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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6

MAY/JUNE 2016



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Honouring the Past.....Daring to Dream.....A Vision for the Future

The recent announcement by Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli, of a re-build of Alexandria Park Community School K – 12 on the Park Road campus has been met, understandably so, with a myriad of emotions from staff, parents, students and community.....change does this.

For many of us this is the change that we have been asking for, advocating for, working towards, networking for....and now it is happening.

The original vision for Alexandria Park Community School, in its conception and creation, was for a Preschool to Year 12 school from which other facilities which support children, families, learning and well-being would stem – where the school was at the centre of the community, meeting the needs of its local community and providing the service and facilities families in the local area need and want.

Now is the time to honour the past and take the essence and heart of that vision and dare to dream, dream big, dream proud and build a vision for the future. We have the opportunity to create and build the services and facilities this local area needs...like a preschool, sporting fields, a café / canteen/cafeteria, maybe a public library, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and language centre, a performing arts centre, lecture theatres, city farm, sustainable and environmentally friendly structuresthe possibilities are exciting.

And then there is our new look school – designed by our community, based on our educational principles and values..... a 21st century, state of the art, inspiring, fun, engaging, motivating, environmentally friendly structure that we will all be proud to call 'our school'.

For now, in this early stage of planning and a period of 'the unknown', I ask that you continue to support our great school. I am asking you to trust me, our staff and our planning team. Trust that I, with the support of my staff and the P & C, will work tirelessly to look after the education and well-being of all of our children, now and into the future. The staff at Alexandria Park Community School are experts in their fields of Infants, Primary and Secondary education – we know what the best conditions are for learning from Kindergarten to upper primary to the middle years of high school and into studies for the High School Certificate. This will not change – our expertise, care and passion for our core business which is the learning and well-being of our students from K – 12 will continue throughout this change process.

Please come to our P & C meeting on Monday June 6 at 6.30pm on the Senior Campus to hear more about the re-build project.



Minister Piccoli visits staff and students of Alexandria Park Community School

How great is our P & C and parent community? They are THE BEST!

A huge and sincere thank you to our P & C and to all our parents who support our school fundraising events. This term our P & C have bought new sport uniforms for our basketball teams – just in time for our girls to represent us in a final 16 match in Newcastle.



Some of our basketballers model our new uniforms

P & C Working Bee



Amazing! Thank you to all the families who came and helped out at the working bee. Much thanks to Craig Nicolson for coordinating this activity that not only has greatly improved our school's environment but was a fantastic opportunity to meet parents and develop stronger relationships. These photos hopefully capture the myriad of jobs that were completed at the working bee and also the camaraderie of the parents and children who worked together on the day. Through these photos I hope you will see that working bees are fun family days, good exercise and a way to socialise with families in our school community.

Allergy Awareness Week

Our school learnt a lot about being safe during allergy awareness week – during classroom lessons, assembly presentations, the teddy bears picnic and P & C led activities. I remind parents that we want our school to be safe for children and adults who have allergies including anaphylaxis. Please avoid sending food to school which has the potential to cause harm to allergy sufferers such as peanuts, peanut butter, nutella and other nut

products. Please talk to your child about not sharing food. If sending cakes or cookies or other edible treats to school please avoid using products which can affect children with allergies and please label all foods for cake stalls and birthday parties clearly.



Sustainability



Year 7 took advantage of the opportunity to invite one of the professional educators for the City of Sydney to deliver workshops in sustainability, places with significant Aboriginal and Torres Strait and designing parks.

School uniform at Alex Park

Our school uniform identifies our students as belonging to Alexandria Park Community School. Our uniform promotes a sense of inclusivity, non-discrimination and equal opportunity. Our school uniform is affordable and is easy to wear and care for. All students are expected to wear the correct school uniform.

The school uniform applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.

The sports uniform is to be worn on sport days.

For primary school children (K-6) school hats need to be worn at all times in the playground, for sport and on excursions. With sun safety in mind the school has a No Hat No Play policy. Students not wearing a hat are required to remain in the shade during recess, lunch and sport sessions.

We encourage parents to label all uniform items with their child's name and class.




Changes to our school uniform



To reflect the school structure of a primary school and high school within our K – 12 context we have made plans to phase out the yellow shirt for K – 4.

SHIRTS

All students must wear a school uniform polo shirt with the school's logo on it.

Primary School (K-6)	High School (7-12)
 Primary School (K – 6) to be in green shirts by 2018.  There will be a phase out plan for yellow shirts over 2016 and 2017.  Kindy 2017 to be in green shirts Year 1 – 4 2017 to be in yellow or green shirts	High School to be in white shirts, either polo or button shirts from Term 4 of 2016. Year 7 2017 to be in white shirts

JUMPERS and JACKETS



All students must wear a school uniform jumper or jacket with the school's logo on it.

The school's uniform shop will continue to stock and sell jumpers and jackets with the school logo on it.

There will continue to be uniform for all students from K – 12

SHORTS PANTS SKIRTS TRACKSUIT PANTS



As of Term 2, 2016 the school's uniform shop will cease ordering stocks of the above items.

The uniform shop will continue to sell them until sold out.

As of 2017, these items can be purchased from retail shops

They must comply with school uniform code i.e. navy blue, no logos, stripes, no tights

CAPS / HATS



APCS wide brim hat for students in Kindergarten to Year 6 is to be worn.

APCS school cap for years 7 to 12 be phased out by 2017.

Purchasing your school uniform

Items which have the Alexandria Park Community School logo can be purchased through the school's uniform shop.

The uniform shop is located on the Junior Campus on Park Road

It is open from 8.30am – 10.30am each school day

You can pay in person with cash or by credit card OR on line using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the our school's website by selecting \$ Make a payment

<http://www.alexparkcs-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/home>

The APCS P & C operate a second hand uniform pool for parents in the canteen on the junior campus. This facility is open on Friday mornings

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	What's happening
Monday June 6	P & C meeting 6.30pm on senior campus
Wednesday June 15	Parent focus groups ✓ Kindy 2016 at 9.20am ✓ Year 4, 5 & 6, at 6pm
Wednesday June 15	Kindergarten 2017 Information Morning and parent focus group
Tuesday June 28	K – 6 parent teacher meetings from 3.15pm
Friday July 1	NAIDOC Last day of term 2

Ms Diane Fetherston
Principal

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2017

ALEXANDRIA PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Parent Information Morning

Wednesday, 22nd June 2016



9.30am – 10.30am

Park Road, Alexandria NSW 2015

Ph: 9698 1967 Fax: 9319 5007

Email: alexparkcs-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: www.alexparkcs-c.schools.nsw.edu.au

**Please RSVP your intention to attend by
Friday 17th June 2016**

K-6 Cross Country

On Monday 23rd May we held our K-6 cross country event. We were fortunate enough to have blue skies in the morning and the weather held off just long enough for us to finish both carnivals. We were so proud of all of our students who came dressed in their house colours and ready to compete. The behaviour of all of our students was outstanding and it was evident everyone tried their best competing in their races and cheering on their team mates.

We would like to thank the parents who came to support their children and also our wonderful high school students who helped run the carnival. We had 21 student represent our school at zone on the Wednesday at Alex Park came fifth overall – an excellent achievement.

Kindergarten News

Teddy Bears Picnic

Kindergarten had a Teddy Bears Picnic and invited parents and families to join. Lots of fun was had by all, playing games and socialising. We also celebrated Allergy awareness week by bringing allergy friendly foods on our picnic.



Dance

Kindergarten has been enjoying Dance this term. They have been learning new dance move and playing lots of games.



Stage One has had a very busy term so far and has been enjoying some focused learning on Aboriginal Storytelling Traditions. We are learning about the importance of storytelling in ensuring future generations share in the knowledge of the Elders. We are studying the book, "Father Sky and Mother Earth". This story describes how the natural world interacts with each other. We studied all of the nouns, verbs and adjectives in the book to use in our own writing.

Students are also studying symbols used in Aboriginal Art and how they are used to tell a story. K/1M created artworks using symbols and the Aboriginal method of dot painting to tell a story. Miss Thompson, an intern from Curtin University, is also working with Miss McLeod and K/1M for all of Term Two.



2B studied the book, 'An Australian 1, 2, 3 of Animals' in Visual Art classes. With oil pastels and coloured pencils, students drew some of the animals from the book using traditional Aboriginal patterns.



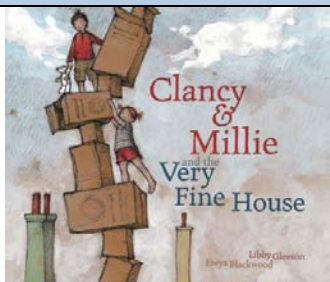

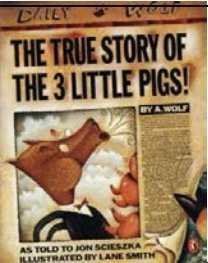
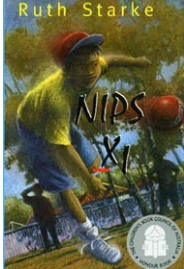
2M have been estimating and measuring the mass of different classroom objects, using scales and unifix cubes. After we measure them, we are able to order and compare the objects based on their mass.



Focus on Reading and Quality Literature

The use of quality literature involves the study of meaningful texts in our study of English and other key learning areas. Quality literature can be a text or film that explores a wide range of concepts in developing an understanding of ourselves and the world around us. They utilise literary devices and use rich and descriptive language to express a point of view. This can include stories about identity, Aboriginal perspectives, cultural understanding, environment and sustainability and empathetic values. In Kindergarten to Year Six the depth and language used in texts to explore these concepts vary to suit the needs of students of different ages. At APCS we utilise the Super Six comprehension strategies when using Quality Literature to develop our knowledge and understanding of concepts. Look out for some of our favourite texts throughout the year.

A few of Ms McLeod's favourites include:

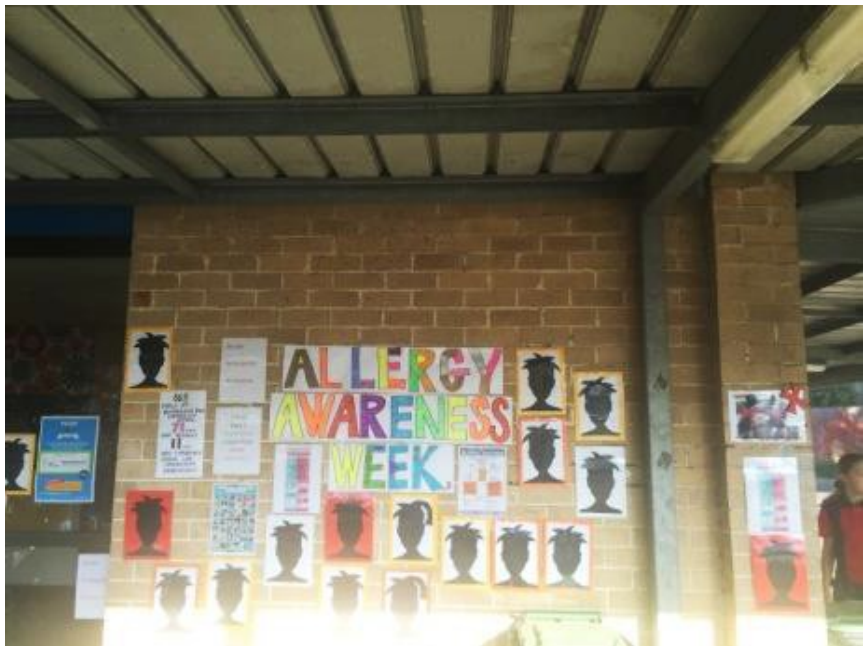
Name of Book	Stage Appropriate	Concepts Explored
	Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)	Friendship
	Stage 1 Year 1 and 2	Fantasy and Imagination
	Stage 2 Years 3 and 4	Fractured Fairy Tales
	Stage 3 Years 5 and 6	Cultural Understanding

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through Term 2. Our wonderful staff has been working collaboratively to plan many engaging learning experiences for our students. In Week 2 we held our ANZAC Day assembly led by Ms McLeod. It was a moving assembly and Tony Albert (our artist in residence) was our guest speaker. He showed the students his art works and shared special stories about his family history. As always our talented Music teacher Ms Winfield prepared an item.



During Week 3 our Year 3 & 5 students completed the NAPLAN tests. We will receive our results later in the year and our executive team and teachers will be able to use this information to target areas of strength and weakness in English and Mathematics. Recently we had our 'Allergy Awareness Week' with our wonderful P&C working together to create a visual display to help develop our students understanding about allergies across the school. We have focused on the 'Stay Safe' expectations reminding students how important it is to make sure they do not share food with each other and always remember to wash their hands once they have finished eating. Our school captains shared a presentation with the students at our K-6 assembly. Students were able to have one of their nails painted to represent the 1 in 10 people who have allergies.



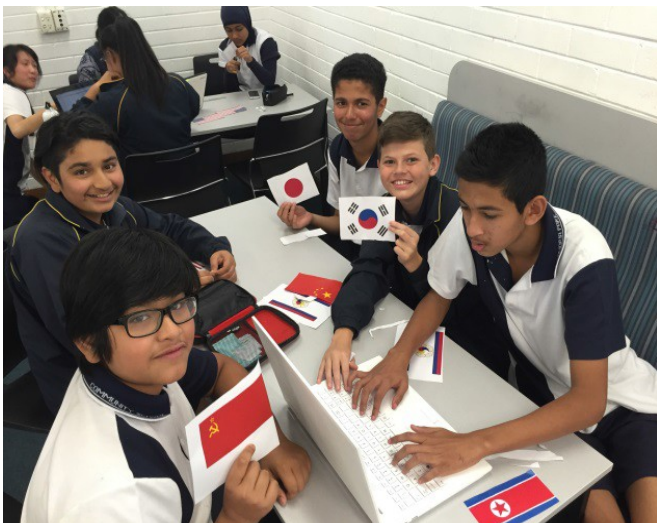
Debra Lade, Deputy Principal Primary

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Year 8 Korean

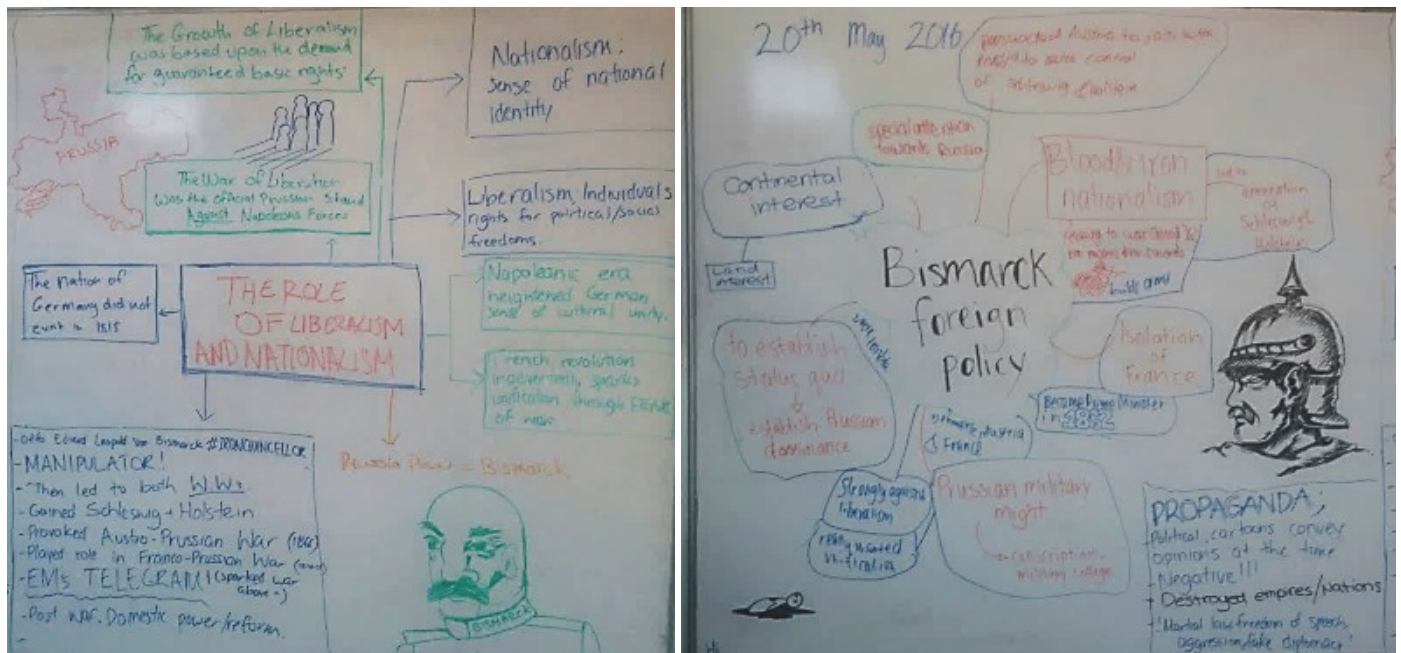
This term, Year 8 students have been learning about contemporary Korean history. They have learned about the significance of the Korean flag, Taegukgi and what it represents. Students explored the significant events that unfolded on March 1st 1919, and how these events have shaped the lives of Koreans today. Year 8 have also learned about Korea's division into two countries, and have engaged in critical discussions about the split. 8X were asked to develop and perform a dramatic re-enactment of the division of Korea, and did a wonderful job!

Mr Jun



Year 11 Modern History

All of Year 11 has just completed their half yearly exams. For Modern History, students have been revising the Decline and Fall of the Romanov Dynasty, Bismarck and the Unification of the German States and the Decolonisation of Indochina (1945-54). As part of Bismarck and the Unification of German States, students are required to understand the chain of events within the Austria-Prussian and Franco-Prussian Wars. During our lesson last week students were encouraged to come up with a creative way to remember the chain of events and Bismarck's involvement in these wars. Students worked together with the creative guidance of Sabera Hossain and Jainen Mautana to create a deconstructed rap about the Franco Prussian War. They also used their artistic abilities to create an engaging and visual mind map to assist their study notes.



Year 12 Modern History

In week 4, Year 12 Modern History went to Sydney Jewish Museum to deepen their understanding of their 3rd HSC topic, Albert Speer. Albert Speer was Hitler's Architect first and was then promoted to Armaments Minister. He was attributed with continuing the war for 2 years further and at the Nuremburg trials was one of 2 senior Nazi Officials to not be sentenced to death. The year 12 Modern students spoke with a specialist historian about Albert Speer and whether he really was the "Good Nazi". Students also listened to a Holocaust survivor and were able to view letters of survivors in search of their loved ones.

High School Athletics Carnival



"Tie Dye" is making a comeback at APCS and only for a limited time! With the launch of the High School Athletics Carnival the SRC are tie dying shirts in house colours and will be selling them as a fundraiser to raise money to purchase more rubbish bins for the senior campus. Students can purchase the t shirts on the days leading up to the Athletics Carnival for \$6. If you want a resurgence of the 60s come to the APCS High School Athletics Carnival on 2 June 2016 at Erskineville oval.



Anzac Day Assembly

In week 2, some every talented year 9 students ran a very special Anzac Day Assembly for the High School. Students spoke of the significance of the day for Australians but also the significance and perspective of the Turkish

people regarding the events and the brotherhood that was forged as a result. Corporal Whyte from the Australian Defence Force attended and offered her congratulations to the students for their sincerity and dedication to the Anzac legacy.

LIBRARY NEWS

1. **Homework centre** has reached its full capacity. It operates on Thursdays (28/4/16 – 30/6/16) between 3:15pm – 5pm in the junior campus library. There are currently 30 **students** (Yr3-7) and 22 **SNR student tutors** (Yr10-11) attending the JNR centre. There is also a homework centre on Wednesdays at the senior campus for high school students. Yr7-12 students can attend both centres in Term 2.



2. **ICAS (Science) test** will take place On Tuesday (31/5/16) between 9:30 am – 11am in DENZIL hall at Alexandria Park Community School junior campus. 57 registered students must go to their classes first for morning roll call. They will then proceed to the hall for science test. Please ensure that your child brings the following equipment to school for the day.

- A pencil – 2B or B
- An eraser (rubber)
- A ruler (marked in millimetres - mm)
- A calculator (may be used if your child prefers)



3. Please find **Term 2 Library Monitors'** list below. Congratulations to these students who volunteer to help in our school library.

Class	Monitor 1	Monitor 2	Day	Lunch 1 (11:10am-11:40am)	Lunch 2 (1:40pm-2:10pm)
2B	Gloria	Alex	Monday	William F. & Jerry	-
2M	Selenge	Oarcen	Tuesday	Emily H. & Jerry	Houda & Jennifer
3/4F	Merry	Kristoffer	Wednesday	Miranda & Lydia	Emily M. & Christina
4/5R	Rugile	Kelly	Thursday	Irene & Aila	Lotus & Ashly
5J	Talia	Caitlin	Friday	Lachlan & adison	-
5/6S	Wanyi	Raquel			
60	Ella	Joy			

CAREERS NEWS 23rd May 2016

WEP Student Exchange Information Session WEP Australia, a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the NSW Education Department, is running an information evening for interested students and their parents on 26 July (7:30-9pm) at the Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre, 405 Crowns Street, in Surry Hills/Sydney. Students currently in year 9 are eligible to apply for 2017 semester and year programs. www.wep.org.au

University of Notre Dame Australia Course Info Evening Wednesday 1 June 2016 A great opportunity for students interested in commencing their studies in Semester 2, 2016 or 2017 to learn more about their course/s of interest and the student experience at Notre Dame. Applications can be submitted on the night and if eligible, students will have the chance to interview for a place with a member of our academic staff. For more info call 02 8204 4404 or email sydney@nd.edu.au

GENERAL COURSE UPDATES, CHANGES

bonus points reference The Graduate Connection has released the 2017 bonus points reference which lists bonus points by HSC subjects across all universities. There are 28,903 bonus point possibilities. Available as a PDF, with an update in November. Enquires: directory@grad.com.au

ATARs by subject area The Graduate Connection has released the 2017 edition of the directory undergraduate which lists ATARs by area of study rather than by institution. It provides a guide to entry scores by publishing three entry scores - published ATAR, published ATAR less HSC subject bonus points and published ATAR less both subject and regional/disadvantage schools bonus points.

Year 10 guide to HSC subject selection The Graduate Connection has released the third edition of the Year 10 guide to HSC subject selection for university entry 2019. There is no need to get lost in the mass of detail - one simple double page spread says it all, and outlines the three basic decision points.

Mega Maths Day University of Sydney 10am-2pm 8th June 2016 Year 10 is a key time when your students are choosing their future direction, so give them the opportunity to find out just how important maths is for a huge array of disciplines and careers. A day of workshops, showcasing the importance of maths, in a variety of settings costs \$16.50/student. Registration and info at <http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/high-school/mega-maths-day.shtml> or 02 9114 0825

Kickstart in the School Holidays HSC Workshops 4-6 July 2016 Parts of the science syllabus requires equipment or expertise in areas that many schools may not be able to provide. Kickstart workshops give HSC students a chance to do experiments and demonstrations of key ideas in the syllabus that are difficult to do in the classroom. Physics 4 July, Biology 5 July, Chemistry 6 July. Registration and info at <http://sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/> or 02 9114 08

FREE HSC STUDY SESSIONS FOR YEAR 12 At Western Sydney University's Parramatta, Campbelltown and Bankstown campuses during the July school holidays. Registrations open NOW for English, Maths, the Sciences, Business and Legal Studies, and more! Students must register individually on

<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/hscstudysessions>

SFS Digital Filmmaking Distinction Course Digital Filmmaking Distinction Course 11th-15th July 2016
10:00am - 3:30pm. Learn the fundamental aspects of digital film production and make a film in this 5 day intensive workshop for senior high school students (Years 10-12) Cost: \$475 (30 hours of tuition) Download the application form from our website at <http://www.sydneymfilmschool.com/courses/digital-filmmaking-distinction-course.aspx>

University of Sydney: A Celebration of History Friday 10 June - The Department of History at the University of Sydney invites history students, their teachers and parents to join them in a light-hearted celebration of history. Students will learn how their love of history can advance their career. Enjoy a lavish afternoon tea at Sydney University while mingling with History staff and students. For more information and to register bit.ly/celebration-of-history

University of Sydney Scholarships Information Evening for Year 12 Join us at the University of Sydney on Wednesday 22 June for our Scholarships Information Evening to get tips on completing scholarship applications, and hear from our students about their scholarship experience. Students will also have the opportunity to learn more about our on-campus accommodation options and the scholarships available. To register <http://bit.ly/Scholarship-Info-Evening>

July HSC Lectures at UTS A series of July HSC Trial Preparation Lectures are being held at UTS for Year 12 students from the 4th July-15th July. Over 30 subject-specific lectures will be run across 18 of the most popular subjects, all presented by expert HSC teachers/markers. Timetables, further details and registration can be found at <https://hscintheholidays.com.au> or call 1300 677 336.

HSC Trial Preparation Lectures at Macquarie University Macquarie University will be hosting a series of July HSC Trial Preparation Lectures for Year 12 students from the 6th-15th July. Over 30 subject-specific lectures will be run across 16 of the most popular subjects, all presented by expert HSC teachers/markers. Timetables, further details and registration can be found at <https://hscintheholidays.com.au> or call 1300 677 336.

HSC Trial Preparation Lectures At UOW UOW (Southern Sydney and Wollongong) will be hosting a series of HSC Trial Preparation Lectures for Year 12 students from the 4th-11th July. These subject-specific lectures will be presented by expert HSC teachers/markers. Timetables, further details and registration can be found at <https://hscintheholidays.com.au> or call 1300 677 336.

OPEN DAY: Sydney Design School - Explore a Creative Career in Interior Design - Saturday 18 June
Immerse yourself in the exciting world of Interior Design and Decoration. Find out everything you need to know about our career courses and campus. We're now enrolling for our July intake - so you can get started this year! Sydney Design School Open Day Saturday 18 June 10am - 12pm Level 2, 40 Oxley Street, St Leonards, Sydney 02 9437 1902 Register online to attend www.sydneymdesignschool.com.au

CADETSHIPS, APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS

Engineering & Technology Cadetships Program Applications for the Engineering & Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program are currently open and they close on 17 June. The Program provides Year 12 students with the opportunity to apply for a Technology Cadetship at Westpac. On completion of their cadetship, Technology Cadets are well placed to pursue a career in IT and in business. Apply online at www.etcad.com.au

SCHOLARSHIPS

Experience Hotel Management and explore Scholarship opportunities. The Hotel School Sydney will be holding its 'InterContinental Insights' day on Saturday 9 July for students wishing to experience a day in the life of working in a 5-star Hotel. Students will have the opportunity to take part in sessions in events, food & beverage departments as well as meet with industry experts. Visit hotelschool@scu.edu.au and click the ABOUT tab - InterContinental Insights.

More Photos of the P&C Working Bee



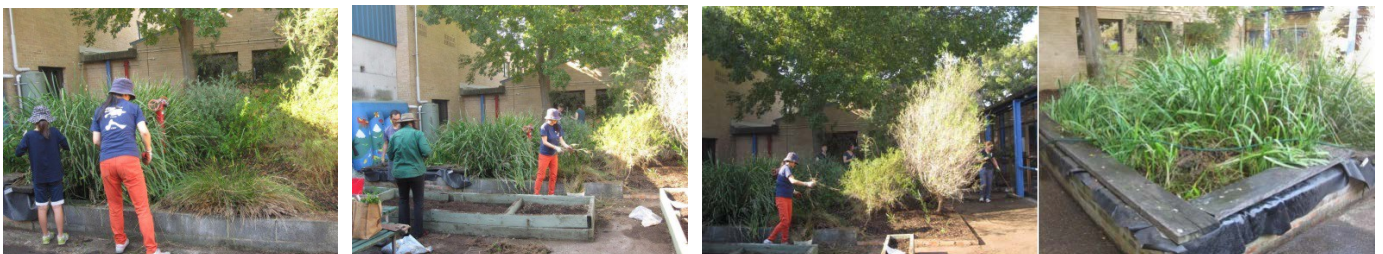
Park Road fence area before & after



Park way Path Road before & after



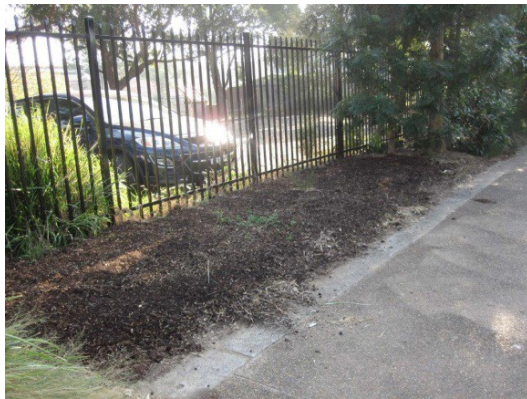
Pond Area before & after





Garden Area near Playground

Classroom



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We would like to thank Petbarn for their generous sponsorship of our Agriculture in the Inner City program.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

