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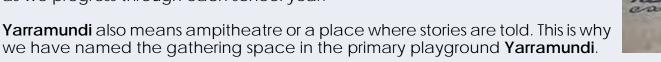


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Yarramundi

Alexandria Park Community School is on Cadigal Land. We would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the Cadigal people of the Eora nation, the traditional owners of the land on which we teach and learn. We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region. We would also like to pay respect to elders past, present, and emerging.

In Gomberee, the language of the Cadigal people, the word Yarramundi (yarra'-mu-ndi) means flowing mouth which is an analogy for story telling or a story teller. We name our newsletter **Yarramundi** as it tells the stories of Alex Park as we progress through each school year.





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Principal's Report CLS Kepert



Welcome to Term 4.

I hope that all our families had a wonderful holiday.

It has been a busy start to the Term with the commencement of the HSC, many excursions across years K to 11 and extra-curricula activities beginning for the Term.

Welcome to Roger

We are very excited to introduce Roger, our new School Crossing Supervisor.

Roger will be on Park Rd from 8:10 - 9:10 am and 2:30 - 3:30 pm ensuring that everyone is arriving and leaving safely.

Students and staff should continue to say home when sick

Isolation requirements ended on 14th October 2022.

Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free.



We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health.

Information can be found at:

https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask.

RATs are available from the Bunin for all families.



it's in the bag

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Share the Dignity is a charity trying to end period poverty.

From 18th November to 27th November they are having dignity drives where you donate bags with products in them, which are then given to someone in need.

Our Year 11 students would like to participate in the drive and make up as many bags as they can to donate to this wonderful cause.

The students will set up a box for donations.







Suggested items for donation are:

- period products
- shampoo and conditioner
- toothbrush
- tooth paste
- deodorant (roll on preferred)
- soap or body wash
- any kind of bag (can be used but must be in good condition)

More information can be found at:

https://www.sharethedignity.org. au/about/faqs



Louise Hawkins Principal

School Calendar

Date	What's Happening
1 st November	High School Tour
2 nd November	Kindergarten 2023 Orientation
7 th November	APCS P&C Meeting
8 th November	Primary School Tours
9 th November	Kindergarten 2023 Orientation
15 th November	Year 7 Swim School
16 th - 17 th November	Stage 2 Fizzics Incursion
16 th November	Year 7 2023 Lonely Hearts Club
22 nd November	Primary School Tours
22 nd November	Year 7 Swim School
29 th November	Year 7 Swim School
5 th December	P&C Meeting and AGM
6 th December	Year 7 Swim School
6 th December	Year 7 2023 Orientation
16 th December	Last day of school for the year!

ALEXANDRIA PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE



We have activities for families with children from birth to 5 years of age.

Community Centre News



The Community Centre would like to introduce **Tom Hill**.

Tom currently works with Counterpoint Multicultural Services at Alexandria Town Hall and has been working in partnership with our Thursday Community Playgroup for the past 2 years.

Tom is also the Coordinator of the very successful family event held 3 times a year in Redfern Park called Playgroups in the Park.

During Term 1 2023 Tom will be filling in for Jo Fletcher as she takes long service leave.

Tom will take leave from his current position to take on the Term 1 position of SaCC (Schools as Community Centre) Facilitator and will be running the weekly programs at the Community Centre.

Tom already knows many of the families participating in our Community Centre activities and he is looking forward to meeting many more.

The Community Centre will continue as usual with all of its activities as well as taking donations of clothing, toys and books.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call Tom on **0419 119 390** or just pop in and see him.

Toddler

Playgroup

The Community Centre has started a **Toddler Playgroup** this Term.

The Playgroup is for local families with children who are crawling or walking up to 30mths of age.

It is a partnership between the SaCC and 54 Reasons

(formerly Save the Children) Play2Learn program which is situated in the Community Centre.

Nicky from 54 Reasons and Jo will be running the group. The Playgroup runs on Mondays from 10am to 11.30am throughout the Term.

Families can register their interest by calling Jo on 0419 119 390.

The **School Readiness Playgroup**, run by Lachlan and Jo, has been a popular Wednesday group for many of our Kindergarten 2023 children.

We have had assistance from Shaelene, Jess and Min to provide a range of fun preschool activities for the children each week.





APCS News

Road Safety and Traffic

Dear Parents and Carers.

A reminder that when dropping off and collecting students from school that we respect our neighbourhood businesses, homes and road rules.



- Please refrain from parking/stopping in driveways and apartment block car parks. These are for residents and their visitors only.
- Local businesses have nominated parking spots for their employees and customers, please respect this by not parking in their allocated spaces and parking bays.
- Areas of NO STOPPING/NO STANDING are marked clearly by signs. You risk a significant fine and loss of demerit points for parking in these spaces.
- Pedestrians should use the crossing on Park Road and avoid crossing the road at other unsafe locations.

We ask that we all work together to be road and pedestrian safe and respect our local community when accessing the school.







Tell Them From Me

Survey for Parents 2022

This Term, our school will be 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.

Running this survey 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 over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. More information about the survey is available at:



It would be greatly appreciated if all families could complete the survey by Friday. To access the survey for our school go to:

http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/alexpark

The survey is available in 23 languages.





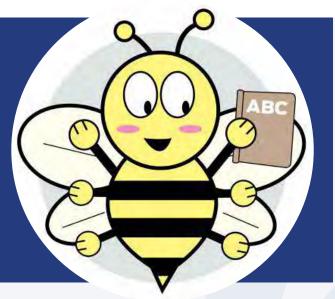


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NSW Premier's Spelling Bee

The Premier's Spelling Bee is a fun and educational way for primary school students to engage with and improve their spelling.



Years 3 to 6

Throughout Term 3, students across Years 3-6 participated in the 2022 **Premier's Spelling Bee!**

Students were required to learn hundreds of words of increasing difficulty, in order to participate.

Each class held an individual spelling bee to determine their class representative, before Stage 2 and Stage 3 held stage-based finals.

All participating students practiced very hard, and the results were close!

Our Stage representatives included:

Stage 2:

First Place: Elizabeth Lee (3/4H) Runner-Up: Sofia Boutkabout (3/4A)

Stage 3:

First Place: Mikey Loh (6W) Runner-Up: Rafael Zaslavsky (5F)

On Tuesday 6th September, our two first place representatives participated in the Regional Finals, while our runners-up got to come and support, ready to jump in if needed!

Elizabeth and Michael represented Alexandria Park CS extremely well and made us very proud!

Special thank goes to these students, their families and teachers who all helped in preparing for Regionals!



(Pictured: Elizabeth Lee, Sofia Boutkabout, Michael Loh. Not Pictured: Rafael Zaslavsky)





Primary DP News

We have certainly hit the ground running for a busy and action-packed Term 4.

We are very excited to be able to participate in the intensive swimming program in Years K-2. Years 1 & 2 will be swimming in Weeks 4 & 5 and Kindy in Weeks 5 & 6.

Our students always enjoy this opportunity and over the course of the two weeks their swimming skills develop.

A special thank you to Ms O'Sullivan and Mrs Vangarden-toh for their wonderful organisation.

This week, our 2023 Kindy will be attending their first Orientation morning. It is always a special time for our families and we would like to send a special welcome all new families joining APCS next year.



Thank you to Ms Page for her excellent leadership of our Kindergarten team and her commitment to supporting our transition events. The Orientation mornings will be held in Weeks 3, 4 & 5.

Are you leaving in 2023? We are currently in the process of planning classes for next year. Families should have received a text message with a link to a google form to indicate whether you will be continuing at Alex Park next year.

Please click on this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/ 1vcymiMPBj70D4o264vC4_B7mE9Ih-gp1BjRINhJRZOM/prefill

If your circumstances change later in the Term, please let us know as soon as you can.



This year our Stage 1 team were chosen to be an early adopter school for the new English Syllabus next year.

Throughout the year we have been trialing new units of work and providing feedback to the DEC based on our teaching.

We have found this project to be very rewarding for our staff and everyone involved now has a well-developed understanding of the new syllabus. Next years K-2 will all be working form these documents in English and Mathematics.

There will be many events held this Term and I encourage you to keep looking at our website at 'upcoming events' for updated information.

We run Primary School Tours every fortnight for any new families wishing to enrol. I hope your next few weeks are enjoyable and I look forward to seeing you around the school in the coming weeks.

Debra Lade Deputy Principal K-2

APCS YARRAMUNDI

Primary DP News

Welcome back to all our students and families.

We hope you had a restful break and weren't impacted too much by the wet weather.

We also welcome new families to Alexandria Park as we continue to grow as a community school.

Term 4 always tends to be a busy Term in relation to:

- learning and assessments,
- reports,
- extra curricular activities,
- sport and transition activities,
- whole school events and
- the end of year event schedule, including presentation day.

We also begin to welcome our new Kindergarten students for 2023 with their Orientation days.

If you know of any child in our intake area that will be starting Kindergarten (or any other Grade) in 2023 please let them know packages and enrolment forms can be collected from the front office or completed online via the APCS website.

At the other end, our Year 6 cohort are preparing for their final Term as Primary students.

Later in the Term, our Year 6 students will participate in transition days for High School.

The date for Year 6 students moving to APCS Year 7 will be Tuesday 6th December.



Staffing Update: Mr David Moir, who has been a classroom and support teacher at Alexandria Park for the past four years has recently been accepted into training for a career change as a Paramedic (a very challenging and rewarding career).

While he hoped to start this in 2023, a placement has been made available recently, with Mr Moir's last day at APCS being Friday 28th October.

We wish him well on his next endeavour serving those most in need in the community.

Mr Simon Steggles, an experienced teacher recently returning to the NSW Department will be taking his Science and Technology teaching role for the remainder of the Term.

We welcome him to APCS.

Paul Keevers Deputy Principal 3-6

Primary News

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten students had a fantastic time at their first ever school excursion to the Centennial Parklands.

The day was jam packed with many wonderful hands-on, play-based and rich learning experiences for our students to enjoy.

The students were given the opportunity to be Sensory Explorers.

They were taken on a guided tour led by the friendly Parklands' Education Rangers around the Botany Wetlands, Lachlan Swamp and bush landscape.

They explored bugs, native animals and plant life.







To finish off the day the Kindergarten students were taken to the lan Potter Children's Wild Play Garden, where they climbed and explored the big tree house and slippery slide, crawled through the giant tunnel and splashed around in the water play.





Stage 1 News

Stage One Visits the Chickens

At APCS we have a big rooftop garden (Maani) where we can run and play. Our beautiful chickens live in the Maani.







When we returned from the school holidays we found some new baby chickens. They are very cute.





We are looking forward to seeing them grow up and join the rest of our chickens.







Stage 2 News

STEAM

Our STEAM program continues to be a success in Stage 2.







Working in smaller year-based groupings, students have taken part in STEAM rotations taught by all six teachers.







Lessons this Term are based on physics, and range from bridge-building to making kaleidoscopes.













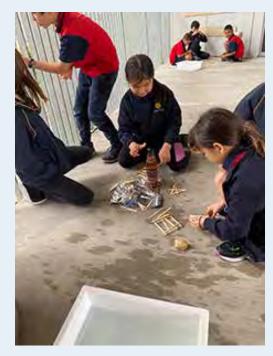


Feedback from students has been really positive, and it's wonderful to see students so engaged with science and technology.











Stage 3 News

Last Term, students in all Stage 3 classes read a variety of fantasy texts as part of Literature Circles.





For Literature Circles, students formed small groups based on their choice of text.

Within their groups, they read and responded to their books individually, then discussed their ideas and work in a student-led "book club" style meeting each week.

Students chose from a variety of classic and contemporary books including The Iron Man, Rowan of Rin, Deltora Quest, A Wizard of Earthsea, and The Hobbit.

Each week they read text selections and completed activities that develop 'Super Six' comprehension strategies.

Some student reflections on Literature Circles:

- "Great book, great group! I enjoyed hearing the perspectives of different people!" Chloe
- "Literature circles helped my think about the book from everyone's perspective and it was really interesting." JJ
- "Literature circles was a great way to talk with people you don't usually work with or talk to. It also made me think harder than the usual comprehension question would." Mikey









Primary Music News

Music News

Stage 3 Choir

On 7th September Stage 3 Choir along with Ms Campisi, Ms Fetherston and Aunty Deb attended the Battle for Australia Commemoration.



They were invited to sing the National Anthem in Dharawal language on this special occasion, which was also the first time the Aboriginal flag was flown at the Martin Place Cenotaph.



As usual the students were outstanding representatives of the school and sang like absolute angels. They have now been invited to sing at the Anzac Day service in 2023.

Artist in Residence

On 12th September Aboriginal students from the Artist in Residence Program attended the NAIDOC celebrations at Gymea High School.



They had been invited as special guests to perform at their assembly after word getting around of their stellar performance at APCS NAIDOC celebration.



The students proudly represented their culture, families and school and were treated like the superstars they are. Our own MJ impersonator Tristan Doolan also joined the performance and wowed the crowd with his smooth moves.

The Principal of Gymea High even suggested that the students perform as an annual feature as they were so good.



Years K - 6 Music Classes

This Term in Music classes students are making a lot of noise!!





Early Stage 1 are learning to play simple songs on the keyboards, Stage 1 is learning the Ukulele and Stages 2 & 3 are developing their guitar skills.



Ms Campisi is always so impressed at how innately musical the students are at Alex Park and how quickly they are able to learn new musical skills.

We're having a lot of fun already and can't wait to be able to accompany ourselves singing with our newly acquired instrument skills.



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

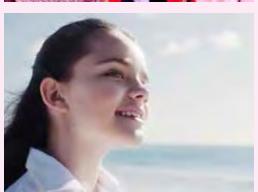














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Primary Library News - K-6 Yakka Taka

October 2022

Recently, Years K-6 celebrated 2022 Book Week!





We had a book fair, a Book Parade, a choir/dance item, plenty of lessons and activities and even a guessing competition!

Miss Ruschen would like to thank everyone's involvement in the week, with particular thanks going to our fabulous community in their support of our very first Scholastic Book Fair.







Through your generosity, we managed to sell over \$6,000 worth of books and products!

A large portion of this will go towards continuing the improvement and growth of our current K-6 book collection.







We are very grateful!

Please enjoy some photos from our Book Parade, as well as some pictures of class artworks linking to the CBCA Shortlist 2022.





Happy reading!



Primary Sport News

ISKA Australian Open





Jarvis HeggatonKlenner competed in the ISKA Australian Open in October and placed third in three events.

Xtreme Weapons

Xtreme Forms

Traditional Forms

He has now qualified for the ISKA Australian Nationals in December.

High School DP News



Welcome back to all students and staff for Term 4.

The HSC began on Wednesday 12th October and we are so proud of the Class of 2022.

We are so pleased to see the Class of 2022 succeeding with many students having been made early offers to university and a number starting full time work.

The entire school community wishes them the best of luck in the examinations and beyond.

Our presiding officer Sue Weeks is back with us again this year. This is the 31st year Sue has been supporting APCS students with the HSC.

Year 11 students have now been issued with the official NESA assessment and examination procedures having started their HSC courses.

The students of the Class of 2023 have also been issued with assessment schedules for their courses, which parents and carers will soon be able to access via the website.

Students who had requested a teacher as an academic mentor have now been allocated one and we encourage students to meet with mentor teachers at least once a fortnight.

Please contact Year Adviser Cameron Craig if you would like advice on how to best support your child in the final year of schooling.

Congratulations to Gabrielle Barnett from the Maths Faculty for accepting the position of Girls Advisor.

The Girl's Adviser role is to counsel and advise girls on a range of matters.

The Girls Advisor is part of the Wellbeing Team and will work closely with Year Advisers to support our female students.

In our PBL lessons this month we have talked about our values of being a learner, being respectful and being safe. The focus of the last lesson was around being respectful of shared spaces, in particular the bathrooms.

We discussed students' collective responsibility to leave the toilets better than they found them and to report any incidents of vandalism or mess.

A reminder to students and families that Term 4 is an assessment Term. Please ensure that you are well prepared for upcoming tasks.

Also, another remember that we have the 'Alex Park Pantry' available for students and families. Students are able to access fruit, food and supplies at the Pantry.

The Pantry can be found in The Jenla. Please email the school if you would like to make a donation.

Thecla Siamas Deputy Principal High School

High School News

Year 7 News

In Term 2 this year, 7A, 7L, 7E and 7P each made an artwork mural! With the help of Auntie Jeanie and Uncle Desi, 7A, 7L, 7E and 7P made their way out to Alexandria Park to collect materials to create this mural.





There were plenty of materials that were collected on this land, such as different sized sticks, flowers, and beautiful leaves that had a range of colours like purple, pink and yellow. In total, over 100 items were collected in preparation for this artwork.





After all the different materials were collected, all students from 7E and 7P had come to the final decision to create the artwork based on a Goanna, the significant totem of the Cadigal





A totem is an animal that is a part of the land that first nations people feel connected to within their culture, community and family. Having a totem also comes with a responsibility to protect and conserve that totem.

All students from 7A and 7L had collectively decided to create their class artwork based on the environmental surroundings of Alex Park and the harmony shared within the school.





The materials and inspiration were drawn from trees grown in Alexandria Park, such as the Port Jackson Fig Tree, River Red Gum Tree, Moreton Bay Fig and American Cottonwood.

According to the City of Sydney's tree archives, some of the trees in Alexandria Park were planted in 1890, making them 132 years old.

All students from both classes gathered into different groups during their English Geography lessons to work on their class artworks.

Students were assigned into groups that worked through sorting, designing, arranging, researching the totem and environment of Alexandria Park, and writing of the Newsletter article.

The different groups split off to contribute to the creation of the Goanna artwork and Alexandria Park design artwork.

These terrific artworks will be displayed within the High School building.

All students thoroughly enjoyed learning about the environmental and cultural history of Alexandria with the great help of Aunty Jeannie and Uncle Desi!

Year 12 Jackets

Year 12 2023 families,

The APCS Class of 2023 jackets arrived last week and they look amazing!



Many yr 12 students who were unsure of ordering the jacket would now like to order one, so we have organised a 2nd run with the company:

https://www.reformclothing.com/au/order/181196081



Please get your order in as soon as possible!

RAISE Mentoring Excursion

A group of Year 8 students have been participating in the RAISE Mentoring Program.

As part of this, they have been paired with a mentor who talks to and supports them in their weekly sessions.

The mentors are a diverse bunch – from uni students to retirees.

Our Year 8 mentees have really enjoyed getting to know their mentors, and having an impartial adult to listen to them, and talk through any challenges they are facing.

At the end of last Term, RAISE organised an excursion with Zurich, a company they partner with.

The RAISE mentors and mentees got to visit the (very fancy) Zurich office in North Sydney.

They were greeted with stunning views of the harbour, and a table piled with delicious food – clearly Zurich know that the way to teenagers' hearts are through their stomachs.

They got to listen to Zurich employees discuss their career paths, and learned a bit about insurance, too.

There was also some time for fun and games – the pool and foosball tables were a hit.

They ended the day with some cupcakes on the 27th floor balcony, and Emma gave a lovely thank you speech to the Zurich team.



Hospitality PopUp Cafe

Staff in Level 3 of the Warretah building today were lucky enough to enjoy some delicious food for morning tea and for lunch created by the skilled students in the Year 11 Hospitality class.



It was an extra special treat for teachers on World Teachers Day!



The students catered for different dietary needs including Halal and vegetarian meals, and prepared and served all the elements using correct hygiene controls.

Staff member Ms Nicole used her hospitality experience to certify the students as part of their Food and Beverage Certificate, while the experienced Ms Mishra ensured that all ingredients were ordered and students had the necessary skills and equipment.



Ms Anna offered assistance too, even with a very injured lea!



The cafe is a great opportunity for students to practice industry level skills and gain important aualifications while at APCS.

High School English News

ENGLISH/DRAMA/LOTE NEWS

English News

7X Stream

7X have completed their epic unit on Power. This was their favourite unit yet, and it had some stiff competition with students loving the chance to write stories for Place.

However, their unending quest for power allowed them to study critical theory (they could talk about Marxism all day), and board games.

Students had the opportunity to create their own fully playable board games that explored power dynamics and critical theory.



This class has definitely got some future game designers in their midst with professional end products being handed in. It is now time for Mrs Riedstra to stop hoarding these preciousss games like Gollum and embrace the new year 7 unit, Change. Students are exploring persuasive speech techniques so that they can make their own inspiring speeches calling for change. Viva la revolution.





Year 8

Year 8 have begun a novel study of Apple and Rain. It's a bit of a tearjerker but the teachers are determined not to cry this year. Mr Sharp has been steadily cutting onions in training.



Students will be working hard to improve their inferential reading skills and will also get opportunities to create their own poetry. We can't wait to see if we have the next William Wordsworth in our midst.

Year 9

Get your popcorn ready Year 9, because it's goodbye to Mrs Peregrine and those peculiar children and hello to film studies. Students will analyse how film techniques engage the viewer as well as manipulate the audience's perspective. An understanding of codes and conventions of film are utilised as a source of power in meaning making. In other words, you're delving deep, deep into cinema.

Year 10

This Term Year 10 will need to dig deep and focus on acquiring the skills that will set them up for Preliminary English. This is a fantastic opportunity to test their skills and extend themselves to see if they have what it takes to succeed in the English course they have elected for next year.

For students preparing themselves for English Advanced, a good measure is if you enjoy literature from the Western Canon, if you love writing extended responses, if you appreciate exploring how meaning is created and giving evidence to support it, you finish reading every single text set in class (including novels) and if you complete every single class task and submit every assessment task on time. If you answer yes to all of these, then English Advanced is for you. If not, and you have elected Advanced for next year then this Term is your chance to buckle down and make sure that everything is a yes by then end of the Term. If not, perhaps another level of English might suit you better.

Highest ATAR achieved by a person studying English Advanced in 2021, 99.95 – 99.95 is the highest rank you can achieve.

If you love all of the above and want even more depth, even more challenge, and you always submit everything in English, even optional tasks, and complete them to a high standard, then might we suggest you also elect English Extension 1. Highest ATAR achieved by a person studying English Extension 1 in 2021, 99.5 – 99.5 is the highest rank you can achieve.

If you are preparing yourself for English Standard, a good measure is that, like in Advanced, you love writing extended responses, you appreciate exploring meaning and giving evidence to support your assertions, you finish reading every text set in class (including novels), you complete your class work and assessment tasks on time BUT you prefer more contemporary texts. If this is you and you have elected English Standard, perfect. If you have elected English Standard and this sounds nothing like you, then you have this term to put your nose to the grindstone and make it you. If not, then perhaps you might be better suited to another level of English. Highest ATAR achieved by a person studying English Standard in 2021, 99.65.

If you are preparing yourself for English Studies a good measure is that you prefer shorter texts, you enjoy a variety of texts, and focusing on themes to explore texts is more interesting for you. English Studies has a variety of modules to choose from ranging from Playing the Game, which focuses on texts for and about sport, to The Big Screen which is all about exploring texts to do with film. If you have elected this subject and this sounds like something you would enjoy, then fabulous, you're exactly where you need to be. **Highest ATAR achieved by a person studying English Studies in 2021, 84.20.**

If you are preparing yourself for English EAL/D then this means you are a student who has been educated overseas or in an Australian educational institution with English as the language of instruction for five years or less prior to commencing the Year 11 course. This includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from remote Indigenous communities where Standard Australian English is not the language of instruction. If you are eligible for this course then it is usually the best course for you. Highest ATAR achieved by a person studying English EAL/D in 2021, 99.90.

Year 11

Year 11 is no longer Year 11, they're big kids now and are officially in their HSC course. All classes are now studying the Common Module, Texts and Human Experiences. English Standard are studying an Australian novel, Past the Shallows, and English Advanced are studying the iconic Nineteen Eighty-Four. Big Brother is watching you and so is Mrs Ryan, to make sure you get a fantastic start to your HSC course and stay on top of your tasks.

English Extension 1 students are exploring Literary Worlds and Extension 2 students are preparing for their Major Project Proposals by way of viva voce. It would be beneficial for our HSC of 2023 cohort to read the Year 10 information above on English subjects to ensure they are in the course that best suits them.

Year 12

Fare thee well.

Drama News

This Term Year 10 Drama are exploring Contemporary Theatre, but of course in order to do so they'll need to study the history of theatrical styles first. Even Aristophanes was contemporary once. Last Term the class delved into the glitz and glamour of Musical Theatre. They particularly enjoyed tracking the progression of Mary Poppins from novel, to movie, to finally the theatrical production. Step in time everyone! Students were also taught how to write musical theatre reviews.



Take a look at Alex Argyrous's first review of Hamilton. We have a rising, reviewing star in the making.

Hamilton Theatre Review by Alex Argyrous

An American story turned into a musical for the ages.



Hamilton was first performed in 2015 on Broadway and has since become a worldwide sensation. It was directed by Thomas Kail and the playwright, composer and lyricist are all Lin-Manuel Miranda who also played the leading role of Alexander Hamilton. Talk about well-rounded. This review is on the performance that is available for viewing on Disney+ that features the original casting. Since its premiere, Hamilton has been nominated for many awards and has won 11 Tonys. Safe to say, Hamilton lives up to its reputation.



The musical is a sung and rapped play that tells the story of America's founding father, Alexander Hamilton, who was an immigrant that rose his way to power during the American Revolutionary War. The play takes us through this rise to power and portrays different aspects of his life. From political to familial, Hamilton cannot seem to catch a break. However, the play does not paint Hamilton to be the grand hero that one would expect the main character to be. It explores the outcomes and consequences of his actions and humanizes him on a level that is not often seen.

I would argue that this musical has one of the best castings in all of musical theatre. With Miranda as Alexander Hamilton, we also get to see Phillipa Soo as Eliza Hamilton, Renee Elise Goldsberry as Angelica Schuyler, Jasmine Cephas Jones as Peggy Schuyler and Maria Reynolds, Jonathan Groff as King George, Chris Jackson as George Washington, Leslie Odom Jr. as Aaron Burr and feature other amazing actors as well as an ensemble cast. Personally, the standouts were Alexander Hamilton, Eliza Hamilton and King George. Lin-Manuel Miranda is absolutely outstanding and his ability to hold the audience is truly breathtaking.



One of the greatest moments in the whole musical was Eliza's scream towards the end after she suffers a tragic loss. That scream single-handedly expressed every emotion she was feeling. All the rage, anger, frustration, despair and hopelessness came out in that one moment and made the world go quiet. King George is simply hilarious. It is hard to portray that kind of humour without it coming off as cringy or trying too hard but this part was played perfectly. Some of my favourite moments were when he would come out on stage and you just knew that he was going to make you laugh. Overall, the casting and acting were done next to perfectly. I especially like how not one person carried the play, it felt like real teamwork as they all came together to put on an amazing production.

The play also delivers fantastic production value. The partially elevated and decorated set design accompanied by a rotating stage is genius and makes for some beautiful moments. The costuming is incredibly well done and really makes you feel as if you are in the late 1700s. The choreography of the ensemble is clever and captivating and the lighting is used well to set the atmosphere for each scene. It is very beautiful to watch and I really felt enticed during the entire performance.

In summary, Hamilton is an incredible performance that will leave you ready to Join the Revolution. The quality of the acting and production value delivered is outstanding and this musical is far more than "worth the watch". The magic of the set and movement will have your eyes glued to the stage and the music will have you singing Hamilton songs for weeks. Hamilton is on track to become a classic and there is no wonder why it has taken the world by storm. Whether you see it live or on Disney+, make sure to watch the show as soon as possible; it will not disappoint.

LOTE News

Years 8-9 LOTE students have been learning about school timetables, subject names & opposite words in Chinese. They have learnt the Chinese word for "dreaming".

Students had discussions regarding their dream subjects in class. They have created the displayed worksheets where they could practice writing Chinese characters for the word "dream" & "subject names".



YR 8-9 LOTE students have also viewed a Chinese cartoon film titled "Monkey magic" in which the cultural values & belief of balance & harmony were promoted.



Students were learning opposite words in pairs such as ying/yang, left/right, in/out, up/down, more/less, etc.

Yr9 LOTE students learnt to translate some inspirational words such as compassion, harmony, patience & longevity, etc. They displayed these words on a peach stencil because peaches symbolise longevity in Chinese culture.

Writers Group News

This week we have a fabulous piece of flash fiction by Yu Tong Li.

The voice that whispered in his ear was an annoyance. Day by day, it continued to murmur.

"They don't deserve your care."

"They don't deserve your mercy."

"You're investing in them, so when they grow, you'll get high returns. But you don't wanna spend much, do you?"

That wasn't true. He loved his children. He was a father, and it was a father's duty to accept what their children wanted to do. A father loved their child unconditionally.

"But you hate them, don't you?"

No. No, of course not! Even if he argued with his oldest child yesterday, that still doesn't mean he wouldn't love them as much as he does right now.

"But you don't love them at all."

The voice was especially annoying as he was driving. So he tuned out its little whispers and its mumbles. If he wasn't careful, he could hit someone. That wouldn't be good for him, his business and his family.

"BUT YOU NEVER SHOWED CARE FOR ME, YOU NEVER LET ME DO WHAT I WANTED TO DO THE MOST. YOU NEVER TAUGHT MY SISTER THE SAME WAY YOU TAUGHT ME!"

"WHY DO YOU HATE ME!?"

Shut up! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!

He was a father! Children are to be loved! He loves his children just as much as he loves his wife, he loves them as much as he loves his business because it provided for them, it showed how much he cherished them.

He swerved.

"But you cherish your business the most, don't you?"

"They say that you run a business and care for your child. But you care for your business..."

"...and ran over your child."

He crashed.

High School Maths News

The HSC cohort of 2022 have finished their exams and are now waiting to embark on their future endeavours.

We wish them all the best for the future.

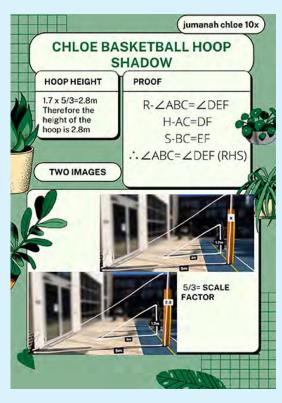
Year 11 students have commenced the first Term of their HSC year mathematics courses.

Throughout this year it is important for them to maintain a sustainable study routine in which they not only practice the new Year 12 content but also continue to revise Year 11 content as this can be tested in the HSC exam.

Years 7 -10 are preparing for the semester 2 exams which will be held during Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 4.

Due also around this time is the portfolio of work samples from the topics studied during the semester.

The portfolio allows students the opportunity to demonstrate and be rewarded for the work they have completed during the semester.



The grades for these tasks are combined to give the semester grade. Best wishes for all.



High School Science News

Science is Enquiring

Years 8 & 10 classes have been busy investigating over the last few weeks.

Students have been scientifically researching the answers to the questions they never thought to ask!

Some of the questions include:

- the factors affecting the melting of ice-cream,
- comparing the taste of chocolate with its cost,
- the influence of colour on our reading,
- whether pets are right or left pawed,
- how the inflation of a basketball affects the accuracy of your shot,
- how salt changes the way that water boils.

One student combined his love of agriculture with science to determine which food a chicken prefers.

The test subject was Gwendolyn, the school hen.

Gwendolyn has been keeping us company in our staffroom over the last few weeks while recovering from a leg injury.

The photos show her making choices between different foods offered.

In case you're wondering, she liked spinach the best!

Baby Chickens!

We have nine gorgeous new baby chicks in our chicken coop.

It is very important that our chicks and our adult hens do not mix until the babies are fully grown.







We have set up a fence to keep them separate - please let staff know straight away if you notice any issues with the fence or the chickens.



Please do not put any fresh food into the chick enclosure as we do not want the bigger chickens breaking in for a treat.

Please also remember that chickens cannot eat avocado (these are toxic) or tea bags (these are inedible and attract flies) and these should not be put in the coop at any time.

They are very cute, please feel free to go and say hello:)

High School TAS News

Esports

The APCS Esports team are Australian Valorant Champions 2022!

Huge congratulations to Zola Sodbileg, Jonathan Koei, Edward To, Thomas Page and Billy Ikhbayar.

Please congratulate them. Watch the whole thing here:

https://www.twitch.tv/videos/1593060309?t=00h20m33s





High School Creative Arts News

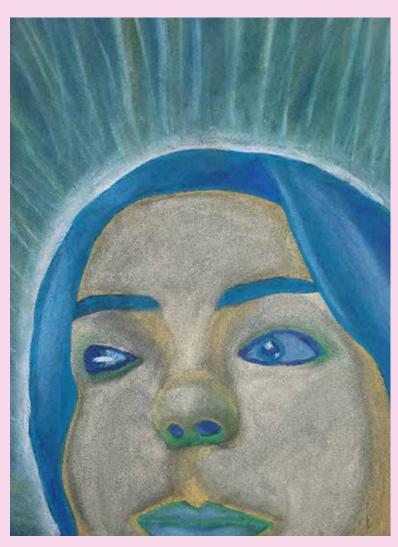
Visual Arts News

Year 10 have been learning about portraiture and the power of artists to represent more about a person that just what we see on the surface.

Using light boxes, graphite, ink and soft pastels, they have been creating portraits of people they respect – and they've done a wonderful job!

Works by:

- Jumanah H,
- Chloe T,
- Aalia B.
- Merry Y,
- Eseroma D,
- Alex A,
- Theo W.















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Year 7, meanwhile, have been working on landscape painting, and have created some outstanding studies of landscape artworks to build up their skills.

Their next step will be to use those skills to create their own landscape paintings representing places that they value.

Many of our students have been very brave and pushed themselves well outside their comfort zones to learn new skills, well done Year 7!



Works by:

- James P,
- Amiti F,
- Breanda A D,
- Chelsea W,
- Helena F.











Music News

Music Prac Student

This Term we have Ms Pullinger joining us in the High School music department for 5 weeks. Ms Pullinger has a background in Music and Law - and is currently studying a Masters of Teaching part time through Deakin University.

Ms Pullinger has taught piano for over 10 years, and this is her first High School music placement. Be sure to say hello if you see her in the coming weeks!





Guitar Lessons

Our guitar tutor, Tom Wood, will be continuing to teach private High School guitar lessons this Term. Tom teaches acoustic and electric guitar and bass.

Please contact Ms Winfield for more details or complete the Google Form:

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High School HSIE News

Yr 12

Congratulations to all our Year 12 graduates who are currently undertaking their HSC exams. We are all looking forward to hearing about where the future takes our most recent graduates.

Year 11

As Year 12 start their exams, this means that Year 11 are starting their HSC courses. All students have received booklets with all the information they will need to successfully undertake their HSIE courses.

Channel 7 Morning Tea

A big Thank You to Channel 7 who invited our Year 10 Commerce representatives from the Enterprise in the Community program up to their new offices in the Eveleigh precinct.



The students had a morning tea, followed by a tour of the offices and some of the studios such as Home and Away and the news services. It was great to see Channel 7 as proud of our students' efforts as we were.



High School Sport News

Under 15's Girls Basketball

On 26th and 27th October, with the kind assistance of Margaret Haumono and Redfern Youth Connect (RYC) we travelled to the Final 8 Series for the Under 15's Girls Basketball at Castle Hill.

The girls were undefeated leading up to the day and hopes were high that we could continue our winning ways. Unfortunately, without our veteran Year 10 players unable to attend the girls were presented with a very challenging task.

Alex Park was represented by Year 7's Arana Mundine, Kali-Ann Williams, Nikeisha Randall, Lucy Newell, Gisele Mundine and Kaitlyn Phillips as well as Year 8's Talita Haumono and Laylani Leitigaga.

Our first game was against a Westfield Sports HS team that included many representative players. Despite solid efforts all round, Alex Park lost the match 20-101.

Not letting the first loss dampen their spirits, the Alex Park girls pushed on to take on a very polished Karabah HS team. Despite a more promising start, the girls again lost 33-69.

Although a top four finish was now not possible, the girls player their last game against Dubbo HS. Hoping to get at least one win on the board, the girls tried again, only to experience another loss 21-68.

With the first day in the books we headed home but spirits were still high.

On the second day, we had just the one game versus Moss Vale HS in a playoff for 7th place. Missing Kaitlyn for the game and then Talita getting injured early in the second quarter this put extra responsibility on the remaining six players. Unfortunately, despite some excellent play and shows of teamwork, Alex Park was defeated one more time.

Although all girls played their A-game, special commendation goes out to Arana Mundine who led the team in scoring throughout the series along with sound defence.

Big congratulations to the whole team for making top 8 in the state!

We look forward to next year with a renewed focus on regular training and building communication and teamwork amongst the group.

I would like to thank all those supporting the team throughout the year. My co-coach Ms Natalie Casale, mentor and bus-driver Margaret Haumono, support from Sharon Jones, mentors Stewart Okell and William Sharp and general support from all around the school community.

Go Alex Park!





Zone Athletics

Student	Age	Event(s)	
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Anika Gill	12	100m 200m 400m 800m Long Jump Shot Put 13yr 4x100m Relay	
Batbold Gantulga	12	100m 200m 400m Long Jump Shot Put 13yr 4x100m Relay	
Dhrubo Acharjee	12	100m 200m 13yr 4x100m Relay	
Ethan Hunt	12	100m Long Jump 13yr 4x100m Relay	
Temuulel Boldbaatar	12	200m 1500m	
Ruari Sutherland	12	100m 400m	
Buyandi Munkhbold	12	Shot Put	
Breanda Au Duong	12	Shot Put	
Nathan Kantor	12	Discus	
Geo Riyanto	12	Discus	
Chelsea Wu	12	Discus	
Kelly Clifton	13	100m 200m 400m 800m Long Jump Shot Put Discus 13yr 4x100m Relay	

Aaron R	13	100m 200m 400m 13yr 4x100m Relay 14yr 4x100m Relay
Emakhi Munro	13	200m 1500m Shot Put Discus
Bruce Kenny	13	400m 800m 1500m Discus
Lauren Davidson	13	200m 800m 13yr 4x100m Relay
Jaycee Chung Su	13	100m 200m
Jade Welsh- Nguyen	13	100m 13yr 4x100m Relay
Leilah Moa	13	200m Long Jump
Preston Johnson- Doolan	13	800m
Casper Holland Chew	13	Long Jump
Tyrone Snaea	13	Shot Put
Umaarah Haider	13	Shot Put
Arana Mundine	13	Discus
Daniel Phan	14	100m 200m 400m 800m 1500m Long Jump Discus 14yr 4x100m Relay 15yr 4x100m Relay

Jason Eom	14	100m 200m 400m 14yr 4x100m Relay 15yr 4x100m Relay
Allegra Cimmino	14	100m 200m 400m
Evie Dicker	14	200m 800m Long Jump
Ryan Su	14	100m 14yr 4x100m Relay
Christopher Zmak	14	200m
James Bradley- Bouzianis	14	800m
Alexandar Pavic	14	Long Jump Discus
William Spencer	14	Shot Put
Joey Vaka	14	Shot Put
Charlene Pang	14	100m
Raffaelina Petrolo	14	Long Jump
Luke Bau	15	100m 200m Shot Put Discus 15yr 4x100m Relay 16yr 4x100m Relay
Joseph Zhou	15	100m 400m 800m 15yr 4x100m Relay
Undral Bayarkhuu	15	400m Shot Put
Tahara Adams	15	100m 200m 400m

Matthew Jung	15	200m
Winston Chhoeung	15	400m
Sacha Bond	15	800m
Sean Dicitra	15	Long Jump
Zachariah Matangi	15	Shot Put Discus
Oyun Tuvshintugs	15	Long Jump
Marissa Kan	15	Long Jump
Tupou Po'uha	15	Discus
Mequynne Logan	15	Discus
Eleanor Askew	15	800m
Lucas Burbage	16	100m Long Jump Shot Put Discus 16yr 4x100m Relay
Cristian Wall	16	100m 16yr 4x100m Relay
Alvin Koei	16	100m 200m 16yr 4x100m Relay
Oliver Scott	16	200m 400m 800m 1500m Long Jump
Pasha Davidov	16	200m 400m 800m
Derrick Jung	16	Shot Put

Kenny Liu	17	100m
Aulio Chai	17	200m 400m
Minsoo Kwon	17	200m
Ryan Da Silva	17	400m
Dexter Lee	17	800m
Cooper McGrath	17	Long Jump
Aliyah Haumono	17	400m
Nicholas Terides	17	Long Jump Shot Put Discus
Dre Lang	17	Shot Put Discus

Zone Cross Country Participants

Under 12's

Ali Murtazaev Ruari Sutherland Ethan Hunt Anika Gill Breanda Au Duong

Under 13's

Preston Johnson-Doolan
Jaycee Chung
Sascha Deuschle
Connor Mclaren
Kelly Clifton
Kiana-Rose Elliot
Lauren Davidson
Leila Moa

Under 14's

Bill Tsengle
Daniel Phan
Ben Clement
Allegra Ciminno
Nandin Ikhbayar

Under 15's

Sascha Bond
Winston Chhoeung

Under 16's

Eyad Alotaibi
Oliver Scott
Oliver Issa

Under 17's

Regional Participants

Anika Gill - 100m, 200m, Long Jump. Achieved 3rd place for 100m and 200m.

Aulio Chai Mahd Ahmed

Oliver Scott - 1500m.

Kelly Clifton - Discus.

Batbold Gantulga - Shot Put. Made it but did not compete.

Buyandi Munkhbold - Shot Put. Achieved 3rd place at regionals.

Joseph Zhou - 800m. Achieved 3rd place at regionals.

Breanda Au Dong - Shot Put.

William Spencer - Discus. Did not compete at regionals.

All Schools

Sacha Bond made it to **NSW All Schools** and came 76th for Cross Country.





Year 7 Swim School 2022

This Term Alexandria Park Community School will run a specialised sport swimming program for all Year 7 students. The swimming program is compulsory for all students as it addresses Stage 4 PDHPE curriculum outcomes in relation to aquatics.

Students will be provided the opportunity to explore complex and challenging movement activities focusing on the fundamental movement skills of swimming.

The program will be administered by qualified swimming instructors who have created a program that is age appropriate and will be customised to a range of swimming abilities; beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

The program will take place every Tuesday starting from Tuesday 15th November until Tuesday 6th December, during period 3 and sport lessons.

Students will walk from school to **Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre**. At the end of the day, students will be dismissed from either Green Square or walk back to school to arrive by 2:40pm. Please see details below. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school and speak to the Head Teacher of PDHPE.

As is normal procedure, student behaviour is expected to be of the highest quality and students should attend the day in the knowledge that they are representing our school.

Location/s: Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre, 17 Zetland

Avenue, Zetland.

Date: Every Tuesday commencing Tuesday 15th November until

Tuesday 6th December.

Period of Time: 12:00pm- 2:40pm.

Mode of Travel: All students will walk to and from the venue under staff

supervision. Students will have the option to leave from Green Square station at the end of the day. Parent

permission is required.

What to Bring:

- swimming costume,
- towel,
- hat,
- sunscreen,
- water bottle,
- plastic bag to carry wet items,
- goggles,
- lunch.

2022 Year 7 Swim School Weekly Timeline

11:30 pm	End of shortened period 3.	Sports teacher supervision	
11:30 pm - 11:50 pm	Time for students to toilet, change and eat if needed (Mujmoonah BB courts).	Mr Brenner Ms Kasz Miss Sakauru	
11:50 pm - 12:00 pm	Students line up in class groups, rolls marked and ready to leave (Milperra).	Miss sakauruRidleyMs CaswellMs Casale	
		At school supervision	
		Gabby Barnett	
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	sports teachers. Leave APCS to walk to Gunyama.	Week A	
12:30 pm - 12:45 pm	Arrive at Gunyama and split students into groups.	Finley Guinness Leanne Winfield Androa Longz	
12:45 pm - 1:15 pm	Group 1 lesson (40 students).	Andrea LopezChloe SuttcliffeTahlia HinchcliffeMitchel Swetman	
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Group 2 lesson (40 students).		
1:45 pm - 2:10 pm	Students change into dry clothes.	Week B	
2:10 pm	Leave Gunyama to return to school.	 Jo Agathopolous Daniel Waterworth Tahlia Hinchcliffe Robin Reidstra Mitchell Swetman Finley Guinness 	
2:20 pm	Drop allocated students at Green Square.		
2:40 pm	Arrive back at school for dismissal.		



APCS 2023 High School Sports Squad EOI

Express your interests now for our APCS school sports squad!

All students from Years 7 - 12 are welcome and all experience levels. All knock out and zone teams will be selected from these squads.

All students in the squad are expected to attend regular training throughout the year to be considered for the knock-out and zone teams.



 2023 Boys Basketball Squad 2. 2023 Girls Basketball Squad 3. 2023 Boys Touch Squad







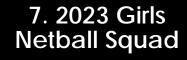
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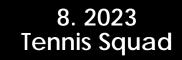












9. 2023 Table Tennis Squad







10. 2023 Boys Cricket Squad 11. 2023 Boys Rugby League Squad 12. 2023 Girls Rugby League Squad







13. 2023 Boys Football (Soccer) Squad 13. 2023 Girls Football (Soccer) Squad







Prolonged study for exams & assessments can be stressful during term 4.

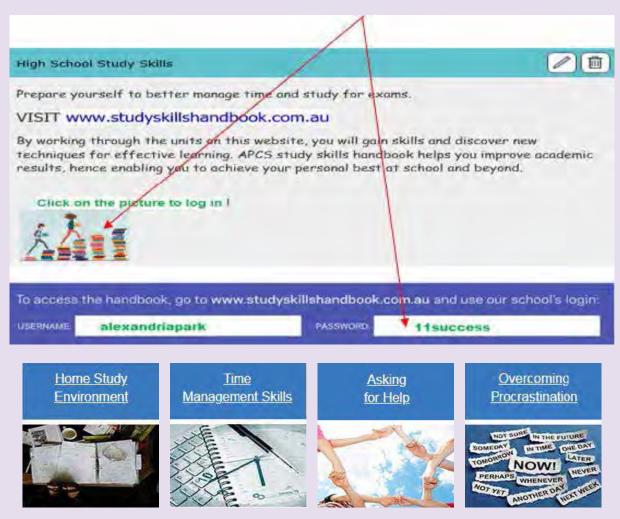
Meditation and practicing mindfulness will help you with your schoolwork.

You can learn these skills in the Managing Stress unit in the Study Skills Handbook at:

www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

This is an online resource subscribed by APCS high school library in helping students develop the skills needed to make learning as efficient and effective as possible.

Students can access the website from APCS Oliver library catalogue screen via DoE student portal using log in details below.



These units also enable students to acquire skills which will help:

- Reduces anxiety and risk of depression.
- Increases resilience.
- Improves ability to learn and recall information.
- Improves concentration.
- Improves creativity.
- Helps manage exam stress.
- Leads to better sleep.

Please remember that you can borrow physical books from the high school library during recess and lunch each day.

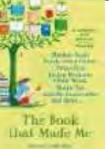
You can also write an online book review for books that you have already read via the Oliver library catalogue.

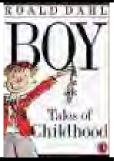
Detailed instructions are posted in your year group Google classrooms.

Below are recommended PRC titles in various genres.

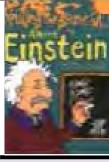
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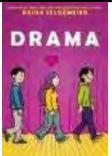






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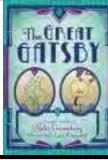




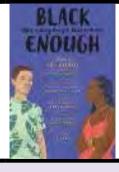


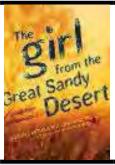






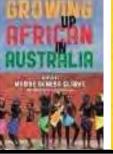
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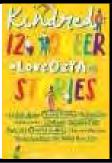














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