

Alexandria Park Community School

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Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6

AUGUST 2016

THE FARM COMES TO ALEX PARK:

Recently all students in Kindergarten had the opportunity to participate in a wonderful Kindifarm experience. Students had the opportunity to feed a calf some milk, feed lambs and kids (goats) pellets, pat a piglet, hold some very cute bunny rabbits, pat a duckling and chicks. Students also learned about the lanolin in lambs' wool that helps keep them dry, and watched the lamb get clipped. Both staff and students loved getting a 'hands on' learning experience. This incursion was part of Kindergarten's Science and Technology and HSE program this term, which focus on the needs of living things.



Kindifarm so much fun

STAGE 1 – YEAR 1 and 2

This term, Stage One has been investigating the geographical world around them, with a particular focus on visual images. While looking at different Australian landscapes, 2M explored artist Fred Williams, his paintings and examples of his artworks based on wet and dry environments. The students discussed how Williams makes his art works look wet/dry by considering the landscape, colours and materials used.



After all this research and discussion, we began our very own artworks! The students of 2M used recycled, found and natural materials to create a wet or dry landscape of their choice. Stage One students have also been learning how to write interesting sentences and form paragraphs. When we finished our artworks, the students wrote a paragraph describing the noises, smells and look of their landscape.



Students mixed dirt with oil pastels to create their dry environments.



At the end of Term Two, Stage One students who received 50 or more Deadlies got to go on our Achievers excursion to Sydney Park! Here are some photos of Stage One enjoying what was a wonderful day.



MUSIC NEWS

STAGE 3 PRODUCTION

All our stage 3 students are currently working towards a performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Based on Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhyme of the same name, it features the many and varied talents of our years 5 and 6 students. The students' participation is linked to syllabus outcomes in Visual Arts, Drama and Music.

On September 1st, the audience is in for a musical and visual treat and can expect eye-catching costumes, fabulous songs, magical effects and some interesting twists on the traditional tale.

All students from Kindergarten to year 4 will watch the matinee performance during school time. This performance is not open to parents or carers. Tickets for the evening performance will be made available to stage 3 families first. If there are any remaining seats they will be advertised on the website and Facebook page. Tickets are \$5.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT


Alexandria Park Community School has an official Facebook page

So much has been happening over the last 4 weeks and I hope that you have been following the programs, events and opportunities that occur daily for our students at Alex Park on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/alexandriaparkcommunityschool/>

Our school website remains a great tool for engagement and communication for parents, students and the wider community and it provides links to the most recent posts on Facebook.


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

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and
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K – 12

To support effective communication I encourage all parents and carers to provide the school administration offices with updated contact details – address, phone numbers, emails and emergency contact details annually and when any of these details change.

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NAPLAN results

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 received their NAPLAN result recently. If any parents have not received their child's results please contact Debra Lade (Primary school) or Jane Ryan (High school).

Our results this year were pleasing with the number of students at proficiency in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy at or above state average.

Trial HSC Examinations

Year 12 have completed their trials and are back in classrooms receiving explicit feedback on their examination performance, completing coursework and engaging in structured revision and preparation for the final HSC exams. At this time it is important that year 12 attend all classes and make use of the additional support provided by the year 12 teachers, Ms Foley and Mr Johnson their year advisor.

To support our students to manage exam stress and anxiety a number of targeted sessions have been planned for Year 12 to contain and provide high quality targeted well-being programs. I encourage all year 12 students to take advantage of these sessions.

The HSC study guide provides valuable advice to HSC students and their parents. It includes articles written by HSC teachers, BOSTES Inspectors, mental health experts and former high achieving students.

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/hsc-study-guide>

Welcome to Jocelyn Brewer our new school counsellor



Academic Qualifications & Institution:

Bachelor of Arts – University of Sydney (1999)

Diploma of Education (Secondary) – UNSW (2002)

Graduate Diploma of Psychology – University of Sydney (2007)

Post Graduate Diploma of Psychology – University of Wollongong (2009)

Master of Applied Science (candidate) – University of Sydney (current)

Teaching experience (courses, years, schools):

Temporary engagements at Sefton High School and Chester Hill High School teaching Geography and Drama in 2002 – 2003. I taught a range of social science subjects at Sydney Boys High from 2004-2008, and ran their whole school debating program which grew to be over 150 boys. I then received a scholarship placement into the School Counsellor retraining program and have worked in the same team of schools in the Fairfield region for the last 7 and a half years. I also teach casually in the Faculty of Health Science at Sydney University.

Other employment experiences:

I've done a range of different roles across several sectors: from working as a Team Leader in Centrelink's multi-lingual call centre, running a film screening event in Glebe, producing independent theatre and a role at TAFE NSW in Social Media Strategy. Most of my roles are about collaboration and communication to create experiences of connection and community, to bring people together and provide information and insight.

2016 teaching load at Alex Park

I'm the School Counsellor, I will work across K-12 and be at APCS 3 days a week.

Areas of passion / interests that you would like to be involved in at Alex Park:

I'm very interested in community engagement and the destigmatising of mental health and related issues. I believe technology has incredible potential to help us connect, communicate and enhance learning opportunities, when harnessed in helpful and balanced ways. When I did my School Counsellor retraining I was required to do a research project and I looked into the impacts of technology and videogames. I became really interested in the idea of 'Internet Addiction' and how digital devices are shaping society in different ways. I now research this and won the 2014 Premier's Teaching Scholarship for Health Education for my concept of Digital Nutrition, which is all about how to use technology in a way the amplifies the best aspects and helps us avoid the negative parts.

Beliefs/goals in relation to teaching, learning and student achievement:

I'm a strong supporter of public education and empowering people to overcome challenges that prevent them from achieving to their potential. I am really interested in ways to foster a culture of positive help seeking and engagement in education. I believe that as education and pedagogy continue to shift with social and technological trends, that a greater focus on emotional intelligence and social and personal capabilities (as outlined in the new Australian

curriculum) are increasingly important to teach. I'm fascinated by the way play and the use of games can be used in teaching to enhance learning.

What's on

Date	What's happening
Friday August 26	K – 12 Mufti-dayWear it Purple day
Tuesday August 30	Year 12 De-stress workshops
Thursday September 1	Stage 3 musical Years 9 & 10 Gala Day
Friday September 2	Senior SRC excursion – Legacy Week fundraising
Monday September 5	P & C meeting 6.30pm in the Library
Wednesday September 7	Stage 3 camp Kindergarten 2017 parent information evening.

Ms Diane Fetherston
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

What an exciting start we have had to Term 3 with the installation of our new playground and sandpit. Our K-6 students are really enjoying using the equipment and this was our PBL focus for Week 4. Teachers spoke with students about how to play safely on the equipment and went over our safety rules. Please remember any students using the equipment after school hours need to be supervised by an adult.



I would like to thank our local **Bunnings at Alexandria** for donating and installing our new sandpit. It's been wonderful watching all of our students build sandcastles during their play time. On Thursday 1st September between 6-8pm they are holding a Father's Day Family Night. Children will have the opportunity to make a gift for Dad and take part in other fun activities. Please contact our local Bunnings if you are interested in this event. A flyer has also been placed on our community notice board.



**STRATEGIC
DIRECTION 2**
Teaching,
learning and
innovation

Our K-6 teachers had their first teacher training session last week looking at two Ipad applications that our students can use in the classroom to create multimodal texts and use short animations. It has been wonderful to see our 3/4F students already using book creator.



We would like to remind all families that students need to be wearing a school hat. This has been a PBL focus this term and we are working with students to understand the importance of being sun safe. Can you please discuss this with your child and make sure they bring their hat to school each day. A reminder to make sure your child has their name on their hat.

Debra Lade, Deputy Principal

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Year 7 Mandatory Technology



As part of their Mandatory Technology unit on the Design Process, year 7 students have been working on a series of speed design challenges. Each week, the class has been given a different problem to solve, with a limited assortment of materials and time with which to solve each challenge. Working in small groups or individually, students are given a short amount of time for research, design, testing and evaluation before submitting their final solution. Last week students were asked to design a

device which would protect a raw egg from being dropped from the third storey of the school onto the basketball court below. Students had ninety minutes to design and produce their solution using a limited amount of newspaper, sticky tape, straws or paddle pop sticks. In some cases simpler designs were shown to be the better solutions, though some quick and ingenious thinking on the part of Faisal and William saw their egg land safely on the concrete with an interesting contraption made of straws, paddle pop sticks and



newspaper. Congratulations to Sara, Cici and Irene whose egg also made it through. Egg-straordinary effort, Year 7!!!

Next week students will be challenged to design a load bearing bridge out of either paddle pop sticks or match sticks and glue. The winning design will be the strongest bridge which uses the least amount of materials. Good Luck!! Mr L. Wilson



EAL/D Team (English as an Additional Language/Dialect)

Recently we hosted 8 students from China. They visited for four days and were integrated into our year 8 and year 10 classes. The Chinese students enjoyed their stay and were grateful to have such a unique Australian learning experience. One of the students was even brought to the verge of tears during our farewell party! The EAL/D team would like to thank all the staff and students who were so helpful in making our guests feel welcome in our school. We would also like to thank our high school buddies in year 8 and 10, Sienna Johnson, Tom Jiang, Clare Lin, Sehee Hyung, and Mikki Li.

P.S. A special thanks to Emily He in year 7 for showing courage and leadership interpreting for Mr Abdullah's farewell speech!





Connecting our Junior & Senior Students Representative Councils (SRC)

Our SRC at Alex Park have had a really exciting start to Term Three. The Junior SRC met with our Senior SRC for the first time on Tuesday. The seniors planned some great activities and the fun started with a name game, where each student had to come up with an adjective that started with the same letter as their name!

The SRC spent lunch time talking and getting to know their buddies. Then, it was scavenger hunt time! Each team had to work out difficult clues to find out where they needed to go on the Junior Campus. Needless to say, they worked together and completed the hunt! To finish off our afternoon, the SRC buddies, joined at the arms, played a game of soccer. It was an exciting and close game, with all students getting a chance to kick the ball around.





LIBRARY NEWS

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

Class	Monitor 1	Monitor 2
2B	Aiden	Tallara
2M	Daria	Louis
3/4F	Acaysha	Devon
4/5R	James	Kayla
5J	Cale	Harvey
5/6S	Jaylen	Cullum
6O	Atticus	Abrar

Day	Lunch 1 (11:10am - 11:40am)	Lunch 2 (1:40pm – 2:10pm)
MONDAY	Jerry & Siddarth	-----
TUESDAY	Emily H. & Wanyi	Tanya & Eloise
WEDNESDAY	Joy & Ambika	Houda & Jennifer
THURSDAY	Annabelle & Fiona	Mariia & Kayla
FRIDAY	Lochlan & Jaseetharan	-----

1. APCS library is celebrating Australian children's book week in term 3. The 2016 Book Week Theme is "Australia: story country". We will hold a Book Fair in week 5 (15/8 – 19/8) in our school library and a Book Parade on Tuesday (23/8) at 9:30am in Denzil hall. Details of these events are on our school website. Book fair brochures will be issued to students in week 4.
2. Term 3 Homework centre has started on Thursday (21/7/16). You can download a registration form from the school website if you wish your child to join the homework centre activities. Please also make a contribution of \$20 for provision of food if you have not already done so.

Enrichment Programs – NRL Coaching Course

During our Tuesday afternoon enrichment programs the NASCA group and other students interested in Rugby League have been given the chance to attain both a level 1 Rugby League Coaching and Refereeing accreditation. The program is run by NRL development officer Blake Civerallo and offers the students a chance to develop an array of skills to not

only become coaches and referees in the future but also a number of transferrable skills that go well beyond the rugby league field.

In week 5 and 6 this term the students have put their knowledge and coaching skills to the test by running coaching sessions for year 2/3/4 students. During this time we have seen the potential unearthing of the next Wayne Bennett and possibly some potential PDHPE teachers for Alex Park to look out for. Well done to all students involved and we look forward to seeing you continue to put the valuable lessons learnt into action.

Mr Bowman



FITNESS APCS FITNESS CLUB



Whilst we love a new comer at APCS Fitness Club, we also love to acknowledge our loyal participants because their dedication to fitness is unwavering. We spoke to School Captain and serious self-motivator, Jason Ke to find out what keeps him coming back for more!

Why did you first start coming to fitness?

I heard great things about it from fellow peers and wanted to get a little more active so I thought I'd give it a go.

What motivates you to continue coming to fitness?

Coming to fitness is not only good for you physically but it builds your mental strength. It becomes part of your everyday routine like brushing your teeth.

What's your favourite thing about the APCS Fitness Club?

My favourite thing would probably be the whole atmosphere which motivates you to push yourself to the next level. Something you don't have when you're working out alone. Another thing would be the nice feeling you get after the workout knowing you've pushed yourself to your limits and done something productive.

How has fitness benefitted you in a schooling or academic sense?

I think fitness has definitely benefitted me academically. It allows me to remain calm and steady during exams, as well as give me self-confidence to believe I can achieve something. It has also made me feel like a more positive person.

What advice would you give to someone thinking about attending APCS Fitness Club for the first time?

Come along! I believe fitness can benefit anyone and it's never too late or too early to give it a go. It is truly the 'Ke' to achieving success.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2017

ALEXANDRIA PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Parent Information Evening Wednesday, 7th September 2016

6pm – 7pm



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 2nd September 2016**



You are invited to attend Alexandria Park Community School's
Kindergarten Orientation Morning.

When? Wednesday 9th November 9:30am – 11am

Where? Alexandria Park Kindergarten rooms

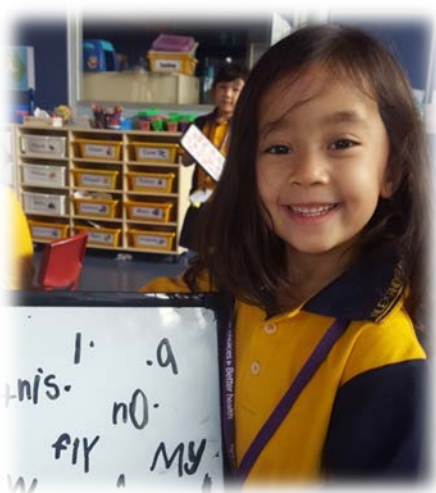
This is a great opportunity for your child to familiarise themselves with
their new school environment and make some friends.

We hope to see you then

Kindergarten Transition 2017 "In Class Experience"

Our regular Transition Playgroup children starting school at Alexandria Park next year, will get the opportunity to experience what it's like to be in a Kindergarten class with the Kindergarten teachers!

Where: Meet at the Community Centre. Teachers will take children to the classroom. Parents will stay at the Community Centre.



When:

- Wednesday 16th Nov
- Wednesday 23rd Nov
- Wednesday 30th Nov
- Wednesday 7th Dec

Time: 10am-11am

See you there!

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

P&C NEWS



For all our existing school bankers, please remember to bring your child's bank book and some money to deposit each Friday morning at the canteen between 8:30-9:30 AM. Every deposit made earns a token no matter what the amount (min. 50 cents), and once your child has reached 10 tokens, these can be redeemed for exciting prizes which this year have an "Outer Space Savers" theme, and include the ET Movie DVD, planet handball, invisible ink Martian pen and other fabulous space prizes.

We also welcome all our new students to sign up to the program and start earning rewards. The school banking program is run in conjunction with CBA, and teaches good savings habits to our children, as well as helping to raise funds for our school.

To register your child, you can either bring their existing Dollarmites account book on Friday mornings so they can bank at school. Paperwork is available outside the Office on the Park Road Campus, or from the canteen, and it will also be available on the day.

We look forward to welcoming all our new savers to the program.

The School Banking Team

We are also calling for volunteers to help collect money from the children and process their deposits. If you can spare an hour or two a week and would like to get involved, please email Joasia.gajda@gmail.com.



Before School Care and Holiday Care

Alexandria Park Community School

Would a Before School Care and Holiday Care service benefit you and your family?

Dear **Alexandria Park Community School** Parent/Guardian,

Camp Australia in conjunction with **Alexandria Park Community School** are currently conducting a survey to determine the level of interest in offering a Before School Care and Holiday Care Service, on the school campus, during the school year.

We would like to encourage all parents to complete this brief survey to help us determine the viability of running this program.

The survey will take approximately 3 minutes of your time.

Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlexandriaParkCommunitySchool>

To find out more information about our FUN, QUALITY, ENGAGING and SAFE before and after school care programs, please visit our website at www.campaustralia.com.au

Thank you for your participation in this survey. Regards,


Camp Australia Team p. 1300 105
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www.campaustralia.com.au



ARE YOU A PARENT

FREE Parenting Program: CIRCLE OF SECURITY

FOR: Parents/Carriers of children aged 0-5 yrs

WHEN: 10am to 12noon
MONDAYS
OCT31 - NOV28.2016
(5 weeks)



CHILD CARE: Provided (limited spaces available)

WHERE: Alexandria Park Community Centre
(cnr. Park & Power Ave. Alexandria)

TO BOOK: Call Jo on 93 19 3207 (and for more information)

Do you want to assist teachers in the classroom?

Subsidised training is available to help you get the knowledge and skills you need.



BCA National Training Group (RTO number 91758) is coming to **Alexandria Park Community Centre** to deliver training from their award winning School Communities Program. For a limited time only, you can study the Certificate IV in Education Support CHC40213 Part Qualification and gain a nationally accredited statement of attainment (4 units of competency). This is a perfect starting point if you are interested in finding out more about working in education and school settings. Come along to the information session on **Wednesday September 7th at Alexandria Park Community Centre from 9.30am to 11.30am** to learn how this program will benefit you and if you qualify for a subsidised place. This training is subsidised by the NSW Government *.



* To be eligible, you must be 15 years old or over, no longer be at school, living or working in NSW and be an AU, a NZ citizen, an AU permanent resident or a humanitarian visa holder.



CERTIFICATE IV IN EDUCATION SUPPORT (CHC40213) PART QUALIFICATION

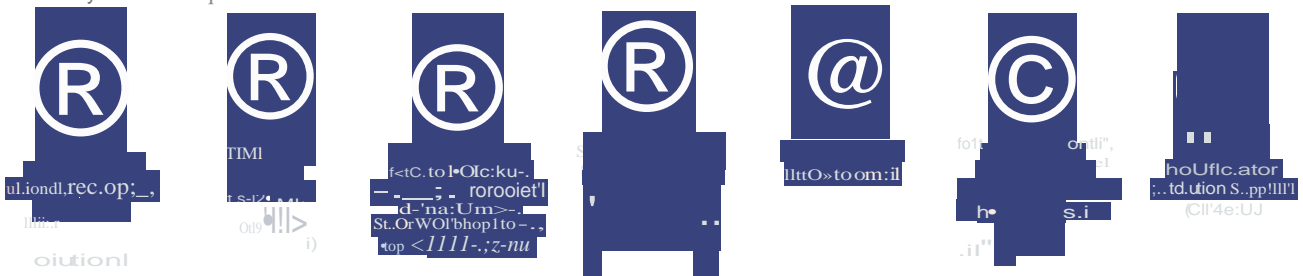
This selection of 11 units is perfect if you are interested in finding out more about education and school settings. You will gain skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and facilitate learning with greater independence.

These are the nationally recognised units covered:

CHCDIV001 Work with diverse people
CHCEOS011 Assist in facilitation of student learning
CHCPRP001 Develop and maintain networks and collaborative partnerships
HL1WHS001 Participate in workplace health and safety

Jobs in this sector may include Teacher's Aide, Literacy Worker, Education Support Worker and Support Worker (Children with Disabilities.)

Pathways to the full qualification are available.



INFORMATION SESSION:

LOCATION: ALEXANDRA PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE (cnr Power Ave & Patt Rd. Alexandria)

DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPT 7, 2016 **TIME:** 930AM - 1130AM

WHAT TO BRING:

You will need to bring TWO forms of ID to confirm your eligibility. Please bring one item from each of these lists:

Proof of Residency

- AU or NZ Passport
- AU or NZ Birth Certificate
- Certificate of Evidence of Residency Status (CERS)
- Permanent Residency label in foreign passport
- Humanitarian visa label in foreign passport

Proof of Address

- NSW driver's license
- Bank statement
- NSW photo card
- Utility bill

Please note that one of these documents must be photo ID

**BCA National
TRAINING GROUP**

1300 69 35 65

Information for the public is available at www.bca.gov.au. Eligibility criteria for 11 people
This information is for the public to see. It is not for the NSW Government.



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HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 13-18 YEARS

WEEK 1: MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

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10:30am-4:00pm

SKYZONE AT MRANDA
Unlimited Jumping

WEEK 1: TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

con.

\$3.00

10:30am-4:00pm

INDOOR SOCCER AT ULTIMO
COMMUNITY CENTRE
Lunch provided

WEEK 1: WEDNESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

con.

Movie to be decided by group on the day

10:30am-4:00pm

MOVIE AT FOX STUDIO

WEEK 1: THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

con.

FREE

10:30am-4:00pm
HEALTHY COOKING PROGRAM
NUTRITION AUSTRALIA
At Redfern Community Centre

WEEK 1: FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

con.

\$5.00

10:30am-4:00pm

CIRCUS SKILLS AT HOME BUSH

WEEK 2: MONDAY 30 OCTOBER

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
NO PROGRAM

WEEK 2: TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER

con.

no

10:30am-4:00pm

LUNA PARK
Includes unlimited ride pass

WEEK 2: WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER

con.

\$5.00

10:30am-4:00pm
at Obvelly
Wet weather alternative Cook Phip
Pork

Lunch provided

WEEK 2: THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER

con.

\$2S

10:30am-4:00pm
LASER SKIRMISH AND BOWLING at
AMF North Strathfield
Cost includes Lunch

WEEK 2: FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

con.

FREE

10:30am-4:00pm
POWERHOUSE MUSEUM
at Pyrmont

NEW BOOKING AND PAYMENT SYSTEM:

GO TO THE CITY OF SYDNEY COUNCIL WEBSITE FOLLOW THE
COMMUNITY/YOUTH/SCHOOL

HOLIDAYS LINKS TO BOOK ONLINE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 02 9551 2877

Youth Services has several convenient pick up and drop off locations for the School Holiday Program:
Sydney, Erskineville, Redfern, and Ultimo

