners thus far.

MATHS FUN!

What maths word can you make with these 9 letters?

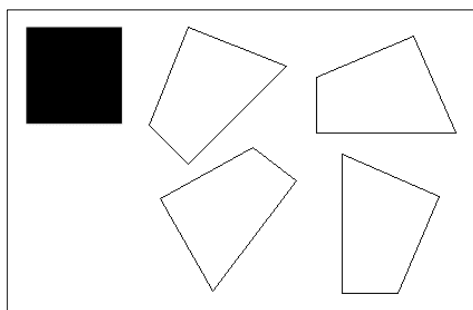
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| A | G | H |

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!).

Years K-4

Try to assemble these pieces into a square like the black one shown



Years 5 – 12

A man entered an orchard through 7 guarded gates and gathered a certain number of apples. As he left the orchard he gave the guard at the first gate half the apples he had and 1 apple more. He repeated this process for each of the remaining 6 guards and eventually left the orchard with 1 apple. How many apples did he gather? (He did not give away any half apples.)

Interesting Maths Fact:

Googol (meaning & origin of Google brand) is the term used for a number 1 followed by 100 zeros. It was used by a nine-year old, Milton Sirotta, in 1940. The name of the popular search engine 'Google' came from a misspelling of the word 'googol'.

LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Families,

- APCS library is closing for stocktake week 8. If you have received an overdue letter for your child, please find the overdue books and return to the school library. Please also contact the school office to pay for lost library books.
- Students who have participated in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge this year will receive their certificates in week 10 during grade assemblies.
- APCS end of year award ceremony will be held on Thursday (11/12/14) at 6pm in the DENZIL hall. Please watch out for invitation letters if your child will be receiving an award this year.

P&C NEWS

School Banking Update

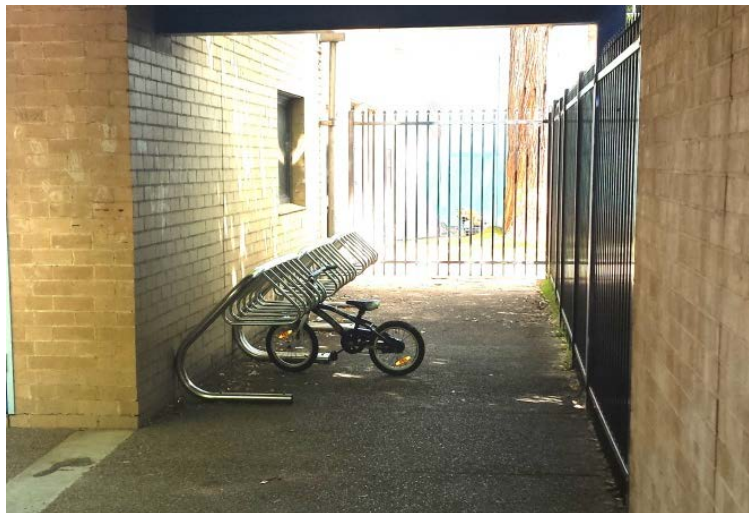
Just a reminder to all our school bankers to please remember to send your child's bank book in with some money every Friday morning. School banking is run from the canteen between 8:30 – 9:30. Every deposit earns a token (50 cents minimum deposit), and once your child has reached 10 tokens, these can be redeemed for some wonderful prizes which currently include projector cups, swimming bags and sea streamers for summer.

The school-banking program is growing every month with new sign-ups – we even have some parents signed up for next year when their children start kindy! It's never too late to sign up if you would like your child to take part, so just come along on Friday morning with some ID and we can get the application started.

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to be tellers on Friday mornings! Please see the school banking team if you can help out.

We hope to see you soon.
The School Banking Team

Bike Racks



The new bike racks have been installed on the Park Rd Campus: you'll find them just outside the kindy rooms. Enter through the blue doors near the Canteen, past The Denzil and straight ahead along the covered walkway. There is room for 4 times as many bikes and no need to drag your bike through the office doors over the carpet. Scooter racks will soon be added and a space for the new Mitchell Rd racks will be announced. Please remember that whenever riding to or scooting to School a properly fitted helmet must be worn and you must always dismount before entering the School grounds. If entering via

Belmont St please take the pedestrian route around the oval and past the climbing equipment and not straight through the car park.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

We will be holding a Christmas Hamper raffle to be drawn on the last Friday of term. Keep an eye out for a note coming home soon with details regarding ticket sales. We will be accepting donations of non-perishable items that will families will find useful over the holiday period.

Monsters Ball Wrap Up

Our inaugural Family School Disco was a scarily successful event with over 150 spooky K-6 students and family members getting their boogie on in The Denzil. It was great to see everyone having such a good time and making new connections within the School Community. It was also great to have the new Canteen in operation as a one stop refreshment and sugar high shop. Thank you to Miss Fetherston and Mrs Smith for their assistance in facilitating this event and also to all those who volunteered their time to make it happen on the night.



Alexandria Scouts Update

The push to reopen Alexandria Scout Hall on Henderson Rd is in full swing. There are now seven cubs at Woollahra-Paddington who are likely to transfer to Alexandria once it opens, hopefully in 2015. If your child is keen to join cubs and be a founding member of the Alexandria Troop, there is room for three more cubs to join Woollahra-Paddington before they have to close the list and put additional people on the wait list. More details can be found at: <http://us3.campaign-archive1.com/?u=b3f4d89f03a788d771d7c3887&id=4d49d05972&e=>

Camp Australia Holiday Clubs

Our OOSH provider, Camp Australia, will be running holiday activities at their Mascot and City locations. Details and bookings can be made by calling 1300 105 343 or online at www.campastralia.com.au/parents/holiday-club-finder.aspx

Canteen



The canteen is well and truly up and running. As always we do need help to prepare the orders etc. on our opening days – currently Thursdays. Please keep an eye out on the upcoming specials through Facebook and the chalkboard.

Alexandra Park Christmas Concert BBQ

Want a great night out and also be able to help the school? Well, we have the answer for you. The City of Sydney annual Christmas concert in the park is on 6th December – there is live music, dancing, Gelato, Fireworks, Xmas stockings and a special Santa appearance where you can get your picture taken – oh, and of course a whole lot of fun! Lots of people attend and don't forget to bring your blanket to sit on.

WE NEED YOU – to volunteer on our P&C BBQ stand. All we ask is if you can help out for 1 hour anytime from 3.30pm to 9pm. Please email apcspandc@gmail.com or put your name on the roster sheet (see noticeboard near the COLA) if you can help out. We need some volunteers to help set up, serve, cook and then pack up – so lots to do. Our P&C BBQ's are getting quite the reputation out there in the local community (thanks to voting and Bunnings BBQ days) so we need lots of people to put their hands up to ensure that this is another successful APCS P&C fundraising BBQ event.

Our last meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 3 December at 6:30pm in the middle school classrooms. Children are welcome to watch a movie in an adjoining room. As always you can contact us at apcspandc@gmail.com or keep connected via our Facebook Group www.facebook.com/groups/apcspandc/

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Primary and High School

Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.

Find out more: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Where's the octopus

Wow – it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be>

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

ALEX PARK KIDS & BLOKES PLAYZONE

The first Kids & Blokes Playzone event happened on Thursday November 13. The event involved Kinder and Kinder Transition kids. The kids invited a bloke along to the event...some of the blokes were dads, grandpas, sports coaches. It was a night of games, dinner and lots of laughter.



OUR MULBERRIES HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED!

Our two mulberry trees are blooming with lots of fruit and Mr. Miller says the students from the Mitchell Rd campus have been enjoying a snack as they wander across the sports field. The Park Rd campus students have been munching on the mulberries too.



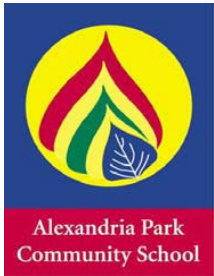
END OF YEAR PLAYGROUPS CELEBRATION

Every year the Thursday & Friday playgroups join together to celebrate the year with a party in the Alexandria Park Playground. This year the celebration will be on Thursday December 11 from 10am to 12.30pm. Adele will be coming from Allsorts Gym to do some music & movement and will be joined by Jamie from SportsFun for some games. A BBQ will be provided. Playgroup parents are asked to bring a plate of food to share.



1.2.3... MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING COMING IN 2015

The parenting program 1.2.3...Magic & Emotion Coaching will be offered to parents in the first term of next year. Any interested parents please contact Jo on 9319 3207 or connectredfern@yahoo.com.au.



Laptop Order Form

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A number of our school laptops- Lenovo Edge 11 are available for sale to current students who will be in years 5- 12 in 2015. These pre-owned refurbished laptops are an excellent cost effective BYOD solution- for sale for just \$100. It is essential to pre order your laptop as software activation and licencing requirements need to be completed before the school can transfer ownership to the student.

Please complete the details below

Student's Name..... Year:

Student's email.....

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Address:

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting \$ Make a payment.

Cash, cheque and credit card payments can also be made at the Junior Campus front office.

Payment method.....

Online payment receipt number..... (if applicable)

Office Use Only –Laptop model.....

Laptop Serial No.....

Payment receivedDate.....Amount.....Initial.....

Laptop distributed.....(Date)

Transfer of Ownership Acknowledgement & Acceptance

By signing this form you acknowledge and accept that:

You understand that you take all responsibility for the ownership and maintenance of your laptop in relation to third party Software Licence Agreement (i.e. Microsoft) and hardware faults;

You will no longer receive any IT hardware/software technical support from your School or NSW DEC;

You understand that there will be no internet filtering on your laptop outside of the school network and you will no longer be covered under the NSW DEC Child Protection Policy & Welfare Procedures (i.e.web-filtering);

You will be responsible for the disposal of this laptop.

Signature of Student: _____ Date ____/____/____

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____ Date ____/____/____

