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Newsletter

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Term 3

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Alexandria Park Community School



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2017 Graduates

CONGRATULATIONS

Principals Report

As another busy and successful school term comes to an end, it is great to capture some significant events in the life of the school in the September newsletter. Some of the key events in recent weeks have included: SRC Legacy Day excursion, 2018 Kindergarten Information night, K-6 Alex Factor concert, Deadlies Award ceremony, Spelling Bee regional finals and the Crazy Hair Day/ Cake stall. Another significant event was the Yr 12 graduation ceremony. This provided the opportunity to farewell our Yr 12 students and to recognise the many years of study, hard work and contribution to the life of our school. We wish Yr12 all the best during the HSC examinations and their future endeavours.

The Tell Them From Me parent feedback survey

This Term, our school has been participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

By completing this survey, the information received will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential.

The parent survey will be conducted between **21 August and 13 October**. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

An SMS has previously been sent to your phone with the link for you to proceed with the survey.

Alternatively you can access the link via the school website or Facebook page.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/alexpark2017>

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



Any parent with difficulties accessing the link is welcome to complete the survey at school using one of our computers. Just ask at the Administration desk.

Your assistance in completing this survey is much appreciated and will greatly assist us in planning and implementing of our school plan.

Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards

On Friday 8th September I had the great privilege of attending the Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards ceremony. The ceremony was hosted in *The Great Hall* at the University of Technology Sydney and celebrated and acknowledged the achievements of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Ultimo Principals Network of Schools. Over 700 people attended the ceremony and 145 Aboriginal students from Kindergarten to Year 12 were recognised for doing well at school and achieving improved results. I sat there proudly as relieving principal as Alexandria Park was strongly represented. Our school vocal group *The Alex Park Sapphires* opened the event by singing the national anthem. Our school captain Aaliyah Munro did an amazing job as a keynote speaker. Aaliyah shared some of her life story, love of learning and passion for our school. Aaliyah was articulate in her delivery and inspired all who attended the ceremony. I was extremely proud of Zali Forrest (KW) and Jaida Conway (Year 9) who were acknowledged for the great work and results they are achieving at our school.



Pictured - Uncle Hilton (AEO), Jaida Conway (Yr9), Aaliyah Munro (Yr12), Mr Kingsley (Relieving Principal), Virginia Pacey (Director Public Schools)

Glen Kingsley Relieving Principal

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

EARLY STAGE ONE KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten students have been keeping active and healthy this term during sports lessons with GoGo Healthy Kids. They have been participating in a range of indoor and outdoor activities where fundamental movement skills are developed by playing various sports and games!

Last week, students enjoyed an outdoor circuit where they practised balancing, hopping, skipping, jumping and running. In the Denzil, students loved playing ball games in teams which assisted in the development of important ball skills such as striking, throwing and catching.



Stage One News

The Book Week was a great success at APCS with all Stage One students participating in the book parade. Congratulations to Miss Moore and Miss Page who organised the event.



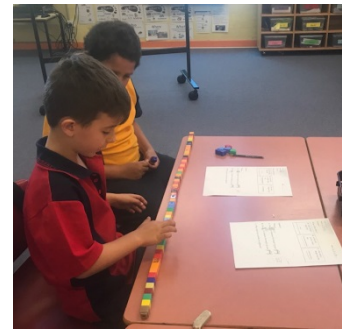
In Music students have been exploring instruments of the orchestra. Mr Whipp has been teaching students about percussion and beat.



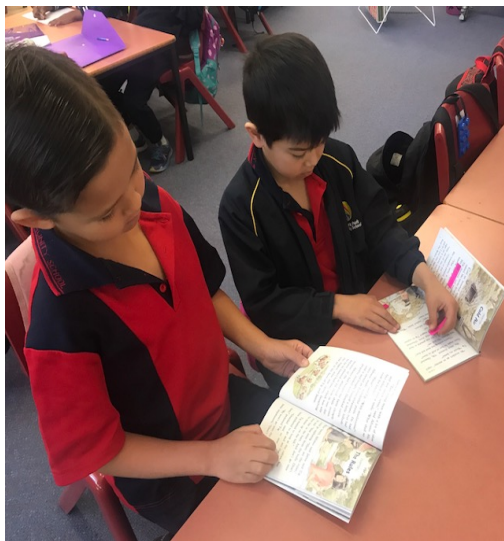
In Science students have investigated the properties of materials and ways they can change. Here students have made Gloop melted chocolate and experimented with waterproof materials.



In Mathematics students have been involved in practical activities to measure, record, compare and estimate lengths and areas using uniform informal units.



In English all students are participating in the L3 program. Some students are using reciprocal reading to develop their comprehension and reading skills. All students enjoy literacy games and developing their writing skills.



In Sport students have been learn the fundamental skills involved in AFL and dance.



Finally a huge thank you to Amanda McLeod for her leadership, professionalism and motivation. Miss McLeod has been an integral part of APCS for eight years. She will be taking maternity leave and we are excited for Miss McLeod and her family to welcome a baby into their lives.

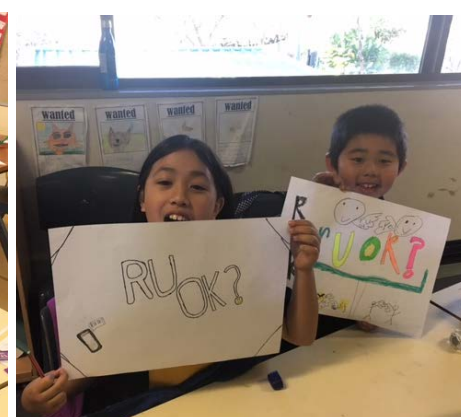
For the remainder of the year, Miss Amanda McLeod will be taking maternity leave from her position at APCS. We are very excited for Miss McLeod and her family to be welcoming a baby into their lives. Miss Jade Fogarty will be replacing Miss McLeod as the class teacher of 1M. Miss Fogarty has skills and expertise across all key learning areas and a particular interest in environmental science, developing fine motor skills, positive behavior for learning and learning through experience.



During Term 4, Mrs Donna Davey will be the Relieving Assistant Principal with responsibility for Stage One from Monday to Thursday and Mrs Julie Myers will be Relieving Assistant Principal on Fridays.

Stage Two news

3/4M has been learning about 'R U OK?' day. Having conversations is something we can all do, so we are starting conversations by asking if our peers are ok! We made posters to remind everyone to start these conversations and listen to our friends when they might need help.



Debating Season Wrap-Up



Throughout Terms 2 and 3, the very most *opinionated* and *argumentative* of our Year 5 & 6 students demonstrated just how good they are at presenting and *opining* and *arguing* (although, to be fair, in a methodical and respectful manner), in two competitions, the Sydney Region Debating Competition and the Premier's Debating Challenge.

While we didn't overwhelm every opponent we faced, in this debating coordinator's opinion, we did extremely well, improving substantially over our record from last year in both competitions. Congratulations and applause is due all around. Daniel R. Judd (Debating Coordinator)

Stage 3 Novel Study T3 – “DRAGON KEEPER” by Carol Wilkinson



A slave girl Ping saves the life of a dragon – Danzi - and escapes her brutal master – Master Lan. Ping and Danzi make an epic journey across China carrying and protecting a mysterious stone – it must be protected at all costs. The mysterious stone is in fact a Dragon Egg.

5/6S are painting their own Dragon Eggs.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS FILM ARTICLE



Throughout this year, a team was formed to create and produce the first ever short film produced by students at Alexandria Park Community School to be entered in the film competition; V-Fest, a NSW Student Video Festival. The team comprising of many students from 10X, other years and even teachers worked together to help write, shoot and edit the film. Originally, a script was created that was based on the horror

genre, however during shooting, an evaluation was made and we determined that the film was not going to be what we hoped. So, we decided to change our film. With a school term left and stressed for time, we developed a new story which is more poetic based. We kept with this idea and went into production. The entire production process is not easy and was certainly a learning experience. We countered many problems, from actors backing out last minute to time constraints and even technical issues, all these problems shaped our process and the final film. While the problems were annoying at the time, we now thank them because we now know what to do better and not at all. This all resulted in our film being short-listed out of a total of 51 films to 22 films and further shortened to our category of the Junior Section. We were competing with 11 other films, all of them which featured films made by filmmakers who have had years' experience before us. We did not win that night, 1st, 2nd and 3rd were handed to much more deserved places. But in our respect, we did win. For a school to hand in their first ever film in this competition and to be immediately short listed out of 51 films to a short 22, we made it. Our film was shown to over 330 people at V-Fest and people applauded and enjoyed it, our film doesn't need to win a trophy, people just need to enjoy it.

Blast off for Space Camp!



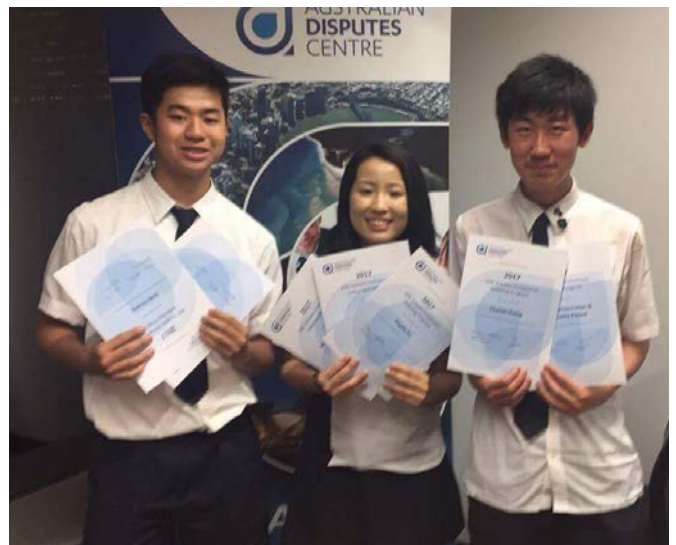
During these upcoming holidays, for just over 2 weeks, Charles, Kerry and I (Igor) will be traveling to the United States of America as part of a ISTEM program run throughout Australia. 42 Students and 8 Teachers from 15 different schools will attend science based events in 3 Cities, New York City, Washington D.C and Los Angeles with the major experience at NASA's Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama for an entire week. During this time we will learn about the mental, emotional and physical

demands faced by astronauts, experiencing simulations what it is like to be an astronaut in space. These experiences including Suba diving in NASA's dive tank simulating Zero G gravity and a GeForce Simulator. By the end of these 2 weeks, we would have visited the Smithsonian museums, California Science Centre, Griffith Observatory and planetarium, The USS Intrepid, a Broadway show and much more. We really look forward to this incredible opportunity, 2 weeks in another country experiencing what many students don't. For all of us this will be a high school highlight.

-Igor, Charles & Kerry

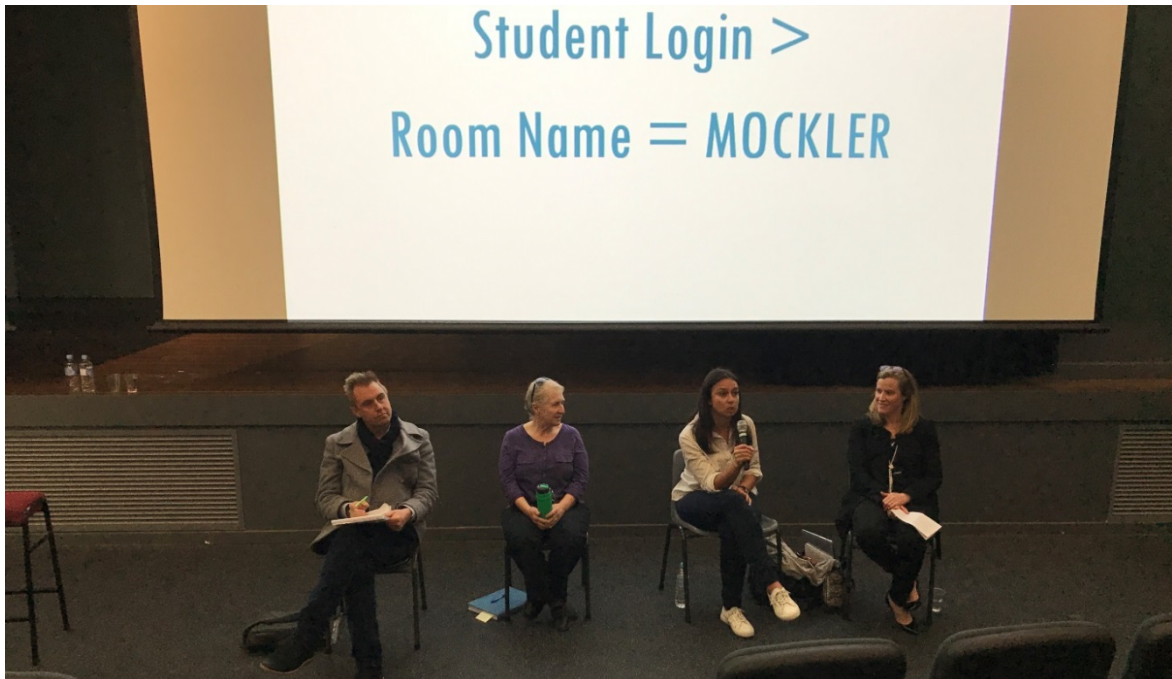
ADC Debating

Over the past six weeks, three students from 10X have represented Alexandria Park Community School in the Australian Disputes Centre (ADC) Invitational Debating Competition. Andy Huang, Angela Fu and I (Charles Zheng) travelled every week after school to the ADC in the city and debated against students from different schools. We were put into six teams with mixed students and debated a variety of topics. It was an exciting and highly educational experience because we were taught by seasoned debaters and professional judges from the Australian courts system. Our school won the award for "Best School Collaboration" and Angela Fu won "Most Improved Speaker". Thank you to ADC Debating and Mr Pyman for organising this opportunity for us!



APCS TEACHER LEADING TEACHER INQUIRY

The University of Sydney recently held a panel discussion for 4th and 5th year undergraduate teachers about real teachers and real teacher inquiry. Teacher inquiry is the practice of teachers investigating their own practice and the dilemmas that they come across through the process of research with the aim of improving their practice. Kadek Arya from the HSIE faculty was one of four member of the panel who spoke about their experience with teacher inquiry and how this method has shaped them as a teacher.



EALD

Over the last two terms, the EAL/D team has been leading a cross-KLA project that has focussed on improving teacher understanding of EAL/D pedagogy. Two teachers from Science and two from HSIE were invited to participate in the project that was designed to develop Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency (CALP) in Stage 6 EAL/D learners.

The EALD team was asked to present their project to a select group of EAL/D specialists from other schools and from the Department of Education last Wednesday 13 September. Their presentation was well-received and there are hopes that another EAL/D project will begin next year with a whole school approach.

Solar Sprint – Solar Car Challenge UNSW





Alexandria Park Community School Enrichment Programs – Solar Car Challenge Team were back this year at the SUN SPRINT solar car challenge held at the UNSW. This year competition was Fast and challenging but we did well, improving last year's result and finishing in 4th place.

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Aboriginal Studies Trivia Night



It all started at 2.30pm when Aunty Deb opened up the hall and started envisioning the table set up. We spent a good hour and a half hauling tables from near and far with the help of Noel, Portia Hart and Jessie Robinson. Soon Aliyah Marquette joined and the tables were done. Next were the decorations which Ashley Guo, Esmir Hargraves and Felix Judge took control of. It was all coming together and Ms. Thomson's stress levels were calming. Suseni Kuli and Leah Povey arrived from work

and helped with the finishing touches. We were all ready to go once Clem's arrived with their very generous donation of \$750 worth of food! The rounds of trivia were exceptional with Uncle Hilton running the show from writing questions to organising special tasks to printing the score sheets and finally delivering them in a way only he can. The round of bingo run by Leah Povey, Aliyah Marquette and Shondell Marquette (arriving straight from her woolies shift for the big round) was hilarious and Aunty Deb took it out in style. The guess the joker and coin toss games were well run by Portia Hart, Jessie Robinson and Matilda Folwell (coming from her netball presentation where she took out TWO awards) with a Povey taking out the coin toss with precision and the Folwell's attitude of buy early and often seeing them win the \$100 voucher to the Regents Hotel. The silent auction was a success. A big congratulations to Sheree Bourke on taking out the 2017 signed Sydney Swans jersey (especially after Saturday's win). Faridul Mishra was incredible behind the scenes grabbing serving utensils and textas not to mention running the whole pack away with the ultimate assistant of Anna Povey (THANK YOU!). Congratulations on the Povey family feat. Mishra

family for taking out the big prize and showing exactly who has the brains in this school. We managed to raise \$3152.65!

A huge thank you to all those mentioned above and everyone who came and supported on the night, including many APCS teachers. Shout out to Glen and Di for their approval and support of all the behind the scenes security, cleaning etc. Lastly, I was truly in awe of how amazing our students are. I mean we know this but they really stepped up something else and so many people commented on how amazing our school community is. This is not news to any of us!

YEAR 12 REPORT

Hi all,

With Year 12 graduating this term, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported them in their high school journey, particularly during their challenging HSC year. This group of students has demonstrated a strong sense of community over the past six years of high school (although some have been here since Kindy!!). They have become positive role models to other students in the school and as they embark on their own different and exciting journeys, I hope they look back fondly on their time at APCS and know that they are always welcome to come back for a visit. Congratulations, Year 12! You will be sorely missed! – Ms Prexl ☺

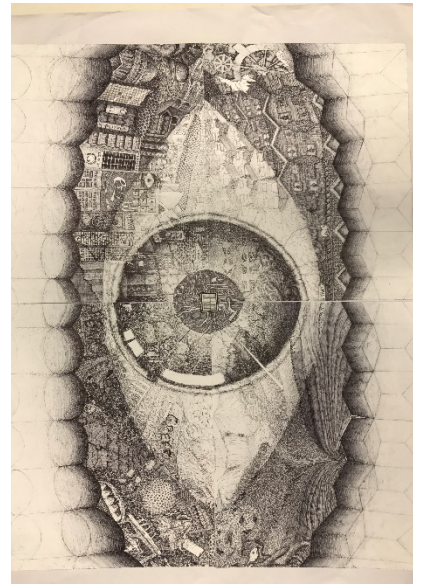
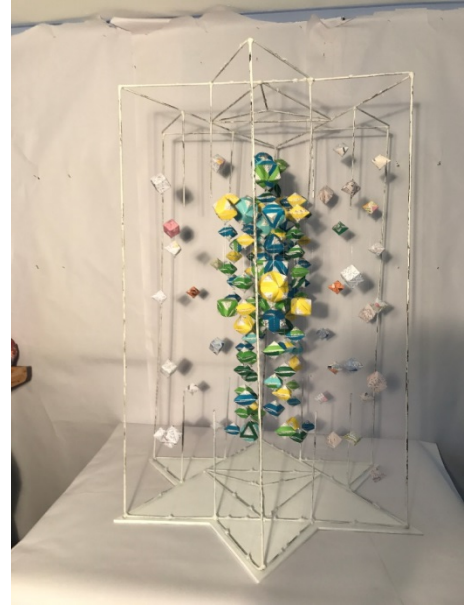
HSC VISUAL ARTS

It has been a hectic year for the year students studying Visual Arts for the Higher School Certificate. Firstly packing to move to Buckland street campus at the end of 2016, then unpacking because of delays, finally packing again and moving earlier this year. All the class manage to adapt to the changes, show resilience and focus on achieving good outcomes in the art course.

There has been a wide choice of art forms to create their HSC bodies of work, from traditional painting and drawing to experimental sculpture, photo-media and assemblage. The themes for these artworks range from teenage anxiousness about life, school and institutions to reflections on personal influences of popular culture and big picture dreams. Most of the artworks are expected to receive very good and even high band results this year.

All the congratulations and praise should go to these budding artists who have worked tirelessly; putting extra time at lunchtimes and after school with the facilitation and guidance from APCS experienced Visual Arts teacher Mr Ray James. His comment has been about how it is a delight and inspiration to his teaching when there are so many determined and enthusiastic creatives all trying to achieve successful artworks for their higher school certificate.

The photos here show what a variety of success that can be achieved. All the best year twelve Visual Arts and for their coming HSC examinations





Tips for our Yr 12 HSC students

The syllabus is your friend

Each subject has a detailed syllabus which is the best guide for both study and exams. Use it to make detailed notes on every dot point in the content section. Textbooks do not always present the information in the same way as the syllabus. So use textbooks and other references to prepare your detailed notes.

As each topic or option is completed file these notes in a subject folder. Regularly, and before the trial HSC and HSC exams, refer to these notes and highlight key points. Construct mind or concept maps so you have a visual view of a topic. Each time you review these

notes use a different highlight colour. This will plot your growing understanding and give you a sense of achievement

Plan study sessions of about one hour either in school study times or after school. Ask one another difficult questions and review multiple choice questions.

At home

Studying late into the night may suit some students but most do best when there is good natural light and you're alert. Make yourself a hard copy study timetable and include your commitments to sport, fitness, friends and part-time work. Displayed the timetable prominently in your study space for family to see. That way they know when they are expected to be quiet and when you need their support.

Practice exam techniques

Doing past papers in set time limits is an ideal way to prepare for exams. Do them regularly and then reward yourself with a healthy treat. Check answers and sample answers at the Board of Studies' site. Some exams are three hours' long so you need stamina.

It's tough

Allow yourself to say study is tough, sometimes tedious and repetitive. Give yourself a day off every so often so you are revitalised.

Your health

Keep up your sports, go for walks with earphones on, listen to study notes you may have recorded or music you enjoy, make sure your adults keep you well supplied with healthy food. Drink lots of water.

Ask for help

Parents, teachers and friends want you to do your best, and want you to be happy and healthy while you are doing the HSC. Exams are challenging and while a little stress can be a good thing, if you are feeling overwhelmed, talk to someone. Good luck.

MUSIC

THE ALEX FACTOR



Our Alex Factor Finals Concert showcased a wealth of amazing talent from our Stage 3 students, parents and staff. At the start of the concert we were treated to a musical item performed by APCS Kinder parents and Sydney Symphony Orchestra members Tim Nankervis and Jacqui Cronin along

with Miss Page. Later in the concert we enjoyed performances by Tom Jiang (Yr 9) and Angela Fu and Anneliese Ho (Yr 10). The judges were Tim Nankervis and Charline Emzin-Boyd, the Aboriginal Education Coordinator for the NSW Teachers Federation, who had a very difficult task in choosing the winners. They were:

First Place: Andrew Nguyen (piano), Runners-Up: Caitlin Indrawan, Yijia Sang, Susanna Nagib, Jean Beare and Asha Wain (dance group) and Highly Commended: Chloe Nicolson (dance), Becky Lai (piano) and Mina Ha, Isabella Wang, Stephanie La, Sabrina Feng and Anthea Arvanitellis (vocal group).



DEADLY KIDS DOING WELL



The Sapphires performed the anthem at the start of the Deadly Kids Doing Well Awards ceremony in the Great Hall UTS on Friday September 8th in front of a large audience including the Governor of NSW. The girls were excellent ambassadors for our school.

DACEYVILLE BIG BAND BASH

The Primary School Band enjoyed a great day out at the Daceyville Big Band Bash on August 24th. It was an opportunity to perform to a very large crowd and also to enjoy performances by many

other schools and the Navy Band. Afterwards there were many food, craft and other stalls to explore.

AMEB MUSIC EXAMS



Congratulations to Tom Jiang (9A) who received an A+ result on his Grade 5 Classical Guitar exam this month. Well done, Tom!

LIBRARY NEWS

- Alexandria Park Community School participates in ICAS assessment annually. Voluntary Yr3-12 students have completed tests in Science, English, Writing & mathematics this year. **Congratulations** to students who have achieved distinction & high distinction in subjects of science & writing below.

Class	Science	Class	Writing
3M	Andrew Nguyen (HD)		
3M	Toby Hanan (D)		
5M	Munha Mirza (D)	5M	Munha Mirza (D)
5M	Patrick Nguyen (D)	5M	Isabella Wang (HD)
5M	Jack Rusli (HD)	5M	Jack Rusli (D)

5M	Harry Royal (D)	5M	Alicia Chu (D)
5M	Jefferey Zhuang (D)	5M	Jefferey Zhuang (HD)
5M	Nemanja Dekic (HD)	5M	Sumaya Sultana (HD)
5M	Rozana Abonty (HD)	5M	Rozana Abonty (D)
5M	Anthea Arvanitellis (HD)	5M	Anthea Arvanitellis (D)
5S	Biao Su (D)		
6J	Fiona Tan (D)	6J	Houda Hamadi (D)
6J	Ren-Shyan Balnave (D)		
8X	Jerry Sun (D)	7X	Ruoying Wu (HD)
10X	Elaine Zhong (D)		
10X	Charles Zheng (D)		
10X	Robinson Shi (D)		

2. APCS library has celebrated Australian children's book week in term 3 with the theme of **"Escape to everywhere"**. As a continuation of library literacy program, we are anticipating an author visit for week 2 (16/10/17- 20/10/17) in Term 4. Ms Deborah Abela will be our author in residence. She will speak in assembly about language and writing. She will conduct writing workshops during library classes. She will do book signing as well. If you wish your child to obtain a book with author's signature, please complete forms below, and forward a money envelope to your child's teacher by Thursday (12/10/17).



Students can pre-order Deborah Abela's books, which will be signed on the day of the visit.

Books by Deborah Abela for Purchase		
Title	Price	
The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee	\$14.99	
Teresa A New Australian	\$16.99	
Grimsdon	\$16.99	
New City	\$16.99	
Wolfie, An Unlikely Hero (Picture Book)	\$24.99	

Tick the Book/s for Purchase

Name of Student: _____

Class: _____

School Resumes for Kindy to Year 11 on Monday 9th October

