

# NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Term 4 December 2019

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Wishing our students, families and staff a wonderful holiday break. Thank you for your hard work, commitment and support in 2019.

An engaged and connected  
K – 12  
community.

**Thank you P & C 2019** Much thanks to our wonderful hardworking and fun 2019 P & C executive and team members. Our P & C achieved great things this year including hosting events and fundraisers such as Meet & Greet BBQ, Sunday Funday ARAG event, Autumn Raffle, Adopt A Farmer, Bookworm, 2nd hand uniform shop, Alex Park T-shirts, cake stalls and Wear It Purple Day. The P & C set an ambitious \$85,000 technology goal over

the next 3 years. To date \$50,000 has been made available to the school to fund class sets of iPads and chromebooks. Thank you P & C.

### Congratulations to our primary school captains for 2020:

Captains: Hanna J  
Casper H  
Vice Captains: Liz D  
Maisie C  
Tate H  
Louis D



Date	What's Happening
23 January 2020	School administration office open for payments, enrolment enquiries and uniform purchases 9:30-2:00
24 January 2020	School administration office open for payments, enrolment enquiries and uniform purchases 9:30-2:00
28 January 2020	School administration office open for payments, enrolment enquiries and uniform purchases 9:30-2:00
28 January 2020	School Development Day – no students at school
29 – 31 January 2020	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
29 January 2020	First Day of school Years 1-6
29 January 2020	First Day of school Years 7, 11 and 12
30 January 2020	First Day of school Years 8, 9 and 10
3 February 2020	First Day of school Kindergarten

## School holiday office opening hours for K - 12

The Principal and Deputy Principals, along with school office staff, will be available to assist with any start of school year enquiries including new enrolments.

The school administration office, located just inside gate 3 (near the Park Rd cul-de-sac) will be open on Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Tuesday 28th January from 9.30am-2.00pm. Office staff will be able to answer any administrative questions you have during this time. Our office staff will also be able to assist you with the purchase of uniforms and the payment of contributions and fees for Kindergarten to Year 12.

## Return to School Dates 2020

Monday 27/1/20	Tuesday 28/1/20	Wednesday 29/1/20	Thursday 30/1/20	Friday 31/1/20	Monday 3/2/20
Public Holiday	Staff Development Day	Best Start Assessment for kindergarten	Best Start Assessment for kindergarten	Best Start Assessment for kindergarten	First Day of School Year for kindergarten
		First Day of School Year 1-6, Year 7, Year 11, Year 12	First Day of School Year 8, 9 and 10		

## Presentation days 2019

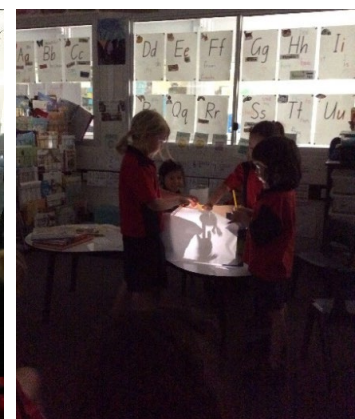
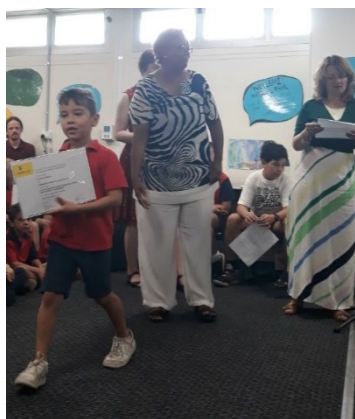
Achieving and  
aspiring  
students.

In 2019 we had 4 Presentation days, for Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten), Stages 1-3 (Years 1 – 6), Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8) and Stage 5 & 6 (Years 9, 10 and 11). Awards were presented for academic achievement, positive behaviour for learning, most improved, attitude and effort, citizenship, creative and performing arts, Aboriginal Education Council awards, NASCA awards and sport awards. Congratulations to all the award winners. Sincere thanks to all staff who work tirelessly and cohesively to bring together these important events, especially the team leaders, Coco Page and Sheree Bourke.

## Kindergarten Wrap Up and Presentation Day

2019 has been a fun and creative year in Kindergarten! We were so lucky to spend time with Stage 3 students throughout the year, including during buddies, peer support and science investigations. This term, Stage 3 visited our classrooms to perform their creative shadow puppet shows with us. KF enjoyed the experience so much that some students wrote and directed their very own shadow puppet performance!

We also recently celebrated Kindergarten presentation day. Many Kindergarten students received awards and they all sang beautifully together for family and community guests.



## Year 1-6 Presentation Day

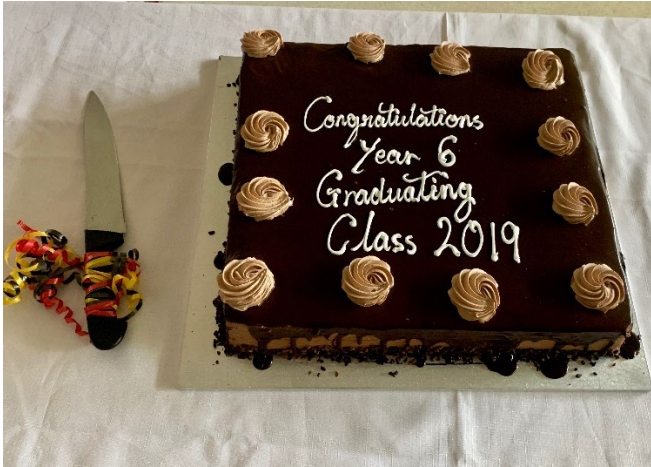


## YEAR 7 & 8 PRESENTATION DAY



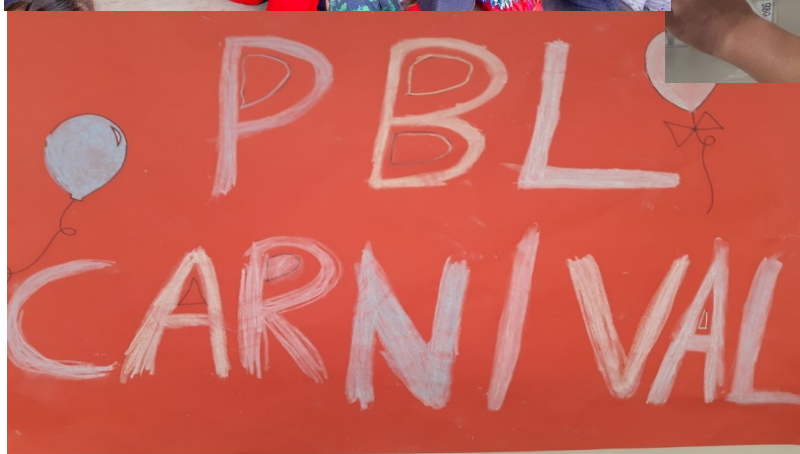
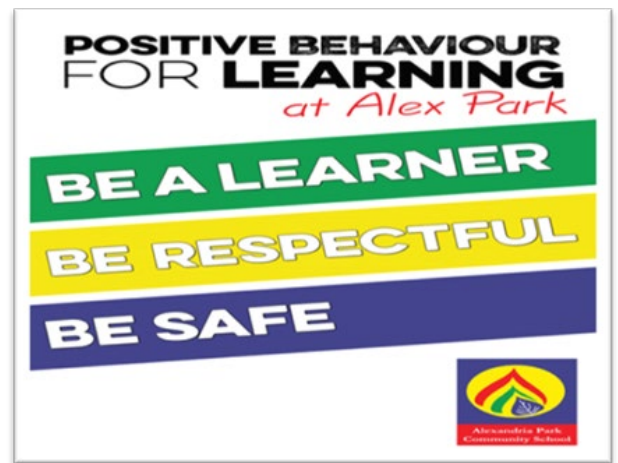
## YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Farewell to the year 6 class of 2019. An outstanding group of very talented students. Musicians. Authors, public speakers, sports champions, dancers, artists, and comedians. It has been a delight to know you and watch you grow and learn over the past years. APCS is proud of you.



## PBL carnivals (Positive behaviour for learning)

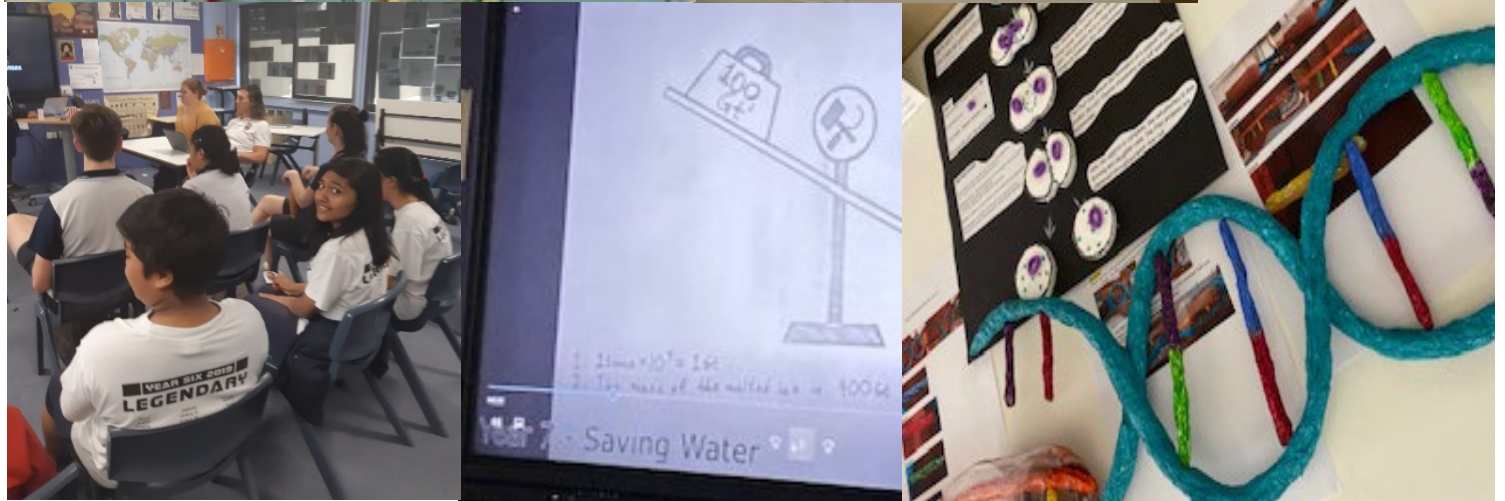
The primary and the high school participated in exciting activity filled fun PBL carnivals to celebrate the 2019 PBL program. It is fantastic to see our students staff and parents come together to enjoy the carnival atmosphere which contributes to our school being an engaged and connected community.





## CAPA (Creative and performing Arts) STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Showcase

Held on a balmy evening in late December many parents, families, staff and students enjoyed the performed and displays of student work.



## Year 9 Wellness Expo

The YEAR 9 MATHEMATICS & PDHPE collaborative task "The Power to Change" culminated in the year 9 students leading a wellness expo for years 5 to 8. Workshops were based around lifestyle choices of adolescents and how they impact on personal health. Think sleep, screen time, physical activity, and nutrition. The workshops contained interesting information and data along with hands on activities to promote wellness. So much positive energy even in 'Sleeping Lions' where everyone caught up on some much needed rest. A fantastic job by the year 9 students.



## STAGE 2 SHOWCASE

Stage 2 parents came to see the students' final work for 2019. Year 3 showed off their habitat projects and year 4 played their living thing documentaries. Their teachers were very proud of the students' achievements this year.



## FROM JESSICA WAYLAND

Happy holidays APCS! In 2020 I am going on an adventure to the Northern Territory. I am looking forward to having red dirt between my toes and teaching in Darwin. I will miss everyone at APCS, but am looking forward to coming back in 2021.

## FROM JADE FOGARTY

To the wonderful families of Alexandria Park Community School, it is time for me to say a sad goodbye. I am ready to leave behind the hustle bustle of Sydney for a much quieter life near the beach. During the holidays I will be moving to the south coast to commence work at Nowra East Public School in 2020. I have enjoyed my time at APCS and I have made lasting friendships with the excellent staff. Thank you to all the families who have welcomed me into this wonderful community. Mostly, I will miss the smiling faces of all the beautiful students of APCS. I'll be sure to visit once the students have settled into the brand new school building.



## Thanks for supporting the APCS PBL Carnivals

A huge thanks to the local businesses that supported our Primary PBL Carnival:

Sam and Chadi at **Just Sports**, Alexandria  
Mario at **Went to See the Gypsy**, Mitchell Road  
Quinton VeaVea at **National Centre for Indigenous Excellence**  
Their support is greatly appreciated.



## Biwali's Blue

Biwali Bayles receiving his 2019 NSW Combined High Schools (CHS) sporting Blue and also a Sydney East Sports Association Blue both for basketball.



## P&C Update – new executive announcement

Congratulations to the new P&C Executive for 2020:

President – Neil Morris

Vice President – Megan Cassidy

Vice President – Craig Nicolson

Treasurer – Chris Tackenberg

Secretary – Rowena Nelson