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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.



Yarramundi also means amphitheater or a place where stories are told. This is why we have named the gathering space in the primary playground **Yarramundi**.

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Principal's Report



It is hard to believe we are only two weeks away from the end of our school year. The next couple of weeks will continue to be a busy and productive period for our learning community. We will be celebrating the success of many students and I am looking forward to our end of year Presentation Days, graduation ceremonies and PBL carnival. Congratulations to all K-12 students - your effort and commitment to learning has made me a very proud Principal.

Welcome Year 7 2024. On Tuesday we held our Orientation for our incoming Year 7 students. We have approximately 120 students enrolling at Alex Park next year. We started the day with a morning assembly hosted by our Garagna. Our future Year 7 students attended taster lessons and enjoyed a BBQ lunch. A special thanks to Ms Nikki Anderson - Year 7 Year Advisor for her outstanding organisation and planning around this event.

Welcome 5OC 2024. On Thursday we held our 5OC orientation day. Mr Keevers led a presentation for the families. The our new students enjoyed getting to know each other in the classroom. Ms Erin O'Sullivan will be taking our opportunity class next year. She is looking forward to starting the year with this new group of students.

Congratulations to our Junior and Senior School Bands. Yesterday evening we held our end of year band performance led by Phil from Directions in Music. Both bands showcased their talents and many parents/carers attended the performance. A special shout out and many thanks to our talented Mr Whipp. Mr Whipp helped set up our Primary Band Program many years ago and last night was his final concert. Mr Whipp will be moving interstate at the end of the year. I know his musical talents and creatively will be sorely missed by many members of our school community and I thank him for making APCS a better place.



Wearing our uniform with pride. Thank you to all of our students who continue to wear our school uniform with pride. When I speak to students in the morning dressed in full school uniform I congratulate them for representing Alex Park and promoting a sense of belonging in our school uniform. The school is always happy to assist anyone who needs financial support to purchase uniforms. Our second hand uniform shop also handles many donated items.

Strategic Improvement Plan 2024-2027 - Thank you to all parents/carers who provided feedback and three wishes for our school. This information is being summarised and reviewed by our executive teams. We will share key themes in next year's newsletter articles. We also discuss and reflect on programs and improvement measure at P&C meetings.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at all upcoming events. Thank you for taking the time to read our Newsletter. I am so lucky to lead such wonderful teaching staff and support teams.

Debra Lade
Principal

School Calendar

Date	What's Happening
4 th December	P&C Final meeting for 2023 and AGM.
5 th December	Primary Presentation Day.
5 th December	Year 7 Swim School.
5 th December	Year 8 Australian Museum Excursion.
8 th December	High School Sports Presentation Day.
11 th December	Year 12 Physics Excursion.
11 th December	Year 6 Luna Park Excursion.
12 th December	Year 6 Graduation.
12 th December	Year 7 Swim School.
12 th December	Year 6 Graduation Disco and Dinner.
13 th December	Primary PBL Carnival.
13 th December	High School Presentation Day.
14 th December	Student Leadership Reward Excursion.
15 th December	Last Day of Term 4.



APCS News

School catch-up vaccination clinics

For year 7 and 10
students



School catch-up vaccination clinics
For year 7 and 10 students



Saturday 9 December 2023, 10am to 2pm
Croydon Health Centre

Sunday 10 December 2023, 10am to 2pm
Concord Child and Family Health Centre

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ALEXANDRIA PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE



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

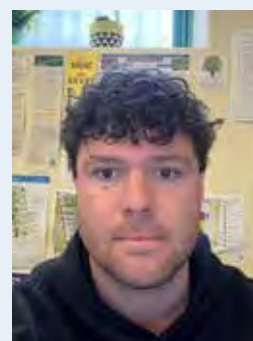
Community Centre News

The School Readiness Playgroup has been a popular Wednesday group in Term 3 for some of our Kindergarten 2024 children. The current Kindergarten teachers have been assisting Jo and Shaelene to provide a range of fun preschool activities for the children each week as well as visits to the school. Here's some photos taken during Science Week.

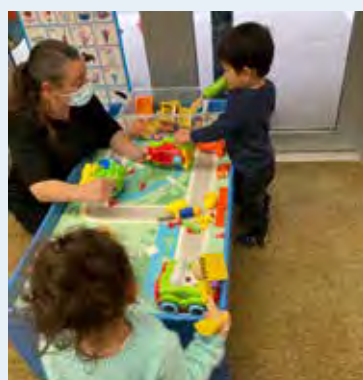
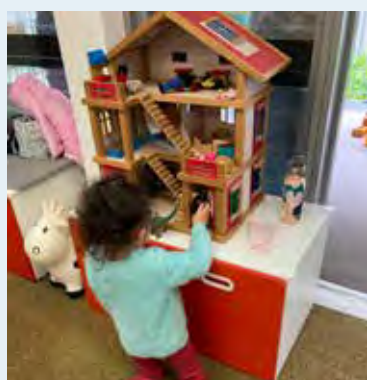


The Community Centre will be starting a Baby Playgroup in Term 4. The group is for local families with babies under 12 months. The playgroup will run on Fridays from 10am to 11.30am throughout the term. Families can register their interest by calling Tom on 0419 119 390.

During Term 4, 2023 and Term 1, 2024 Tom Hill will again be filling in for Jo Fletcher as she takes some leave. Tom has been filling in for the Facilitator at Glebe Public School SaCC



(Schools as Community Centre) during Term 3 and is looking forward to returning to Alexandria Park Community Centre SaCC in Term 4. Tom will be running the weekly programs at the Community Centre and can't wait to catch up with all the families again and meeting the new families. 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.



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Effective Parenting Course



This free four-week course is facilitated by experienced psychologists specialising in adolescent development and behaviour. The course will assist parents to build stronger parent-child relationships and better manage and understand their adolescent's behaviour. This is a skills-building and educational program only.

Four Tuesdays from the 21st of November to the 12th of December, 2023

6pm - 8pm

WAYS Bondi Beach - 63A Wairoa Ave North Bondi

TOPIC AREAS INCLUDE:

- Understanding your child - adolescent development
- Reflecting on your parenting - the impact of various parenting styles
- Setting limits and boundaries that stick
- Effective communication and conflict resolution strategies
- Practical strategies for building resilience in your children
- Special topics: alcohol and other drugs, sex, mental health, navigating social media and cyberspace & enhancing internal regulation

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“This course is one of the MOST beneficial things we have done as parents- everyone should be taught these Strategies / knowledge. Totally needed in the community”

“Both facilitators were extremely knowledgeable and generous with their information. It was great to have practical experience to reinforce the theory. I thought the content was pitched correctly to the target audience. Great service and felt privileged to have access to it”

“Absolutely life changing for me! Already recommended it to a few people.”

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Hurry book in today as places are limited

Please call and speak to Luke to reserve your place
or for more information

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Primary DP News

I'd like to congratulate our wonderful students for their accomplishments this year. Some highlights for me include:

The establishment of our Primary Inclusive Education Unit (IEU). We now have 12 students enrolled in our Unit, who continue to share their creativity and unique personalities. The teaching and support staff have shown expertise and flexibility as we've navigated the integration of the Unit into our mainstream setting. The team has developed and revised processes throughout the year, to optimise and support student learning and wellbeing.



Last week, the IEU led the K-2 Assembly which included a performance of 'We Will Rock You' on the stage with K-2 students clapping along. Over the holiday period, further renovations will take place to further improve the learning spaces in readiness for more student enrolments. Well done Sharyn and the team for what you have all achieved.

Kindergarten students' transition to school. I know that I speak for all staff, that I've always been impressed with our Kindergarten students and how quickly they settled into school. Under the leadership of Mr Pittman, Ms Ozdirik and Ms Campisi this year, they have continued to make progress in their learning as well as their independence in the new setting. This is testament to the excellent transition programs in place and we're looking forward to our new Kindy students enjoying similar success in 2024.

Our community events including NAIDOC, P&C Movie Nights and the 'Sunday Funday'. We held our K-12 NAIDOC assembly outside on the getiela this year, with student performances and guest speakers being given the respect they deserve. Our movie nights were a great success- thank you to all of the parents who gave up their Friday nights to run these events. We also hosted the Sunday Funday in our school grounds for the first time, and hopefully not the last! There were performances by our Primary School Band as well as others, with stalls and activities set up by the wider community. From my experience, our students and wider school community thrive when given the opportunity to show of what we can do. Wishing everyone a safe and restorative break, and I'll see you all in the new year.

David Olsen
Relieving Deputy Principal K-2

Term 4 is moving very quickly and it is important that our students are more involved in their learning than ever. Year 6 students have quite a few exciting social events coming up, along with class events in other Stages and end of year celebrations.

It is at this end of the year, when all students are expected to remember and practise our school expectations of being respectful, safe learners. Please have a conversation with your child/children reminding them of their best behaviour to see the year out with positive outcomes for all.



School Reports are being created at this time with teachers very busy aligning assessment to curriculum outcomes and feedback related to next steps in learning. Reports will be sent home early in Week 10.

Organisation for 2024 classes is well underway with classes being formed and staffing allocated. It is very important that if you know that your family will not be returning to Alexandria Park Community School in 2024, due to moving etc please let the school know. Advising the school as soon as possible will ensure that our classes are ready, organised and staffed from the commencement of the school year and learning can commence immediately. I appreciate your support with this request.

Finally, if you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2024 and have not engaged with the school yet, please let our administration team know so we are best placed to assist your child start their primary educational journey.

Paul Keevers
Deputy Principal 3-6



Primary News

Kindergarten News

This month Kindy has been discovering the big idea of 'Inventions'. This Science concept is all about learning about forces and movement.



Classes have been using magnets, air pressure, and designing ramps to explore this concept through play based opportunities. They have discovered how things move and what happens when force is applied to objects.



As part of an integrated unit of Science and Art, 'Inventions' allows Kindy to explore sculptures.



They have learnt about colour theory and the colour wheel.

It has been fabulous to see their creativity, critical thinking and problem solving skills develop through hands-on activities.

Kindy has been enjoying the Kitchen-Garden Program. A highlight was watermelon pizzas and water infusions.

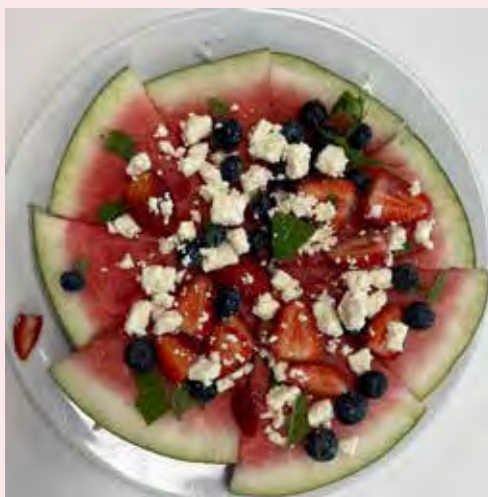


Students are learning about kitchen safety and how to make a meal.



They sat down and enjoyed their meal with their friends and set a table.

It was a wonderful opportunity to promote life skills and healthy eating.



Stage 1 News

At Alex Park, we strongly believe that creativity is an important aspect of learning.

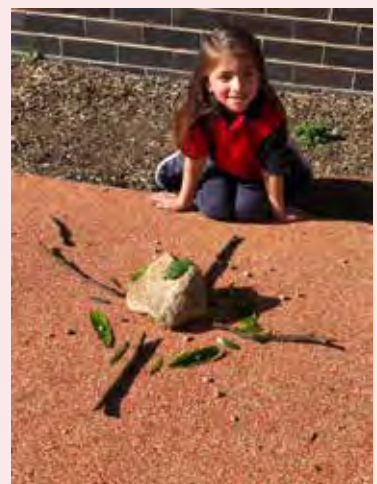
Did you know that art can be a transient experience and not necessarily a permanent piece of work?



In Stage One, students have been exploring kinetic art and creating dream catchers using various materials.

Students were lucky to have parent volunteer Renata engage 1W in a two day ephemeral art project.

They cut shapes and learnt about colours, and before recycling the paper for the next step of the project, students in 1W had fun immersing themselves in a confetti party.



The joy was palpable, and both 1W students and Mrs. Eriksen loved it.

All across Stage One, students participated in Crazy Hair Day, and Xavier took the opportunity to showcase his creative hair.



At Alex Park, we encourage creativity in school as a tool to engage students and provide opportunities to explore their abilities.

We are proud of our creative students and teachers and their ability to think outside the box.





Maths in 1/2VT

1/2VT have been learning about multiplication and division.

Year One students have been investigating multiplication as equal arrays and repeated addition, and division as equal sharing of collections.

Year Two students have been learning about the inverse relationship between multiplication and division.

Have a look at some of the engaging lessons students have engaged in to consolidate their learning.



English - Writing

1/2VT have been researching facts about why trees are important.

They have used their gathered information to create persuasive arguments and posters, to convince their audience why we must take care of trees.

Have a look at how proud they are of their work!



Stage 2 News

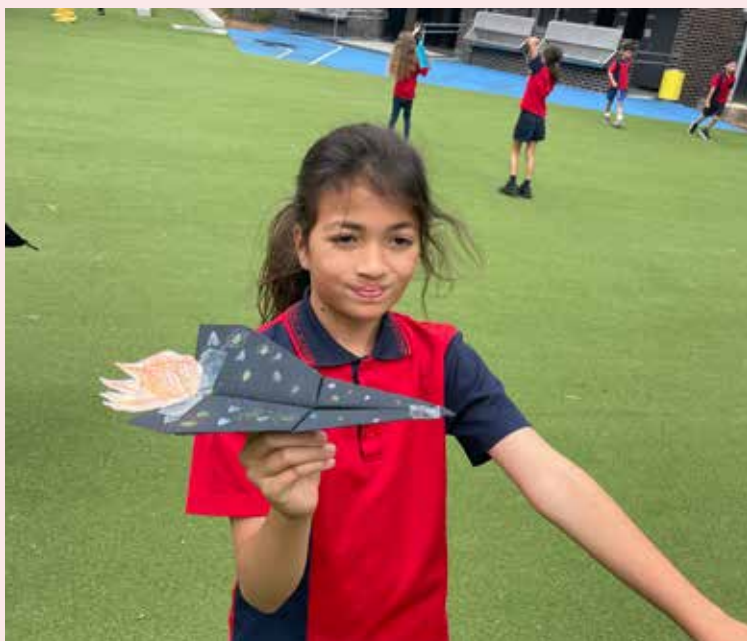
Stage 2 classes have been busy delving into the art of using powerful arguments and persuasive language devices to convince their readers in writing.

Inspired by our recent excursion to Kamay Bay National Park, persuasive exposition topics have explored the importance of protecting our national parks, looking after our environment, and living sustainably.

In Mathematics, students have been investigating length and perimeter, and they put their skills to use through class paper aeroplane contests.



Students showed their creativity by independently coming up with designs and models. Contestants had to record the distance their aeroplane flew in millimetres, centimetres, and metres.



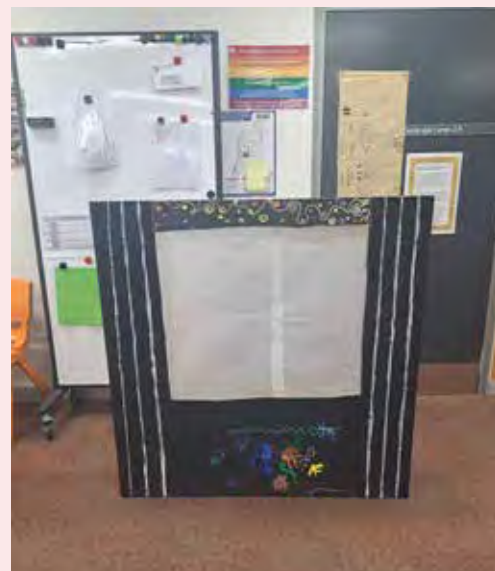
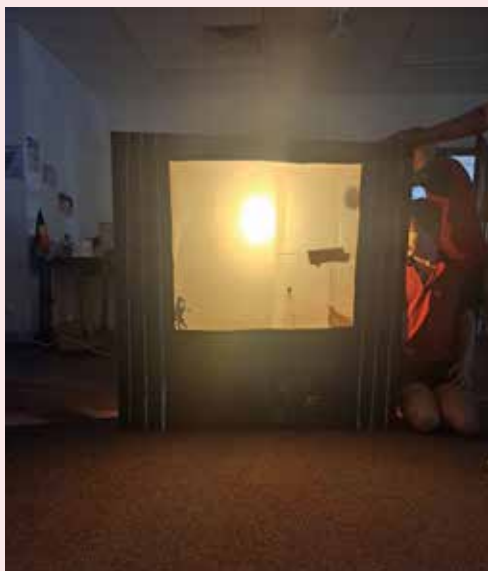


Stage 3 News

Congratulations to our Senior PSSA soccer team who were presented with their medals during assembly. We are very proud of our team. Go Alex Park!



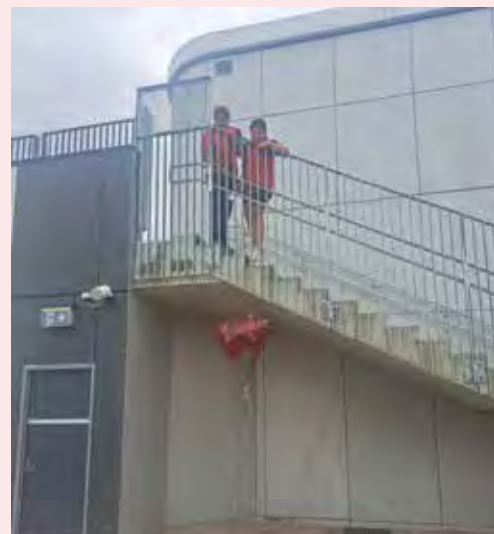
Stage 3 students have been working hard to create shadow puppets in Creative Arts. The students took on various characters and develop an appreciation for the elements of dramatic art.



Stage 3 have explored themes, characterisation, vocal range, setting, plot, stage production and costume to express fictional ideas throughout their performances.

This helps students to explore and develop creativity and new ideas whilst allowing them to develop confidence. We are really looking forward to watching all the students' performances.

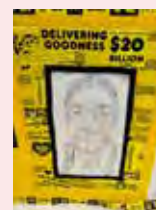
In Science Stage 3 Students have been investigating contact and non-contact forces such as gravity, buoyancy, air-resistance and applied force. They have identified forces as pushes and pulls and described a range of forces.



Students have made observations about forces in everyday life, and designed experiments to deepen their understanding. They have worked together on STEM challenges, following the design thinking process to plan, prototype and test their designs.



On Friday 3rd November, 5W & 6O gathered in the Denzil to present their Night of the Notables projects to parents, teachers and community members.





Over Terms 3 and 4, students worked on a project researching a notable person of their choosing. They were given a variety of prompts and activities to complete, including writing biographies, developing curiosity boxes, interactive games and quizzes.



From Abraham Lincoln to Malala Yousafzai to Fred Hollows and everyone in between, each student passionately presented and educated on their notable person throughout the evening.

A special thanks to all those who came along to recognise the students' hard work.

Primary IEU News

IEU Assembly

On 23rd November, our students in the Inclusive Education Unit took part in their first assembly. All of the teachers, students and families thoroughly enjoyed their item.



It was wonderful to see our K-2 students join in the body percussion as well as photos of our students learning throughout the Term.

Primary Music News

In Music this Term we have all been working hard at developing our musicianship skills through learning to play the variety of instruments we are lucky enough to have on offer at APCS.

Stage 3 have been doing so well on the guitars and have learnt to play the chord progression for the classic song "Stand by Me" by Ben E King.

We have had Jaccamo Mullen here from the Conservatorium of Music assisting Ms Campisi with these lessons. He is a very accomplished classical guitarist and has treated the students to a few live performances.

Stage 2 have learnt to play 3 well known children's song on the keyboards. They are all challenging themselves to play with all 5 fingers and attempting to use their left hand to accompany.

Some of our outstanding students are even composing their own accompaniments and notating them on the musical stave.

Stage 1 have been working on their Ukulele skills. The students love being able to sing and play at the same time.

Year 1 were treated to a performance from Lucas Abela, a renowned artist who is also the father of Ernie in Year 1.





He took the students through his performance techniques including playing a special piece of crystal glass that he had made especially!

The students had some great questions and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Kindy has been learning to play the glockenspiels and xylophones. It is amazing to hear what our littlest learners can do.

Stage 3 Choir is continuing to the end of the year but we have also introduced Stage 2 Ukulele group which is on in the CAPA hub every Tuesday lunchtime.

Don't forget ALEX FACTOR is nearly here.

This year we will again have 2 performances.

- K-2 will be on Monday 11th December 9-11am.
- 3-6 will be on Friday 15th December 12- 2pm.

Both performances will be in the Denzil.

Families and Carers are most welcome to along and enjoy the talents of the students of Alex Park. Auditions for this event will be held next week during lunchtimes.

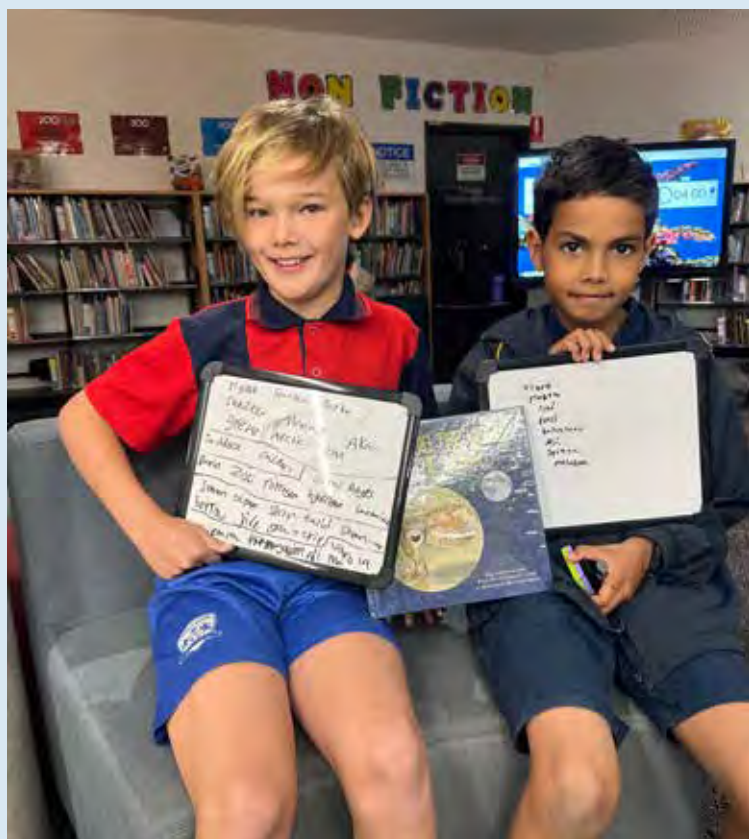


Primary Library News

This Term in Library

Behold the magical musings of the Library this Term: The youngest scribes of Kindergarten have embarked on a quest to discover the secrets of the great inventors of yore. Armed with laptops and the wondrous Encyclopedia Britannica, they delve into the annals of history, seeking knowledge to inspire their own creations.

The noble apprentices of Years 1 and 2 have heeded the call of heritage, immersing themselves in the many tales of Cadigal country. Through various mediums and sources of ancient wisdom, they weave together the stories of those who have shaped the culture and history of their land, crafting digital biographies to honour their legacy.



Vocabulary

Years 3 and 4 students have been incorporating new vocabulary encountered in research from a range of sources into their own summaries.



The intrepid scholars of Years 3 and 4 have taken up the mantle of eco-harmony, striving to live in a way that is both kind to the environment and the human spirit. Through the magic of diverse information sources, they conjure enchanting infographics to remind us all why we should care for our earth.

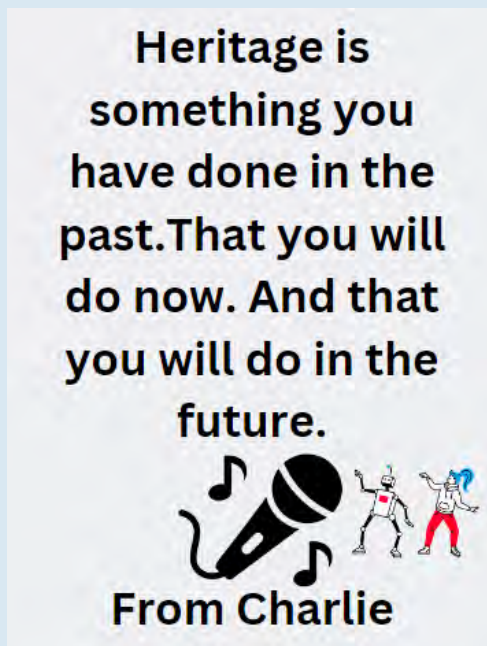
The wise pupils of Years 5 and 6 have embarked on a journey through time, exploring the many transformations of the wondrous land of Australia. They unearth the secrets of its past, from the impact of explorers on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the evolution of democracy and the challenges and wonders of multiculturalism.

As the Term draws to a close, they weave together their discoveries into a digital tapestry of knowledge, honouring the ever-shifting sands of time.



Creating Texts

Year 1 and 2 students have been making posters using Canva to experiment with creating texts in various modes and media.



Putting It All Together

Year 5 and 6 students have been practicing reading and comprehending various texts in different media and technologies. As part of this, students learn to summarize a text and evaluate its intended message.

Non Fiction Summary

Daisy (5/6M)

The text...(Title and Author)
defining democracy-by Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House

is about...(Main Idea)
Democracy (the origins and principles)

First you should know...(Detail 1)
Democracy is essentially where the people have the power to vote in a person to represent them and their values

Also,...(Detail 2)
the word democracy comes from the Greek word demos (meaning a citizen) and kratos (meaning power)

Finally,...(Detail 3)
there are two types of democracy-liberal (emphasizing individual freedom) and social (emphasizing equality)

Now I think... (opinion)
Democracy is a very efficient system of government.

because (detail to support opinion)
because it gives everyone a say on how the country should be run.



School Holiday Art Workshops!



More details can be found at:
www.sydneyvisualartsacademy.com



Sydney Visual Arts Academy



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High School DP News

As we approach the Christmas holidays, we look back on all the milestones achieved in 2023 for our students at APCS.

We have seen major improvements in the areas of:

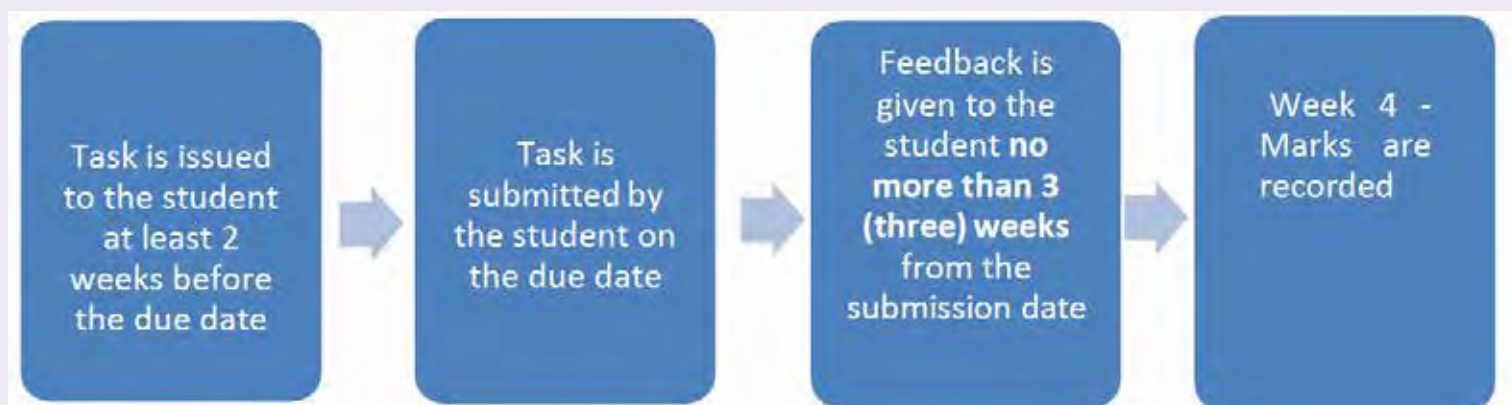
- Wellbeing – behaviour, uniform rates and mobile phone breaches decreasing.
- Increased assessment submissions as a result of our academic reviews and mentoring programs.
- Student academic reflection through our assessment feedback protocols.
- Increased participation in our extra-curricular programs.
- Increased Staff Professional Learning opportunities.
- Collaboration with other Department of Education Schools with our teaching and learning programs.
- Further opportunities for our students post school career options.
- Introduction of Roll Call to account for overall school attendance, morning preparation time, promoting clear expectations for the purpose of belonging and further building on important relationships between students and their Year Advisors.



These are just some of the achievements we are proud of in 2023.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the hard work of our dedicated staff, led by our Principal Mrs Debra Lade and of course, our always supportive parent and career community - without your efforts and support of our school, our learning culture would not be the positive success that it is.

A snapshot of our students feedback processes:



Alexandria Park Community School Annual Sports Presentation

I also want to take this opportunity to let you all know of our upcoming, Annual Sports Presentation. For the first time, APCS will exclusively host the APCS Annual Sports Presentation as a standalone event, separate to the Annual Academic Presentation, acknowledging the sporting success of our students, the hard work of our PDHPE Faculty led by Head Teacher, Ms Baker and our wider teaching staff who give up their personal time to coach as well as provide sporting opportunities for our students. This year we have engaged community partners to be apart of our celebration as well as contribute to our prize winners.

We welcome the partnership with, Lucy Brereton - Executive Manager, Indigenous Procurement and Engagement, Group Corporate Services and Financial Services from Commbank, and Rebel Sport. This year Commbank will award two recipients of the Commbank Sport Leadership award which recognises, the contribution students make to community sport to ensure its successful operations, and Rebel Sport for providing gift vouchers which will be won by our winners.

We will also be joined by special guests which include, NRL Stars, South Sydney Rabbitohs pathways manager, our AEOs, P&C President, NASCA Staff, APCS Teaching staff, Parents, Careers as well as APCS Students.

To attend please email the School to reserve your seats.



Details of the event:**Alexandria Park Community School Annual Sports Presentation****Friday December 8, 2023****1:50pm to 2:50pm – Please arrive at 1:35 to be seated**

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our Alexandria Park Community, all the very best for the Christmas break, I hope it's a happy and safe one with loved ones.

Looking forward to a bigger and even better, 2024.

Steven Marcos
Act. Deputy Principal

Presentation Day

The trophies and medals are being printed, the program is being finalised and we are ready to roll out the red carpet for the 2023 student award recipients and their parents on Wednesday 13th December from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

The ceremony will be held in the Denzil. Ms Winfield has been busy with her students refining musical items to entertain us. We are so proud of our students accomplishments and dedication this year and we are looking forward to recognising their efforts

during the event.



**Presentation
Day**

**Phone Pouches**

In ROLL CALL every day, student YONDR pouches must be on the desk. There are NO EXCEPTIONS - if students do not have a phone they still need to bring their YONDR pouch. This is part of the school policy which is available on the school website. Students who have lost their YONDR pouch can see Ms Biddle who can arrange for a replacement pouch. It has been great to see students playing handball, chess and uno at break times instead of playing on their phones.

Science CPC

On Tuesday 21st November, I was fortunate to have a planning day ("Collaborative Practice Conference") with the skilled teachers who have been relieving as HT Science and TAS this semester - Mr Swetman and Mr Cosgrave.

4 Benefits of Teacher Collaboration:

**Increased
Academic
Effort**



**Increased
Understanding of
Student Data**



**More
Creative Lesson
Plans**



**Less
Teacher
Isolation**

Together we developed a scope and sequence for all Years 7-10 Science classes next year, created teaching programs aligned with the syllabus and incorporating experiments and extension/support activities, and started building Google Classroom Lessons for teachers to use from the first teaching day of 2024. It was a highly productive day which will set up the Faculty for success in 2024.

Kylie Biddle
Rel. Deputy Principal



High School News

Hair and Beauty

In the last few weeks Year 10 students have been busy attending excursions, getting their White Card and going out to work experience. Last week I had the pleasure to see a group of Year 10 girls attend TAFE for the day and take a crash course in make-up application, skin care and hair curling. The students had a great time, got along well with each other, listened and learned. They were great ambassadors for APCS.



On Friday, 12 students achieved their White Card Certificate and four of them are applying for work experience in construction with two of them lining up full-time apprenticeships.



This week several students are out at work experience, some on a tour of police facilities and others experiencing the legal system through a week at law firms.

2024 APCS Garagna

Congratulations to Chloe Tjioe, Preston Carr, Anabelle Batista-Vasoncelos, Arik Arshad and Emily Blumoser.



These five students are Alexandria Park Community School's 2024 School Captains. They are all extremely proud to represent our school and be a voice for all APCS students.

Year 9 Advisor Report

As the year comes to an end it is time to reflect upon how much your child has grown.

From the start of the year, uncertain about what Year 9 will bring, to now fully engaging with classes and contributing to a positive school culture.

I am proud of the young leaders Year 9 are becoming. They are showing up to class, completing their assessment tasks, and greeting staff politely.

We also need to reflect upon how much they have physically grown. It's time to check those uniforms. Do they still fit? Are they now tight or short? Have they been damaged during an amazing act of sporting prowess?

It might be time to get hold of some new uniforms. Please speak with our wonderful admin staff about our uniform options.





High School English News

English

Story Factory @ APCS

Story Factory is a not-for-profit creative writing initiative that has been running a writing workshop for certain Year 7 classes. It is a wonderful program that fosters imagination and creativity in the writing process, bringing delight to those lucky enough to be a part of it.



The facilitator, Russ, and the volunteer mentors, have built genuine connections with the students and developed their engagement and confidence in expressing their ideas in a supportive and fun environment.

Students who participate have their work published at the end of each term which is a wonderful way to celebrate their personal growth and achievement.

Summer Reading for Premier's Reading Challenge 2024

Ready. Get set. Read! It's a great time to get prepared for the 2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge by getting in practice now and over the summer break.



If you are wondering what books to select - there is an extensive list of books on the Premier's Reading Challenge website that is categorised according to year group and ability.

To extend those avid readers, Time Magazine's '100 Best YA Books of All Time' has published an extensive list of new and classic titles that will keep readers busy.

English Faculty: Curriculum Implementation Update



The English Faculty are hard at work embedding the new NSW 7-10 English Syllabus into engaging new teaching units that combine learning in context, explicit and effective strategies and encourage the enjoyment of reading.

The curriculum implementation is staggered across a two year period; Year 7 & Year 9 will experience the new curriculum in 2024 and then Year 8 & Year 10 to follow in 2025.



Drama

Year 9 Drama have engaged in deep study of musical theatre. They have practiced choreography, worked on their flexibility and written theatre reviews. Please enjoy this review by Amanda Cheng.

MARY POPPINS MUSICAL THEATRE REVIEW

By Amanda Cheng

Sit back and relax as a story is unfurled in front of your very eyes. Mary Poppins a musical adapted from the 8 book series also known as Mary Poppins written by P.L Travers published from 1934 to 1988.

It was first made into a film in 1964 and was directed by Robert Stevenson, then into a musical in 2004, the musical uses elements from both the film and the novel.



The widely popularized and loved film, musical and children's novel series Mary Poppins are all beautifully written/directed piece which revolve around an English nanny that can perform magic such as a never ending bag and the ability to fly. It is a family friendly movie with the genre fantasy and comedy.

The film and musical both start with a street performer bustling to get some money after he finishes his performance and he uses foreshadow by recites a very ominous prophecy "Wind's in the east, mist coming in, like something is brewin' about to begin can't put me finger on what lies in store, but i feels what's to happen has all happened before," in the film he then breaks the fourth wall and talks to us while guiding us to 17 Cherry Tree Lane. We then pass by the house of admiral boom and foreshadow is used yet again when admiral boom tells us storm signals are up at 17 and to be aware of ourselves.

The directors of the film and musical all have their own take on Mary Poppins this is shown through little differences in their respective piece for example in the banks family there were originally a family of six in the books Jane, Micheal and the twins John and Barbara but in the film and musical it was adapted to only be a family of four Mr banks, Mrs Banks, Jane and Micheal, the twins were likely removed from the film to make it easier for film and the musical which was inspired by both the film and novel took after the film leaving out the twins as well which makes sense for a musical.

I personally really enjoyed the acting, the time and effort it took to create the musical from the creation of the backgrounds, props costumes sign lighting and backdrops to the time it would have taken for the actors to memorize all of their lines and being able to perform it all live in front of a audience is no small feat and all the actors deserve credit, the other people working on the musical did an amazing job of for example making costumes, each costume is beautifully made nad sums up each character and gives them all their own personality.

The choreography was also splendid; it likely took a lot of effort and practice to get the actors to be able to do the song and dance in synch, for example in the supercalifragilisticxpialidocious scene.

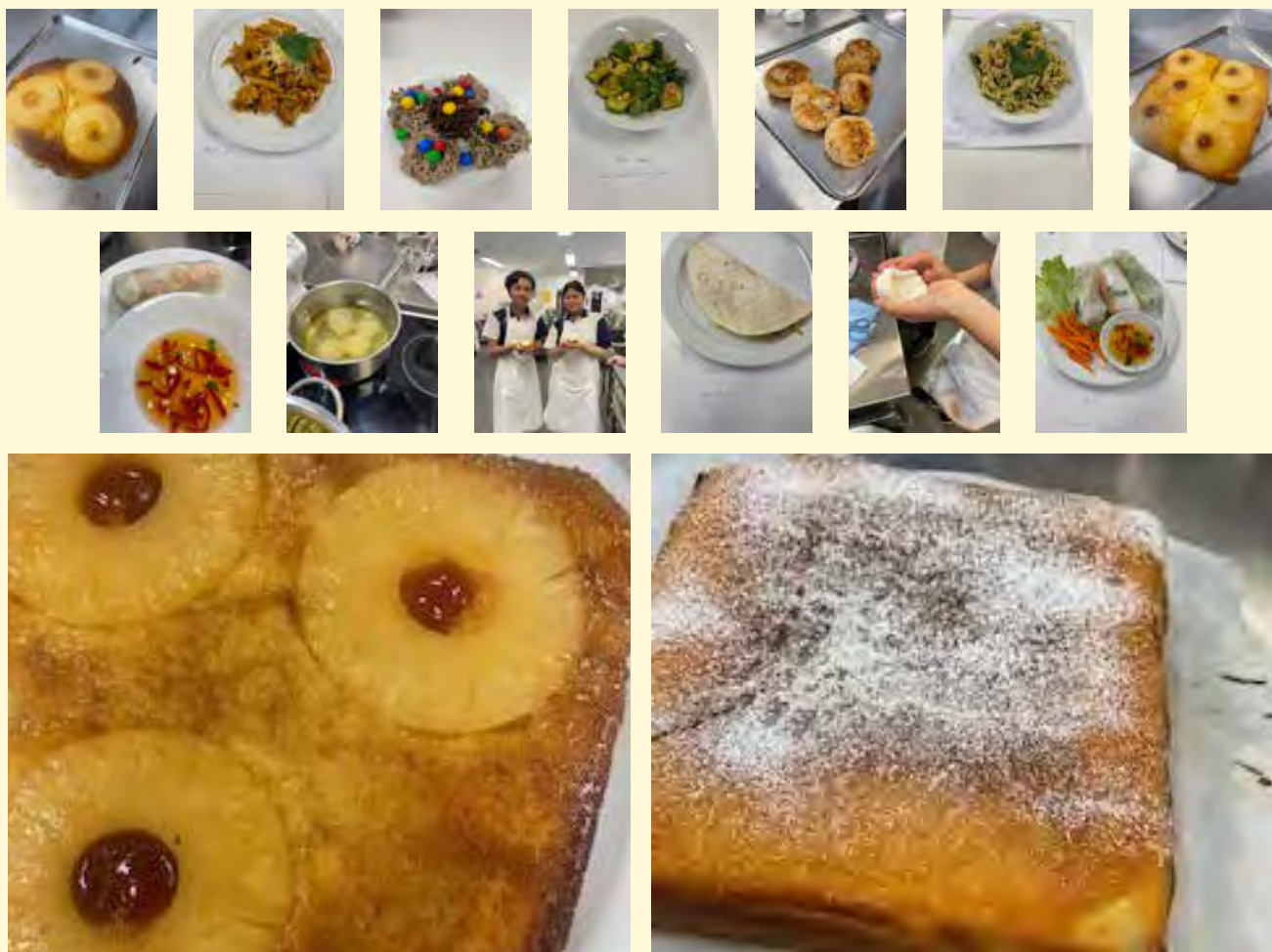
In conclusion Mary Poppins is a breathtaking work that can be enjoyed in the form of film, musical and book depending on your preferences.



High School Science & TAS News

Year 9 TAS Food Technology

Students have been researching food for specific needs/circumstances and examine effective food solutions for a range of specific needs. They designed and prepared meals for different stages of the life cycle and other specific needs.



Year 7 classes in Technology mandatory agri-food/food focus.

Just one of Year 7 recipes created this term they tasted just as delicious as they look vegetarian pizzas. Knife skills used in this recipe slicing and dicing and a sprinkling of our bush herbs and spices on top. Great work Year 7.



Ladies morning: Yoga and breakfast

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are invited to embark on a wellness journey of self-discovery and cultural richness.



Embark on a transformative journey with Jacqui Jarrett, a proud Dharawal and Gumbaynggirr First Nations Elder.

Join her for a healing session and breakfast, featuring a soul-nurturing yoga class. Through her rich cultural roots, Jacqui guides participants to enhance body awareness, promoting emotional and psychological wellbeing. Reconnect, heal, and foster a conscious approach to trauma recovery.

Redfern Community Centre
29-53 Hugo Street, Redfern
 Friday 24 November
 7am to 8:30am

Free - bookings recommended.
 To book call 02 9288 5713.

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High School Mathematics News

Most classes by now have completed their final tasks for the year and are either finishing topics and/or they're exploring mathematical ideas that will set them up with the foundations for Maths in 2024.

Year 7

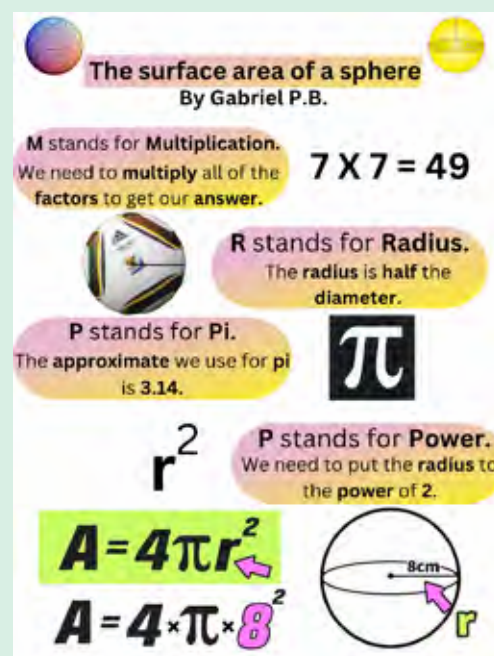
Classes A, L, E, P, R and K completed a test on Algebra and Equations. Well done on completing your first year of High School Maths!

Years 7A and 7L created posters to show their understanding of the use and meaning of letters in a formula of their choosing.



a. $3n - 2m$
 $= 3 \times (-1) - 2 \times (-4)$
 $= -3 - (-8)$
 $= 5$ ✓

b. $4 \times (-4)^2$ ✓
 $= 4 \times 16$
 $= 64$ ✓



Some Year 7 students are working on a Desmos Art project, where they've been tasked with creating an image using a graphing tool.

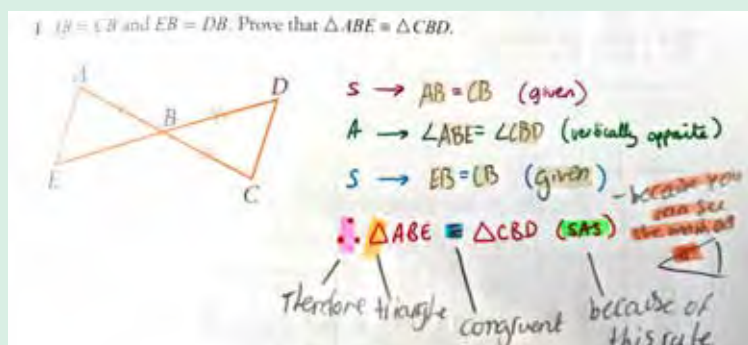


Students are given the freedom to explore how to draw horizontal and vertical lines, diagonals and inequalities to create anything of their choosing. Curiosity has led some Year 7's towards graphing circles and more!



Year 9

Some Year 9 classes have been exploring shape transformations and formal proofs for similar and congruent figures. In conjunction with this, students are enjoying making origami and watching videos of its application in medicine and engineering.

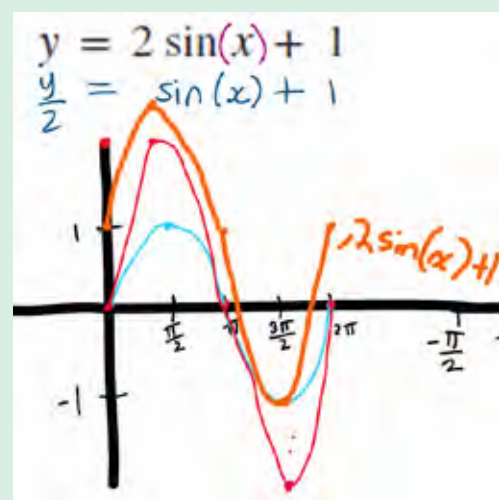


Year 12

The class of 2024 for Numeracy, Standard 1, Standard 2, Advanced, Extension 1 and Extension 2 will be completing their first Year 12 exam in the coming weeks.

Ms Barnett's Mathematics Advanced class have been using online graphing tools to explore transformations of graphs.

We also use the whiteboard tables and the Prometheon board to demonstrate our understanding with one another.



Purchasing Calculators for Maths

All students at APCS are required to have a Scientific Calculator.

If any student does not already have a scientific calculator they may purchase one from the school for \$25 (cheaper than retailer price).

The calculator available for purchase at school is a **CASIO fx-82AU PLUS II**. To purchase the calculator, please visit the Bunin Office.

Maths Online Subscriptions

Mathsonline.com.au accounts can be purchased via school at a discounted rate. **Mathsonline.com.au** is an online tuition website for the Australian Mathematics K-12 courses.

It features more than 1600 animated and narrated lesson recordings, questions and tests for your child to undertake self-study outside of school hours.

If you wish to purchase an account through the school, the price is \$20/year per account. You may pay through the office or online via the school website.

Once you've made a payment for mathsonline, please email Mr. Liang (xiaoxi.liang@det.nsw.edu.au) for login details.





Australian Mathematics Competition, 2023

"First run in 1978, the Australian Mathematics Competition is Australia's longest running, largest and most well-known maths competition for school students."

"... the AMC contains unique problems designed each year by leading educators and academics to challenge and extend your students' problem-solving skills."

<https://www.amt.edu.au/amc>



Well done to the 19 students who attempted the Australian Mathematics competition this year. Students received their awards and results by Mr Liang and Ms Barnett during at assembly this term. Special mention to Albert Gunawan (top 9%), Sophia Zhuk (top 10%) and Felix Rohloff (top 2%).

Year 7

- Albert Gunawan
- Thomas Scott Kicuroski
- Jayden Tran
- Justin Wang

Year 8

- Dhrubo Acharjee
- Chloe Choi
- Jaycee Chung Su Yuen
- Umaarah Haider
- Jasper Li
- Molly Men
- Aaron Rattanachaipipat
- Sophia (River) Zhuk

Year 10

- Sacha Bond
- MD Murtaza Bin Hossain
- Jun Jie Jiang
- Xi Xi Liu
- Felix Rohloff
- Yiyu Xu
- Joseph Zhou



High School Sport News

AJ's Basketball Achievement

Hi Ms. Baker,

Hope all is well. I wanted to share some exciting news regarding AJ, and her accomplishments as a member of the Sydney Comets Gold Under 14 Girls Basketball Team.

I am thrilled to announce that AJ and her dedicated teammates have achieved remarkable success on both the local and state levels.

The Sydney Comets Gold team's unwavering determination and teamwork led them to triumph in two prestigious championships.



First and foremost, the team secured the Metro Junior League Division 1 Championship.

AJ's performance on the court was recognised with the well-deserved title of Metro Junior League Division 1 MVP.

But that's not all – their victories continued as the team demonstrated remarkable resilience by emerging victorious over the top four NSW Metro and top four Country teams in the State Cup last weekend.

Their achievement in the State Cup further solidifies their status as an exceptional team.

AJ's remarkable abilities once again came into the spotlight as she was honoured with the State Cup MVP award.

This week, AJ spent the last 3 days at the Billbergia Sports Centre with Basketball NSW as part of their Talented Athlete Program (TAP).

TAP is a specialist junior talent development program conducted by Basketball NSW with the NSW Office of Sport.

As a parent, I am incredibly proud of AJ's dedication, hard work, and the values that she has cultivated as a student of Alexandria Park Community School.

Her accomplishments reflect not only her own commitment but also the unwavering support she receives from her peers, coaches, and the nurturing environment provided by her school and home.

Warm regards,
Bryan





Sports Lifestyle and Recreation

Year 12 Sports Lifestyle and Recreation (SLR) classes have hit the ground running this Term with their first unit Sports Coaching and Training.

They have learned about the characteristics of a coach, styles of coaching and the psychology of coaching.



They have also been coached in basketball, oz tag and volleyball.

This has provided them with a wealth of knowledge to complete their own coaching session as their first assessment task.

Students worked in pairs to design a coaching session for a sport of their choosing for a group of our primary school students.

Once the plan was designed, they each delivered their session to an eager group of primary school students.

This was a great success and another reason we are so lucky to be part of a K-12 school community.

Some of the feedback from the young athletes was:

'I really liked the information the coaches shared and their enthusiasm.'

'It was a great chance to get active.'

'I loved hooping. It was really fun.'



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- Structured coaching from experienced coaches.
- Coaching overall ratio - up to 1:12
- Camp gift surprise for every attendee

SCHEDULE

8:30	Check-in
8:45	Welcome & Court Allocation
9:00 - 9:45	Warm-Up and Strength & Conditioning
9:45 - 12:00	Session 1, Skills Development
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch Break
12:30 - 13:00	Education
13:00 - 15:30	Session 2, Game Development
15:30 - 15:45	Cool down & Giveaway Collection
15:45 - 16:00	Check-Out

*Possibility for an earlier check-in and check-out.

DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Time: 8:45 - 15:45

Alexandria

9, 10, 11 January
16, 17, 18 January
23, 24, 25 January

Five Dock

10 & 17 January

Tempe

22 January

Pymble

9, 10, 11 January
16, 17, 18 January
23, 24, 25 January

Three-day camp
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Swim School

Year 7 students have been wrapping up the school year by engaging in the annual swim school program.



Each Tuesday, students walk to Gunyama Pool to participate in a 30-minute swimming lesson with professional swimming instructors and have also had the pleasure of socialising with peers during free time.



Students are currently halfway through the program and the final swimming session will be Tuesday, Week 10. Whether it's the first time for some students to be in the pool compared to the more experienced students finessing their stroke technique, a lot of personal growth has already been observed. Check out the images showing Year 7 students having a ball!



Year 10 Integrated Sport

As part of Year 10 sport a small troop of dedicated students have gone to our local Plus Fitness and learnt about the key principles of good form, time under tension, and progressive overload.

Students have seen significant strength improvements and look forward to competing in feats of strength to have the chance of winning memberships to continue their fitness journey. This has been a successful program and will be on offer again next year for Stage 5 students. Top effort Year 10!

Year 8 Integrated Sport

This Term, High School were fortunate to receive a Sporting Schools Grant, which fully funded the current Year 8 Volleyball School Sport Program. The grant supports the delivery of high quality sport-based programs to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life.



Every Wednesday in Term 4, the Year 8 volleyball group participates in a fundamental movement lesson with a professional volleyball coach. Students then practice and apply their developed movement skills in game-based scenarios. This has been a valuable addition to our Year 8 sports program. Check out our students in action!



NSW CCSSA - Armani Bently

Earlier this year, Armarni Bently attended a NSWCHSSA 16 Years and Under Rugby Union Trial. Unfortunately, she wasn't able to compete on the team this year as she was on the younger side.

But, at the trial, selectors saw her determination and talent on the field and Armarni was successfully scouted and placed on the NSWCHSSA Girls Under 18 New Zealand Development Tour for 2024.

To represent at a State level and to travel internationally as part of the development squad in April 2024 is a huge achievement.

Congratulations Armarni the Alex Park Community are incredibly proud of your achievements.

← NSW CHS Rugby Union's post

NSWCHSSA New Zealand development tour Girls' squads. Congratulations to all.

👍❤️ 87 16 comments 11 shares

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NSWCHSSA RUGBY

GIRLS UNDER 18

NEW ZEALAND DEVELOPMENT

TOUR 2024

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NAME	SCHOOL	NAME	SCHOOL
LACEY CROSS	NSBC MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS	COCO MARSTERS	NSBC MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS
MANUA MOLEKA	THE HILLS SPORTS HS	RASTALIA SMITH	ENDEAVOUR SPORTS HS
KITILIAH GRAY	NSBC MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS	TEJAHILA DANIELS-MAITEA	WESTFIELDS SPORTS HS
WAIARIA ELLIS	CASTLE HILL HS	MARONAY SAUTS	HUNTER SPORTS HS
CHANEL WILLIAMS	MATRAVILLE SPORTS HS	GRACE MAXWELL	MONAROH HS
BYPER MARCHANT	CASTLE HILL HS	ARMARNI BENTLEY	ALEXANDRIA PARK COMMUNITY HS

Current Extra-Curricular Programs

In Term 4 the following sporting clubs have been running to foster peer relations, connection to community and to promote student wellbeing.

Students have thoroughly enjoyed their time participating in these clubs and it's not too late to join!

- **Girls Social Volleyball Club**

- **When:** every Thursday afternoon from 3.00pm - 4.00pm
- **Where:** the Denzil
- **Who:** Years 7-12, with Ms Habachou and Ms Cusworth



- **Girls Social Soccer Club**

- **When:** every Friday lunch from 1.10pm - 1.50pm
- **Where:** the Denzil
- **Who:** Years 7-12, with Ms Barnett





- **Fitness Club**

- **When:** every Tuesday morning from 7.30am - 8.30am
- **Where:** the Fitness Lab
- **Who:** Years 7-12, with Ms Kasz and Mr Brenner

What's Still to Come this Year:

League Tag Gala Day- Wednesday 6th December

This year the NRL are introducing a new League Tag Gala Day Competition for all Central Sydney High Schools.

The event is designed to bring the community together, promote participation in Football and to celebrate the year coming to end in a fun way.

The Gala Day will involve a mixed boys and girls competition with 9 a-side teams. APCS, will be taking:

- X2 junior teams which will include students from Years 7, 8, and 9.
- X1 senior team which will include students from Years 10 and 12.

Students in Years 7-9 are required to wear their red sports uniform, plain black shorts and appropriate footwear. Senior students in Years 10-12 are required to wear their white school uniform, plain black shorts and appropriate footwear. A team uniform kit will be provided for the senior team to wear.

Students who are not in school uniform will not be permitted to attend the event and will have to remain behind at school.

Parents/caregivers are welcomed to attend the event as spectators and be a part of the atmosphere at Heffron Park. Come on APCS, let's shine on the football field!

Sports Presentation Ceremony- Friday 8th December, Week 9

This year the High School will be hosting a separate Sports Presentation Day ceremony to acknowledge students' efforts and achievements in the sporting domain. This event will take place in Week 9, Friday 8th December from 1:30pm - 2:50pm.

Parents/Caregivers of award recipients will receive an email outlining the details of the event and are encouraged to attend as spectators in the Denzil.

Our Deputy Principal Mr Marcos has invited special guests to assist with presenting sporting awards and trophies. This event will be one not to miss. Who will take out the Denzil Shield and who will be named the overall sport house champions of 2024?



New programs to look forward to in 2023

In addition to the extra-curricular social and competitive sporting clubs/teams that are already established within the school, and due to student interest we will see the introduction of two new sporting programs.

Talented Athlete NRL Program:

Dale Jackson who is the current South Sydney U19's women's coach and the Central Sydney Game Development Officer will be coaching sessions once a week. Dale comes with expert knowledge and a high level of experience in NRL and we are looking forward to him working with our students.

- **When:** once a week in the morning from 7.30am - 8.30am. Day to be confirmed.
- **Where:** the Getiela.
- **Who:** Years 7-12, with Ms Baker.
- **Cost:** \$50 for the Term.

Talented Athlete Volleyball Program:

ProVolley Academy is a dedicated organisation to teach and educate individuals about Volleyball. ProVolley has a highly experienced and educated coaching team, accredited by Volleyball Australia, with outstanding national and international results, and have created State and National Champions in Indoor Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. We can't wait to get this team in to further develop our Volleyball team.

- **When:** once a week, in the afternoon from 3.00pm - 4.00pm. Day to be confirmed.
- **Where:** the Denzil.
- **Who:** Years 7-12.
- **Cost:** \$50 for the term.

Summer School Holiday Activities

COST: \$70 per day
AGES: 5-12 years
TIME: 8:00am - 3:00pm
Extended hours: 3pm - 5pm

WHAT TO BRING: Water bottle, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, enclosed shoes

BOOK NOW



Mon 18th Dec	Meet my squad (obstacle courses + relay races) AK	Wed 17th Jan	Soccer + Basketball + Dodgeball AK
Tues 19th Dec	Healthy heart day (sporting activities + fitness challenges) AK	Thurs 18th Jan	Crazy hair day + Multisports + Clay sculptures CK
Wed 20th Dec	Mini Olympics + Christmas crafts + Board games CK	Fri 19th Jan	Meet my squad (obstacle courses + relay races) AK
Thurs 21st Dec	Christmas scavenger hunt + Multisports + Christmas crafts CK	Mon 22nd Jan	Hockey + Soccer + European handball AK
Fri 22nd Dec - Mon 1st Jan	CLOSED	Tues 23rd Jan	Tie dye + Just dance + Jewellery making CK
Tues 2nd Jan	Soccer + European handball + Dodgeball AK	Wed 24th Jan	Healthy heart day (sporting activities + fitness challenges) AK
Wed 3rd Jan	Basketball + Badminton + Volleyball AK	Thurs 25th Jan	Badminton + Basketball + Dodgeball AK
Thurs 4th Jan	Hockey + Obstacle course + Nerf wars AK	Fri 26th Jan	CLOSED
Fri 5th Jan	Jersey day (wear your favourite jersey) + Ball sports AK	Mon 29th Jan	Trivia + Painting + Colouring / drawing competition CK
Mon 8th Jan	Tie dye + Multisports + Colouring competition CK	Tues 30th Jan	Multisports + Hockey + Nerf wars AK
Tues 9th Jan	Dodgeball + Volleyball + Soccer AK		
Wed 10th Jan	Basketball + European handball + Hockey AK		
Thurs 11th Jan	Indoor cricket + Soccer + Dodgeball AK		
Fri 12th Jan	Obstacle course + Basketball + Relay races AK		
Mon 15th Jan	Multisports + Dodgeball + Soccer AK		
Tues 16th Jan	Nerf wars + Silent disco + Ball sports CK \$80		

CONTACT US: 02 9314 2536 email: easternsuburbs@pcycnsw.org.au





Art workshop in Alexandria for ages 13 to 18



Do you have a love and appreciation for art or graffiti?

Join our free 10-week after school art workshop program. You'll spend a few weeks planning and learning techniques and then put them into practice to create your own unique pieces to take home.

We aim to deliver inclusive and accessible events. If you have any particular access or communication needs please contact Lauren Al-Ali, youth and community worker on 02 9265 9116 or lalali@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Cliff Noble Community Centre
Corner Renwick and Suttor
Streets, Alexandria

Thursdays, 3pm–6pm

19 October to 14 December

To book contact Lauren Al-Ali

on 02 9265 9116 or email

lalali@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

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High School Music News

High School Concert Band 2024

Following on from the great success of the Primary School Band program we will be offering a High School Concert Band in 2024.

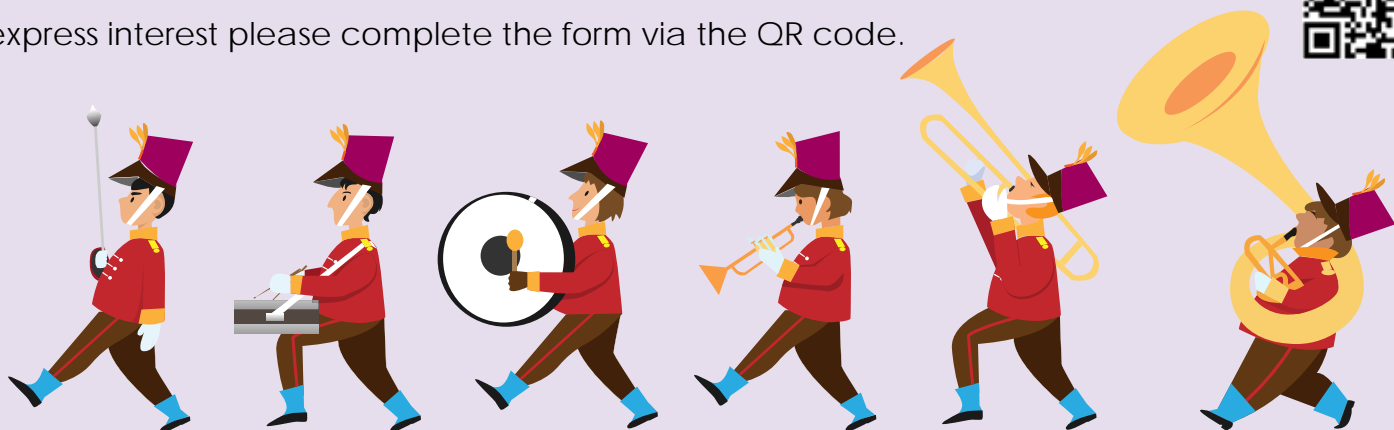
The success of this initiative depends on a minimum of fifteen students signing up on a variety of instruments.

Students from Years 7-11 are encouraged to join.

Ideally they would have been playing their instrument for a minimum of two years.

It does not matter if students have taken a break from playing for a year or two. Band members would be required to attend one weekly rehearsal before school.

To express interest please complete the form via the QR code.



Guitar Tuition

Guitar tuition will again be available next year for high school students at all levels of experience including beginners.

Tuition is available on acoustic and electric guitar and bass.

Lessons are during class time on a rotating basis so students do not miss the same lesson every week.

The cost is currently \$50/lesson.

New and continuing students can enrol via the QR code.



High School Library News

The Yakka Taka has entered the stock take stage.

Please return all overdue books if you have received an overdue slip shown below in your email recently.

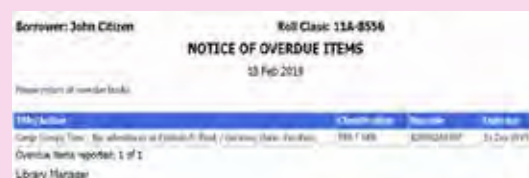
You should send a written message to:

apcslibrary@gmail.com

If you have a valid reason for being unable to return your outstanding items.

If you kept receiving the same overdue notice email several times, that's because you have never sent written messages back to the school library.

We can only clear your loan records after we receive your written explanation regarding overdue items.



Knitting Club

APCS library knitting club has 22 members of students from Yr7-12. We have been knitting every Thursday lunchtime for a whole semester. We aim to create a patched blanket by sewing little colourful squares knitted by every student.

We hope to complete the blanket by Christmas so that we can donate it to organisations that help people in disastrous areas of Australia.

