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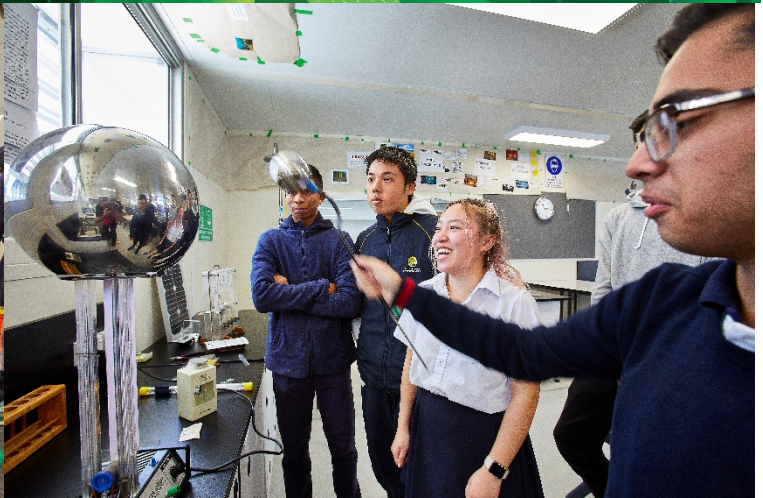
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Term 3, SEPTEMBER 2018

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OUR SCHOOL



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **BUILDING UPDATE**

- **Park Rd Playground** – the new playground is now in action! We have a beautiful wide, open space that students can use during their lunch/afternoon tea breaks. The gates in the fence are locked throughout the day and then opened to the community after 6pm and on weekends. Teachers have also been using the Park Rd playground as a teaching space. You may notice chalk measurements or number lines on the ground where classes have been doing some outdoor mathematics learning. As Spring continues and the trees regain their leaves, the Park Rd playground is shaping up to be one of the most sought after spaces during break times.



- **New Car Pick Up Procedures** – the changes to the new pick up arrangements are working well. Thank you to all parents who are following the procedures and listening to staff instructions as we all get used to the new arrangements. The bus bay turn-around will continue to be used for supervised afternoon car pick-ups.

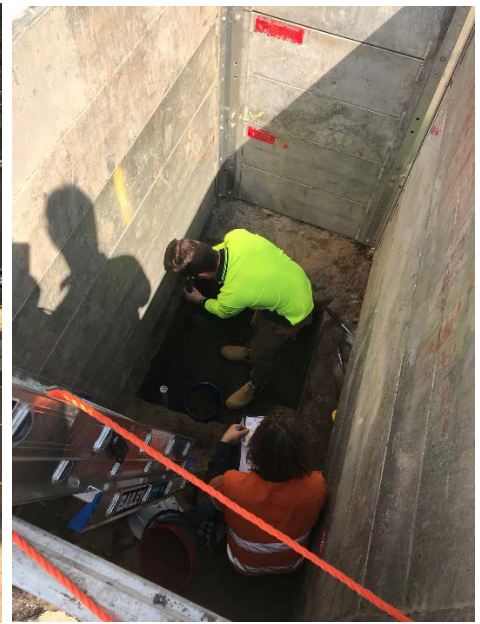
**REMINDER:** Please do not pick up your children from Buckland Street. It is potentially dangerous to double park on Buckland Street to wait for your children after school.

The school has implemented staff supervised after school pick up arrangement on Power Avenue using the bus bay as a pick up zone. Please comply with these after school pick up procedures

**Warning** – the City of Sydney parking rangers and Redfern Police have been alerted to the potential danger of cars double parking on Buckland Street to pick up children after school.



- **Aboriginal Archaeological Digs** – As a part of the redevelopment, Aboriginal archaeological investigations are being conducted to ascertain a geographical history of the school site and to search for any artefacts or evidence that might be uncovered in the area.



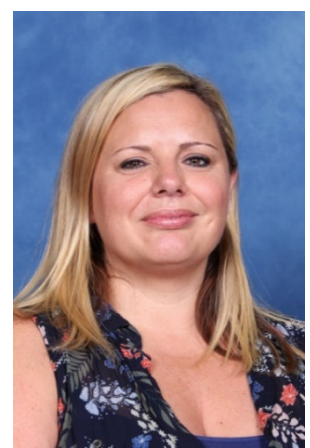
- **Welcome Community Centre** – We are so thrilled that next term the Community Centre will be operating from within our new buildings. Jo Fletcher has done the most extraordinary job of setting up the space so far. There is a moving day on September 26<sup>th</sup>, where we would love all available volunteers to help us move the last remaining items across.

## STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ben Colmer** will begin his new position as Deputy Principal of Croydon Public School at the beginning of term 4. Ben joined the Alex Park team in 2017 as the relieving Deputy Principal to backfill Debra Lade whilst she was on maternity leave. In 2018 Ben has assumed a K – 12 role leading the relocation and settlement into the primary demountables, coordinating additional building program works, and leading professional learning K - 12 in critical and creative thinking, co-teaching, ‘super six’ literacy strategies and school excellence. Ben has made a positive impact on our school community in a short time and I thank him for his commitment to our school. I know he will be an outstanding Deputy Principal at Croydon Public School and that Alexandria Park Community School wishes him all the best.
- From the beginning of term 4, **Louise Hawkins** will be joining the APCS team as the Secondary Deputy Principal. Louise has been relieving as the Deputy Principal at Rose Bay Secondary College for the past 18 months and has significant expertise in curriculum, wellbeing and community engagement.

### Staff Profile: Louise Hawkins

Academic Qualifications & Institution: I attended the University of NSW and completed a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education, majoring in English and History.



Teaching experience (courses, years, schools): I have been at Rose Bay Secondary College since 2005 and have been teaching History Years 7 to 10, Year 11 and 12 Modern History and Society and Culture. I have been relieving as Deputy Principal for 18 months and am absolutely delighted to have been appointed as Deputy Principal of Alex Park.

First impressions of Alex Park: From my first visit to Alex Park I was overwhelmed by the sense of community, the incredible opportunities available for the staff and students and the many exciting programs that are running across the school. I was lucky to attend the NAIDOC assembly and was blown away by the talented performances and the unbelievable art works. I am so excited to work with everyone across the school from Kindergarten to Year 12. Alex Park is my local school and I can't wait to work in and with my local community.

- **Kathleen Bujeia** will be joining us from the beginning of Term 4 as a member of our School Administrative Support Staff (SASS) team. Kathleen comes to us from Crown Street Public School with skills and expertise in administration and finance. Kathleen joins our incredible SASS team in the role of School Administration Officer and is sure to become a valued addition to the school community.
- This term we have welcomed **Lavinia Meyer** as the new Technical Support Officer (TSO).

### **Staff Profile: Lavinia Meyer**

Academic Qualifications & Institution: (Currently completing) Bachelor of Games Development, majoring in Programming.

Other Experiences to assist with IT: Mentor for the Lucas Heights Community School Tech Girls are Superheroes team 2017 - I taught the girls to use App Inventor to create their app. The team went on to become state finalists in the competition.

2018 Work Load: Full time TSO term 3, TBD term 4

Other responsibilities/areas of interest at Alex Park: As TSO I will be assisting other staff and students with any technology issues as well as maintaining and updating the existing laptops, desktops and iPads around the school.

Beliefs/goals in relation to teaching, learning and student achievement with technology: I believe technology has great value in the classroom and an incredible potential to help students learn. For the first time in history everyone is able to have an enormous pool of information at their fingertips at any time of day, enabling students to learn more about the subjects they are taught than ever before.

First impressions of Alex Park: I've had a warm welcome from both staff and students at Alex Park, and I look forward to working with all going forward.

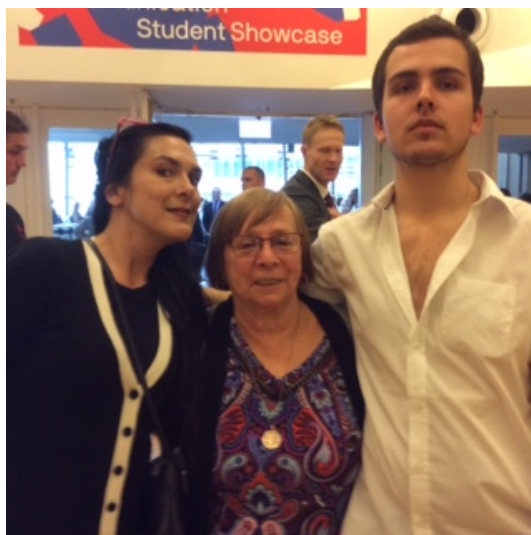


### **DEADLIES AWARDS**

The Deadly Kids Awards recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across primary and secondary school in the Metropolitan South Operational Directorate. Our students and staff did Alexandria Park Community School proud at the 2018 awards ceremony held Friday September 2 in The Great Hall at UTS.

Keenan in year 9 played the didgeridoo to welcome the special guests, which included The Hon Linda Burney, MP into the hall. Keeley in year 5, Rocky in year 7 and Lachlan in year 12 received Deadly Kids recognition certificates on the day. Aunty Deb, Inner City Local AECG president presented the Year 6 certificates. Uncle Hilton worked with the Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing team to coordinate the award ceremony on the day.

This year a new award was added to the program. The 'Aunty Fay Carroll Memorial Award for Outstanding Aboriginal Staff Member'. I am so thrilled that Aunty Deb received an inaugural Aunty Fay Carroll Memorial Award. Dr Sylvia Corish delivered a recognition of service address and presented Aunty Fay's sons with a medal in recognition of her decades of high-quality service to public education and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and families in our communities. Vale Aunty Fay.



### ***IS YOUR CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?***

Sometimes it's hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Monday-itis.

For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

However, if they miraculously recover by 11:00am, ready to race around the backyard, keeping them in bed all day may send the message that staying home isn't nearly as much fun as going to school.

Either way, our [Too Sick For School? chart](#) (pdf 1725 KB) chart will help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school.

PLEASE NOTE: This information has been supplied by [NSW Health](#) and is not intended to replace a visit to your doctor if anyone in your family is unwell.

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS & START OF TERM 4**

Please enjoy and make the most of your Term 3 break. We hope the weather is good and you are able to spend lots of time with family and friends doing the things you enjoy. **Please be aware that there is NO SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY AT THE BEGINNING OF TERM 4 and school resumes for staff and students on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

### **MAD CONCERT**

The Stage 3 MAD (Music, Art, Dance) concert was a sell-out success on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September. The audience was treated to some outstanding performances by the stage 3 classes, stage 3 dance troupe, choirs, the intermediate band and a grand finale that rocked the Denzil. We were lucky enough to have two special guests on the evening; Paul Goodchild (one of Australia's leading trumpet players) and Alan Holley (Sydney-based composer). Tim Nankervis and Jacqui Cronin, APCS parents also joined us for the finale performance on violin and cello. All students put in a huge effort to rehearse their items and the hard work paid off with some very refined and impressive performances. Huge thanks must go to Leanne Winfield who led many of the ensembles and coordinated the event, Martha Austin for leading the dance troupe and to all stage 3 teachers who supported their students in the lead up to the event.





### **SPELLING BEE SUCCESS**

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September four students from Alex Park attended the regional final for the Premier's Spelling Bee. Izabelle, Andrew, Noa and Sumaya competed at Wilkins Public School.



All students had a great day! They were calm and confident and represented Alex Park with pride. Each student did quite well in their respective round but unfortunately no one made it to the state finals.

Thank you to all parents who came to watch. Thanks to Ms Oluk and Mr Gleaves for their assistance in running the school competition and the regional final. Well done spellers!  
\*buzz buzz\*



### **DEBATING AND CHESS**

Our school debaters in the Premiers Debating Challenge have been undefeated in their region and will progress through to the next round of the Regional finals. Congratulations to Patrick, Rozana, Anna, Nicole, Stephanie and Anthea.

Students have also been enjoying playing chess at Chess Club during lunch times on Wednesday, in the Library.



### **ZONE ATHLETICS**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Mr Hansen and Miss Mancell took a group of students to Hensley Athletics Field to participate in the Zone Athletics Carnival. It was a fantastic day and we have four students progressing to the next level. Congratulations to Grace Williams, Maggie Vaka, Joey Vaka and Kelly Mahaisavariya, who have qualified for the Regional Athletics Carnival on the 18<sup>th</sup> September.



### **KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September our Kindergarten Team welcomed our 2019 Kindy parents at our Information Evening. We had many families attend and the feedback was that our presentation was very helpful and informative. Mrs Lade spoke about APCS and our community, Miss Wayland (ES1 Relieving Assistant Principal) and Coco Page (experienced ES1 teacher) shared their knowledge about our Kindergarten programs including L3, integrated teaching programs, bush school and PBL. Our P&C president Julie Miller presented her Top 5 hints as a Kindy parent and Jo Fletcher discussed the importance of our school readiness program and 'in class' school experiences which will be held next term.





### ***SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM***

Each Wednesday Jo Fletcher and Mrs Davey run our Kindy transition program in the Community Centre from 9-11am. This program supports our 2019 Kindy students to become familiar with our school routines and expectations in the classroom. There have been many students attending each week, which is very pleasing to see. We encourage all students to be part of this program in preparation for their first year at big school. The program will continue in Term 4.



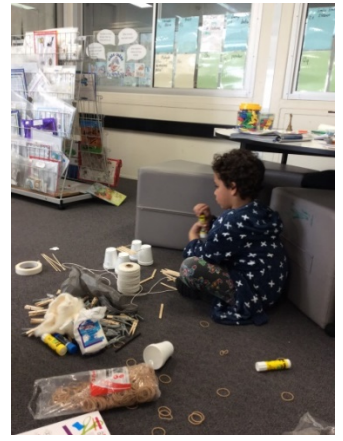
### ***YEAR 6 SCIENCE***

In their science unit this term, 6M have been looking at natural disasters and have replicated a cyclone inside a bottle.



### ***EARLY STAGE ONE NEWS***

Kindergarten have been learning about fairy tales this term. The unit integrated learning about; properties of materials, mass and storytelling. Here are our students creating a bridge that is strong and stable enough for the three billy goats gruff to cross with a range of materials.



## **STAGE ONE NEWS**

This term, Year One and Year Two classes have been doing lots of exciting learning, in particular studying one of the greatest minds of all time – Leonardo Da Vinci. Throughout creative arts and English this term we have looked at Leonardo as an artist, scientist, inventor, engineer, botanist, musician and all round genius. Students in 1M have loved looking at and creating their own Mona Lisa and Last Supper art works. We have created our own model flying machines, some of which actually flew! Here is our sketching class in action:



## **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### ***GOOD LUCK TO THE HSC STUDENTS***

As Term 3 comes to an end, we say goodbye to another year group as they are finished with classes and only have a few short weeks of studying and examinations until they are finished their secondary education.

This year group is known for their critical thinking skills, humour and positive rapport with each other and their teachers. They have reinvented how we celebrate carnivals including inflatable sumo costumes for this year's athletics carnival. They have embraced many

exciting extra-curricular activities such as Easter Show judging, leadership programs through community centres and tutoring of our junior school students in the afternoon.

As Year 12 are finishing up, they have had some time to reflect on their time at Alexandria Park Community School and here are some of the things the year 12 students had to say about how their teachers have helped them:

'They were accepting of difficulties I face, they gave me more reading material, they were positive about my future.'

'The teachers asked how I was, expressed the standard they expected of me, provided me with materials to achieve the best possible outcome.'

'They engaged the class through humour, instilled a sense of self-responsibility in my learning, and gave in-class time towards assessment practice throughout the year.'

'Telling me that they "believe in me", always giving encouragement, and being there if I ever needed to vent or needed a shoulder to cry on.'

'Laying out roadmap to improve marks, being able to move on and understanding differing perspectives.'

'Being a friend. Being caring. Having high expectations.'

We wish the Year 12, Class of 2018 all the best for their future. We have no doubt you will all achieve outstanding success 😊



### ***DEBATING AT THE DISPUTES CENTRE***

It was an absolutely fabulous night at the Australian Disputes Centre Schools for the grand final of the Invitational Debating Competition. This involved a 6-week program where students from invited schools are coached by lawyers and university students studying law to develop public speaking and debating skills, collaborative critical thinking skills and confidence.

Held at the ADC located on level 16 of Castlereagh St, Clare Lin and Nic Doring's team made it to the grand final and won this very prestigious event. Hoang Ho, Manisha Roy and Ushante Lancaster made up the other year 10 students from APCS. Most impressive was Clare who was awarded the 'most improved' by the organisers. A huge thank you must be extended to Ms Sanders for taking so much of her time for the past 6 weeks to accompany the kids during this evening program.



### **BEBRAS CHALLENGE**

During Week 8, Year 7 took part in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge, an online multiple choice competition run by the CSIRO for students across Australia. The challenge tests students' logical thinking and problem solving abilities. All three Year 7 classes had the option of taking on the challenge individually or in small groups of up to four students. Well done to all Year 7 students who took part in the challenge!



## WHAT'S ON?

Date	What's happening
Thursday September 27	Stage 2 Excursion – Botanic Gardens
Friday September 28	Last day of term 3
Monday October 15	First day of term 4
Monday October 22	HSC Exams Begin
Monday October 22	K-6 Author in Residence Week
Friday October 26	Year 9 & 10 AIME Excursion
Tuesday October 30	Halloween Concert (Beginner Band)
Wednesday October 31	High School Tour
Thursday November 1	K-6 Music Count Us In
Friday November 9	HSC Exams Finish

### Alexandria Park Community Centre

#### MOVING BEE



Looking for volunteers

Do you have an hour or two to spare on –

Wednesday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>

We will be relocating to the primary school and would appreciate some help in moving our STUFF!!!

Just come along on the day and lend a hand.

# School Holiday Program

	<u>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</u>	<u>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</u>	<u>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October</u>
<p>Participants need to be a current PCYC member \$10 annual fee</p> <p>Participants must bring own lunch.</p>	<p><b>Multi-Sports</b></p> <p>Touch Footy, AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Handball, Dodgeball etc.</p> <p><u>AGES</u> : 5-12 Boys And Girls <u>TIME</u> : 9AM-3PM</p> <p>\$35</p>	<p><b>Glebe Spirit Basketball</b></p> <p>Skills, Drills and Modified Games.</p> <p><u>AGES</u> : 5-12 Boys And Girls <u>TIME</u> : 9AM-3PM</p> <p>\$35</p>	<p><b>Glebe Spirit Basketball Development &amp; Competitive Games</b></p> <p>Skills, Drills and Basketball Games.</p> <p><u>AGES</u> : 9-16 Boys And Girls <u>TIME</u> : 9AM-3PM</p> <p>\$35</p>
	<u>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October</u>	<u>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October</u>	<u>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</u>
<p><b>Hip Hop Fusion</b></p> <p>Hip Hop Dance Class</p> <p><u>AGES</u> : 5-10 Boys And Girls</p> <p><u>TIME</u> : 10AM-1PM</p> <p>\$30</p>	<p><b>Soccer</b></p> <p>Skills, Drills and Modified Games. Bring your own team or join one.</p> <p><u>AGES</u> : 5-10 Boys And Girls <u>TIME</u> : 9AM-3PM</p> <p>\$35</p>	<p><b>Multi-Sports</b></p> <p>Touch Footy, AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Handball, Dodgeball etc.</p> <p><u>AGES</u> : 5-12 Boys And Girls <u>TIME</u> : 9AM-3PM</p> <p>\$35</p>	<p><b>Bunnings Warehouse Arts/Crafts and Cooking Class</b></p> <p><u>AGES</u> : 5-10 Boys And Girls</p> <p><u>TIME</u> : 9AM-3PM</p> <p>\$35</p>



**COMBO DEAL**

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3 days = \$95  
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