

ALEXANDRIA PARK  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
*Community Opportunity Success*

OCTOBER 2024

# Yarramundi



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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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## School Calendar

11th November. ....	Year 9 Aboriginal Studies in Country Experience
12th November. ....	OC World Expo Showcase
29th November. ....	MADD Creative Arts Night
29th November. ....	Year 10 Work Experience
2nd December. ....	Years 9/10/11 Achievement Assembly
3rd December. ....	Year 7 Orientation Day
9th December. ....	Years 7/8 Achievement Assembly
10th December. ....	Primary Presentation Day
11th December. ....	High School Presentation Day
20th December. ....	Last Day of Term 4



# Principal's Report

I would like to congratulate our Year 12 students as the HSC exam period has been completed. These outstanding students have represented Alex Park with Pride. They are currently in the process of signing out from school and saying their final farewells to teachers. All of the students I have spoken are relieved to have finished their exams and are looking forward to the next chapter of their lives. We look forward to seeing them in the future and hearing about their success stories.



During the past few weeks, we have had the pleasure of welcoming 60 new Kindergarten students and their families. Our orientation for Kindergarten students was successful and the students appeared settled and engaged in their new surroundings. We also held a Real Schools presentation on Restorative Practices to support our Kindergarten students as they start their school life. Our Second-Hand Uniform shop also played an important role in supporting our new Kindergarten community.

Our Swimming program for our Stage 1 and 2 students

including our Support Unit are now complete. Kindergarten students will start their lessons in Weeks 8 and 9 and we hope they enjoy their experience. Congratulations to all our students who have improved their swimming skills and water safety awareness.

As usual Term 4 is always full of fun and significant events to end the school year.

**K-12 MADD Night**, scheduled for Friday, 29th November. We are very excited about this upcoming event and look forward to showcasing our students talents in Music, Art, Drama,

and Dance. Further details will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you at these milestone events to help us celebrate the amazing achievements of our students.

Debra Lade  
Principal

## SAVE THE DATE

- **10th December**  
Primary Presentation Day
- **11th December**  
High School Academic Presentation Day
- **16th December**  
Year 6 Graduation



# Primary Deputy Principal News



The final term of the year is underway, with Stage 1 swim school, primary summer sports and a great deal of learning underway. We have recently commenced our Kindergarten 2025 orientation program, while Year 6 are busily preparing for end of year activities and transition to high school. We have a very busy, fun and productive term ahead with the end of year events offering a great range of celebrations and acknowledgement of our students' achievements.

Term 4 is busy, please ensure you keep reading the newsletter, watching

emails and Schoolbytes notifications for upcoming events and information that relates to your children.

As the summer months roll in, we continue to focus on ensuring students are in correct uniform, including their hat. We expect all students to be wearing a hat in the playground, otherwise teachers will direct them to shaded areas of play.

There's still time to share your thoughts on our school via the 'Tell Them From Me' survey. We have received a good number but would genuinely appreciate as many as we can to plan for 2025 and beyond.

Please access the survey if you have not already completed it at <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/apcs24> by Friday 7 November.

David Olsen,  
K-2 Deputy Principal

Paul Keevers  
3-6 Deputy Principal

# Primary News

## Early Stage 1

### Kindergarten

We would like to welcome back our Kindergarten students and their families for what will be a big last term of Kindergarten! We have hit the ground running with our learning programs and can't wait to delve into them further.

In our new 'Explore and Learn' topic: Inventions, students have started to

explore how objects move in different ways.

During mathematics, students used playing cards to measure the area of books!

We love our hands on learning experiences in kindy!

### Kindergarten visit Year 6

At the end of Term 3 Kindergarten Buddies from KG and KH visited their Year 6 buddies in 6E. Year 6 students had designed interactive displays for an audience to accompany their research on Biomes for Geography.

The excited Kindergarten students explored and engaged with the many experiences using their senses by looking, feeling and listening. It was wonderful for the older students to share their projects with Kindy.



Thank you  
for visiting  
KG & KH!





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# Primary News

## Inclusive Education Unit

**The Inclusive Education Unit finished Term 3 with a fun filled sports day where students showed off their gross motor skills and athletics abilities.**

Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to join on the day and get involved in all the fun. After all that running, jumping and skipping everyone enjoyed a picnic together on the beautiful Milperra field.

This term, students and teachers had an amazing start, dove straight into learning and fun with the swimming program. We thank the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence swimming teachers for their support and for providing a welcoming and wonderful environment for our students to learn about water safety and improve their swimming skills.

Looking further into the term we are excited about our learning in the classroom, particularly our writing focus on informative and persuasive texts. We are also looking forward to the upcoming arts showcase and the fun Positive Behaviour for Learning party at the end of the year.



**Athletics  
Carnival  
Day was a  
success!**





Learning about water safety





# Primary News

## Stage 1

### Years 1 & 2

Students in Stage 1 flexed their creative muscles to produce some incredible nature art in Kitchen Garden last term. Miss Ward read the beautiful book 'Tree' by Claire Saxby and Jess Racklyeft which tells the story of an ancient Mountain Ash tree, and the animals which live in and around it.

Students then collected a range of sticks, leaves, pebbles, and other natural materials from our school environment and arranged them to form nature art animals.

This was a no waste activity - at the end of the activity the natural materials were returned to the environment to feed the soil, and the googly eyes were collected up to use again in another project.



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# Primary News

## Stage 2

### Years 3 & 4

Lots of exciting things have been happening in Stage 2 and our students are always eager to learn and grow.

In Term 3, Year 3 were lucky to have a visit from Chris Griffiths, who spoke to students about his personal connection to Country. He shared songs and stories from Miriwoong County around Kununurra in Northern Australia. Thank you Chris for sharing your time and knowledge with us.

Year 3 also explored Aboriginal culture knowledge in their maths lessons. They investigated 2D shapes in artworks inspired from Gail Marbo's bamboo star chart detailing water currents and land masses, used in former times to assist navigation from island to island in the Torres Strait by Tagai's stars.

This term, Stage 2 students are learning about forces in science. They conducted an experiment to learn about friction and how it impacts the safety and speed of cars. They also learnt about the importance of friction in firestarting and how Aboriginal people use this scientific knowledge to care for Country.

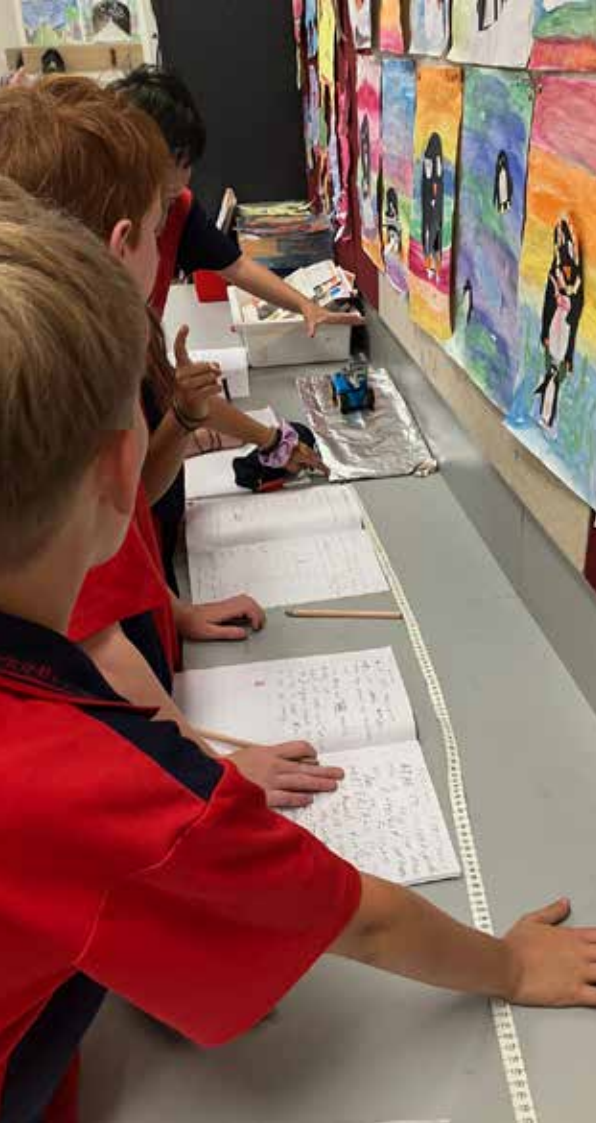


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# Primary News

## Stage 3

### Years 5 & 6

On Wednesday Students in Years 5 & 6 walked to Sydney Park to identify features of parks for Geography. They learnt about the changes to places such as the collection, filtration and distribution of stormwater into the surrounding Wetland habitat.

Students explored the former Brick Works, City farm, landscaping, skatepark and cycle areas. It was a great day in the outdoors learning about the local area.



**Look at what a great place this is.**





Stage 3 students had a great day in the outdoors learning about the local area.





# Primary News

## Music

**We have an exciting term in Music ahead with each stage learning a range of the wonderful instruments we have available to us at APCS.**

Kindy is having a great time exploring and playing with our new Handbells.

Stage 1 is learning Ukuleles to accompany their amazing singing.

Stage 2 is developing their keyboard skills and

Stage 3 is being challenged with the acoustic guitars.

We have a big term of performances ahead with the APCS MADD Night coming up in Week 7. The Choir is preparing for that - stay tuned for more details about this exciting night.

Week 2 we have started our Primary Dance group for year 4 & 5 students. This group is preparing for a big, combined schools' performance at PULSE Alive 2025.

And...

ALEX FACTOR is back! Auditions will be in week 8 and the big showcase in week 10.

Start practising your items now. What is your special talent?

If you have any questions about Primary Dance Group, Alex Factor or any of the Primary Music programs, please contact Ms Beck Campisi at the school.



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ALEX  
FACTOR  
is back!

ALEX FACTOR

SHOW

WEEK 10, 2024

DANCE

JOKES

MAGIC

SING

ACT

SCIENCE

ACROBATICS

What is your

MARTIAL ARTS

POETRY

TALENT?

MUSIC



# Primary News

## Maani

### Kitchen Garden News

The Maani is looking fantastic with a show of spring flowers. The space is buzzing with bees, and early morning visitors might be lucky enough to see a visiting kookaburra or lorikeet.

Our Kindergarten students have started their Kitchen Garden program and have been using their senses to explore the space. A highlight for many students was going on a rainbow scavenger hunt and then making rainbow potions.

Ms Ward is collecting pre-loved Kitchen equipment (mixing bowls, measuring cups, wooden spoons, whisks, jugs, etc) for mud kitchen/potions play. If you have any items that might be suitable, please drop them off to the front office. Please no glass or objects with sharp edges.



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# Primary News

## Library

We've been having a wonderful time exploring the charming picture book "Extra Yarn" by Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen!

Here's what your children have been learning in their library lessons.

Reading & Language:

- Reading independently and as a group
- Learning new vocabulary
- Sharing stories and opinions
- Creating their own stories

Hands-on Skills:

- Learning finger knitting

- Practicing crochet
- Developing fine motor skills

Social & Emotional Growth:

- Working together in groups
- Listening to others' ideas
- Discussing friendships and feelings
- Building empathy and understanding

Creative Thinking:

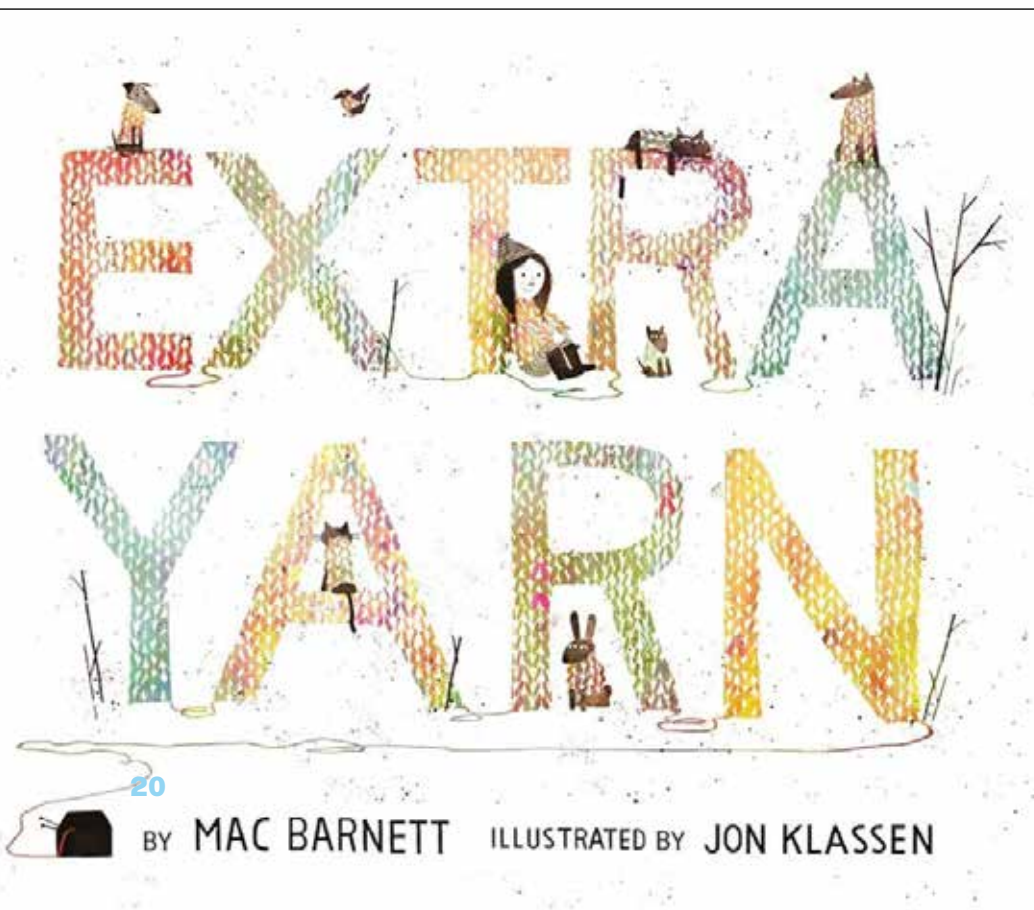
- Making predictions

about stories

- Connecting different ideas
- Asking questions
- Brainstorming new possibilities

This mix of activities helps children from Kindergarten through to Year 6 develop important skills while having fun! The book's beautiful story about creativity and sharing has really captured their imagination.

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# High School Deputy Principal News

Welcome to term 4 of 2024, some important events and initiatives happening this term:

- Good luck to our year 12 students who are currently undergoing their HSC exams.
- We are off to a winning start to the term in sport with our girls U15 Basketball led by Coach Mr Okell advancing to the top 8 in the state, they will be up against some strong School in the upcoming championships. Wishing our Girls and coach, Mr. Okell, all the best.
- Good luck to our year 10 students who will

be involved in the work experience program, it is a great chance for year 10 students to experience the workforce in their chosen career paths.

## **YEAR 11 TO 12 ACADEMIC REVIEWS**

As year 11 students begin their year 12 final year of School DPs will be meeting with students and their parents / carers in relation to their academic progress, this is extremely important that we support and guide students to be meeting the minimum requirements to receive the award of a HSC. These requirements are perused by the NSW

Department of Education together with the NSW Education Standards Authority. Students who do not meet the minimum requirements in relation to their school attendance and / or their assessment tasks submission are subject to review and therefore potentially place themselves in a position where they may not be able to complete the HSC.

For more information about compulsory School attendance please see:







# High School Deputy Principal News

At the end of the first week all Year 11 2024 students were issued the Curriculum and Assessment Booklet for their Year 12 (2024-2025) year. The principal, Deputy and other executives addressed the group welcoming them to the leadership position of the school for 2025 and giving the slogan of SEEK and SPEAK to get help if they need it from any of teachers who want to assist them in their journey towards graduation.

Students were given explanations about NESA and school requirements and how to best achieve good results and manage

their work/life balance. The Year 12 booklet and the presentation are on the school website for all parents/carers and students to refer to if they need to locate information.

## **BEHAVIOUR CODE AND EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS**

At APCS we are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students, and we expect nothing less than respectful communication between staff and students. Any profanity

or inappropriate gestures directed towards Teachers carry consequences which include, formal cautions and/or suspensions.

We would like to work closely with our parent, carers and community members to promote positive relationships with between all.

For more information on the NSW department of education Behaviour code for students, please refer to the following:





## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The NSW department of Education requires that schools set local school uniform requirements. The NSW department of Education supports the wearing of school uniform, which promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community. NSW Department of Education Schools expect students to wear the uniform during

school hours, during school sport and the practical component of the PDHPE course (sport uniform), while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

What is the APCS Uniform?

- APCS Navy blue and white Polo shirt
- Navy or Black long pants, shorts, skirt (No Logo)
- APCS Tie (Optional)
- Plain white collard shirt
- Plain Black Shoes
- Red and Navy Blue APCS Polo shirt (Sport)
- Plain navy-blue bottoms may ONLY be worn on sport days or days

where your child is participating in the practical component of the PDHPE subject. (No Logo)

Steven Marcos,  
Deputy Principal

Jessica Garcia,  
Relieving Deputy Principal



# High School News

## Year 12 Graduation Celebrations

### Congratulations Class of 2024!

The final week of Term 3 was time of celebration for our amazing Year 12 students and staff.

Our Graduation ceremony celebrated the numerous achievements in all facets of education with wonderful

speeches from our School Leaders and amazing performances from many of our students.

Congratulations class of 2024, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.











# Congratulations

to all our

# Year 12

## HSC Students









# High School News

## Mathematics

We are thrilled to share some fantastic achievements and updates from the Mathematics faculty this term!

### AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS

Our students recently participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC), and we're excited to report excellent results across the board. Congratulations to all students who took part, especially those who achieved exceptional scores. In total, our students earned 25 Credits and 10 Distinctions, with one standout student receiving a High Distinction—an impressive achievement given the challenge of this prestigious competition! The enthusiasm and dedication shown by our students in taking on this extra challenge is a testament to the strong mathematical culture we foster at our school.

### HIGHSCHOOL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Since Term 2, Ms. Barnett has been leading an inspiring intra-school initiative, bringing her Year 8 Mathematics class to the primary school, where students engage in numeracy and literacy activities with younger students. This initiative not only supports our primary students in developing fundamental skills but also gives our Year 8s a chance to apply their own knowledge in a teaching context, strengthening their understanding of mathematical concepts. This is what being a K-12 school is all about—our older students stepping up as mentors, fostering a culture of learning that benefits the entire school community.

### HOMEWORK CENTRE REMINDER

As a reminder, our Homework Centre runs every Wednesday afternoon after school, regularly staffed by Mr. Liang and Mr. Guinness and supported by external tutors. This is an excellent opportunity for students who would like additional support with their end-of-year assessment tasks. We encourage students to take advantage of this resource to strengthen their understanding and boost their confidence as they prepare for upcoming assessments.



**Year 8  
Mathematics  
students engage  
in numeracy and  
literacy activities  
with younger  
students in our  
High School and  
Primary School  
collaboration.**





# High School News


## Science

**At the beginning of Term 4 we welcomed a new staff member to our team – Ms Franks joins us from Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay Campus.**

Our Year 11 students have hit the ground running, diving straight into their Year 12 syllabus content for their respective courses.

Our Stage 4 and Stage 5 classes have started new topics this term. Year 7 is studying Biology, looking at the Classification and Cells. Year 8 is studying Physics, looking at Energy and Energy as a Resource. Year 9 is studying Biology, focusing on Body Systems and Ecosystems. Finally, Year 10 have begun studying Earth and Space, focusing on the Universe.

Stage 4 and Stage 5 Assessment Tasks for this term will be Yearly Examinations. Keep an eye out for your Assessment Task Notifications in the coming weeks.



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# High School News

## English

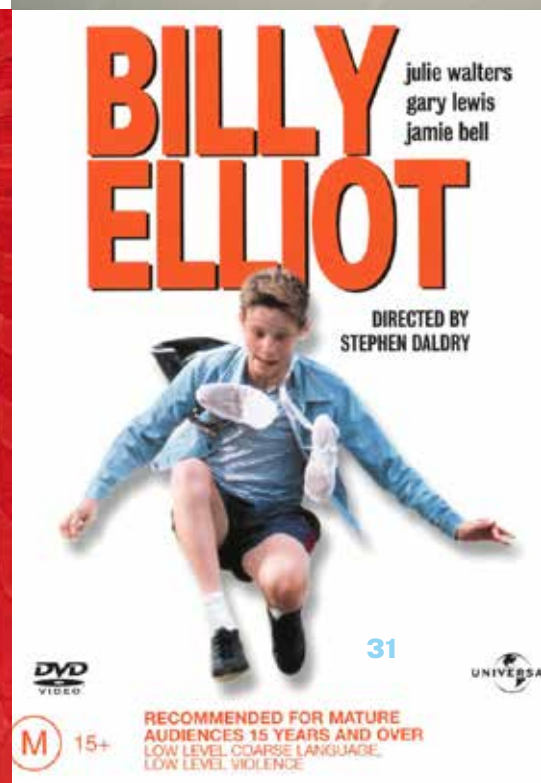
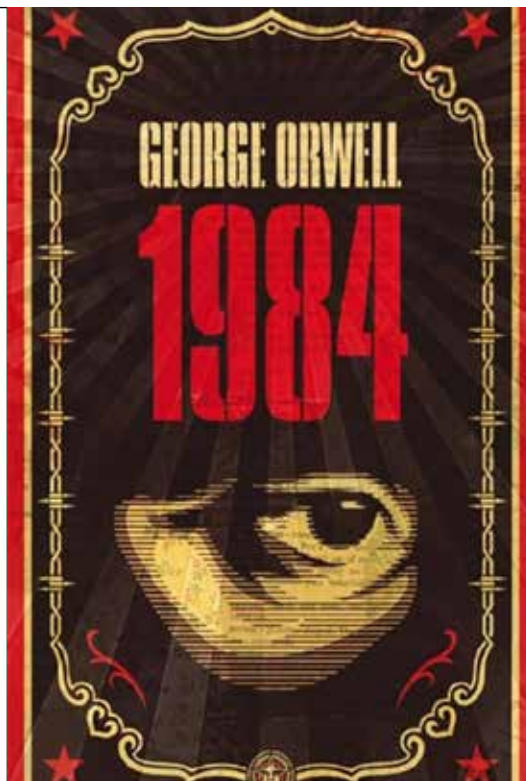
The class of 2025 have hit the ground running as they have started their HSC English course.

English Advanced are interrogating the origins of Big Brother in the Orwellian classic '1984'. English Standard and EAL/D are diving deep into the Tasmanian landscape in Parrett's 'Past the Shallows'.

English Studies are all about smashing stereotypes in Daldry's director debut feature film 'Billy Elliot'.

English Extension 1 are exploring fantastical settings and understanding the craft of literary world building while Extension 2 are in deep contemplation about their compositional choices.

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# High School News

## CAPA

### HSC Music Soiree

On the evening of September 4th, the Central Sydney Intensive English School once again hosted our combined Music Soiree. This now annual tradition again provided an opportunity for the Alex Park HSC Music students to showcase their talents and celebrate their achievements with family, friends and staff.

It also provides an opportunity for the talented students from CSIEHS perform to a wider audience.

It was a wonderful evening and heartfelt thanks go out to Miss Jia and Mr Johnstone from CSIEHS for all their work to make the evening a success.



Our combined Music Soiree, hosted by the Central Sydney Intensive English School.

# High School News

## TAS

### Year 12 Design and Technology Major Projects

Our recently graduated Year 12 Design and Technology students have completed their Major Design Projects, showcasing their creativity and craftsmanship.

One remarkable example is a mid-century inspired Parker chair by Ahmad Rayyan Thufail, made from reused timber and cost-

effective materials. This sustainable approach not only highlights the student's design skills but also their commitment to eco-friendly practices.

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 12 students for their hard work and innovation throughout the year.

**Mid-century inspired Parker chair by Ahmad Rayyan Thufail, made from reused timber.**





# High School News

## Visual Arts

**Our annual end of year exhibition is approaching!**

Students have been working hard all year and we have a wonderful collection of student works to share with our school community.

Visual Arts and Photography and Digital Media students from Years 7-12 will have their works on display in the Denzil and the Denzil Foyer on the afternoon of 11 December, coinciding

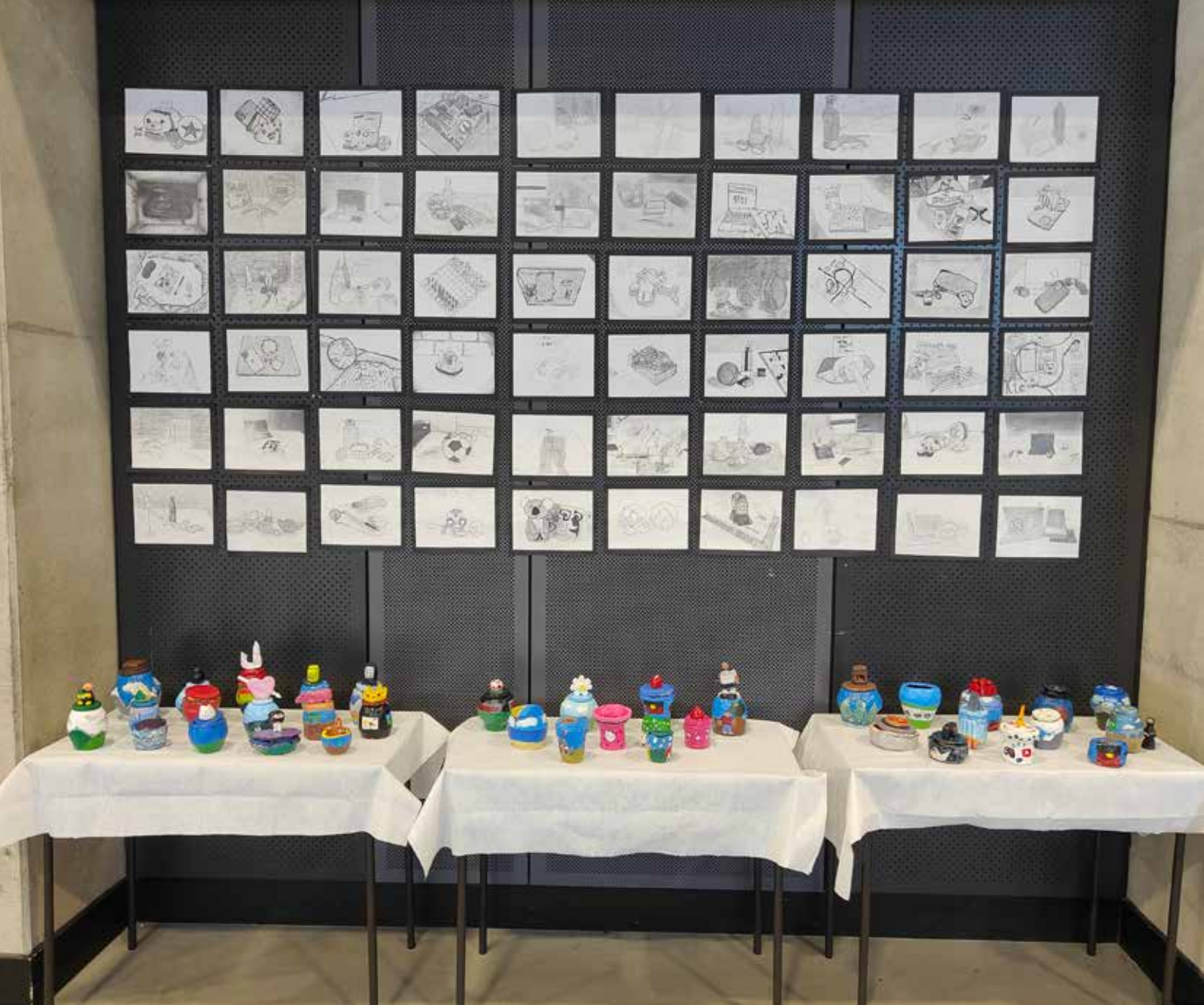
with our Academic Presentation Ceremony. Families and community are warmly invited to view the exhibition and celebrate the hard work and creativity of our young people.

Please save the date and keep an eye on our website and social media for opening times - we can't wait to show you what we've been up to all year!

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Families and community are warmly invited to view the exhibition.



# High School News

## PDHPE

### YEAR 8 GALA DAY

Last term, Year 8 students had a fantastic day representing APCS at the Eastern Suburbs Zone Gala Day. Students displayed positive attitude, behaviour and great teamwork skills to compete in the various round robin competitions.

Our four soccer teams were up against some tough competition, yet they continued to display constant determination. The girls' soccer team displayed huge improvements over the term and won 2 out of the 4 games. The boys oz-tag teams thoroughly enjoyed participating at the social competition and mixing among other peers within the zone, they too won half of their matches. The two Ultimate Vortex teams were highly successful and were undefeated throughout the entire competition. The netball teams thoroughly enjoyed the gala day experience, and everyone was extremely proud of their efforts.

Well done Year 8!

### YEAR 7 DENZIL SHIELD

Last term, during Integrated Sport, Year 7 students participated in European Handball and Ultimate Frisbee/ Ultimate Vortex. Students had several weeks to practise skill development, and then competed in their sport house groups as part of the Denzil Shield.

In Sport, we focus on the attributes that make someone a good player. These attributes include good players:

- try their best
- play by the rules
- play honestly and with integrity

Congratulations to students who were awarded Best & Fairest from their respective sport house groups. Well done to the Wautangal (Green) House for taking out the Denzil Shield for Term 3.



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# High School News

## PDHPE

### YEAR 7 SWIM SCHOOL

This term we are excited to announce the start of our annual Year 7 APCS Swim School Program! Over the next five weeks starting from the 14th of November, students will participate in weekly swimming lessons at Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre during Thursday morning sport sessions. Led by professional and qualified instructors, lessons are tailored to each student's swimming ability, with groups ranging from non-swimmers to advanced swimmers.

Beyond their tailored lessons, students will have some free swim time under the supervision of our dedicated teachers, giving them a chance to enjoy the water while building confidence and skills. This program is an essential part of our PDHPE curriculum, providing practical aquatics training and emphasising water safety.

All relevant information has been distributed via School Bytes. Parents and

carers are asked to check their emails and complete the permission form online. Alternatively, students can collect a paper note from the PDHPE staffroom. As a reminder, students should wear their swimmers under their red school uniform for easier transitions and bring a plastic bag for wet items.

This program is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn and grow in a supportive environment, and we look forward to seeing them thrive in the water!

### STAGE 5 SPORT

We are thrilled to report that our Year 9 and 10 students are thoroughly enjoying their school sport programs, which have seen an exciting new twist this term! For the first time, our sports curriculum now includes three off-site community sports options: ice-skating, boxing, and power walking.

These options have been met with enthusiasm and energy, allowing students to experience fitness activities in unique, local environments. Ice-skating

has been a big hit, offering students a chance to work on balance and coordination while having fun on the ice. The boxing sessions are teaching valuable skills in self-discipline and focus, while power walking provides a relaxed yet invigorating way for students to enjoy the outdoors, stay active, and socialise with friends.

We are so proud to see students exploring new sports, pushing their boundaries, and building fitness in ways that suit them best. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue expanding our sport offerings and encouraging healthy, active lifestyles!

### REMINDER TO PARENTS

If you haven't yet completed payment for your child's chosen sport, we kindly ask that all payments be made as soon as possible. This helps ensure that students can continue enjoying these activities with the necessary resources and facilities. Thank you for your cooperation!



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# High School News

## Library

### Yakka Taka high school Library

As a new spring term begins, students & families are encouraged to take up some spring reading via Wheelers ebook & audiobook platform. You can access the Wheelers website via DoE student portal & APCS Oliver library. You may like to

check out below books which were recommended by APCS students & staff during the Book Week celebration.

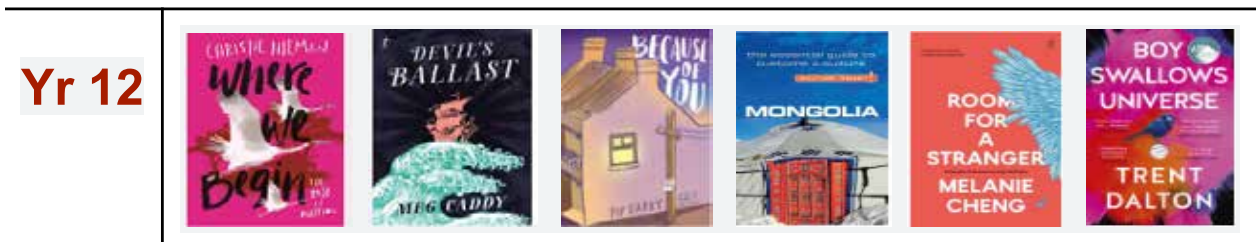
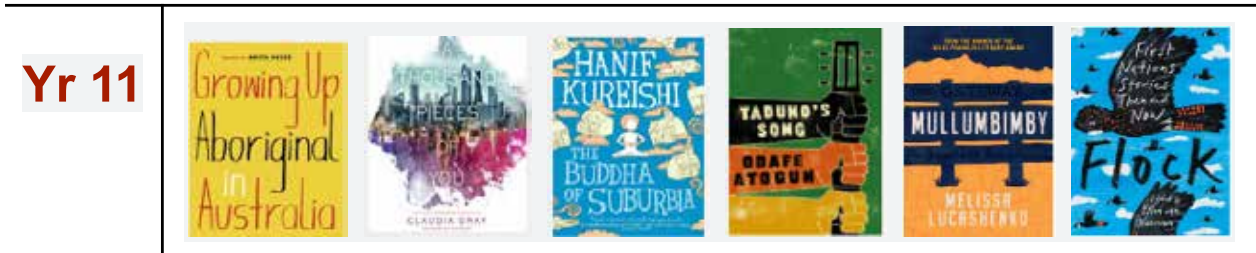
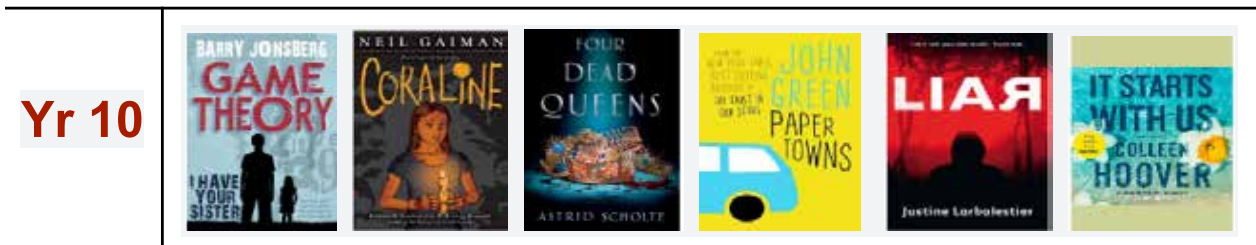
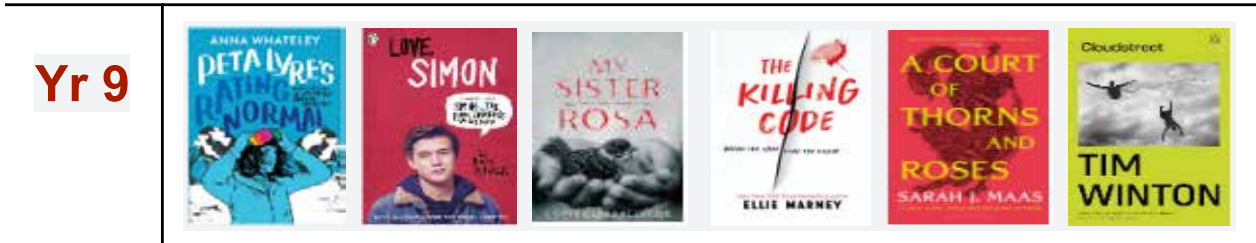
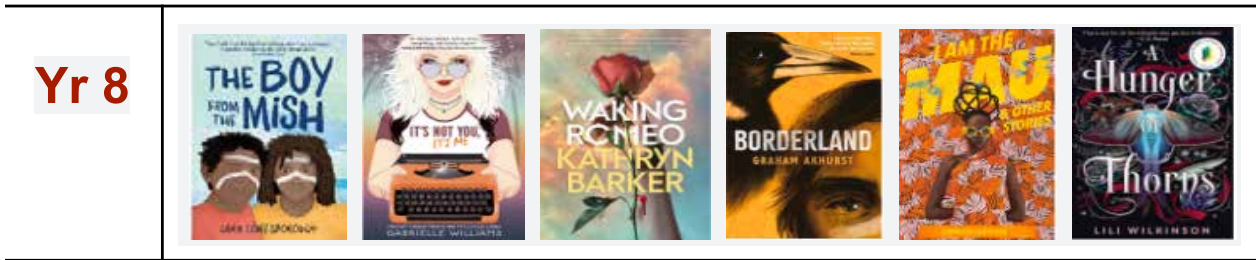
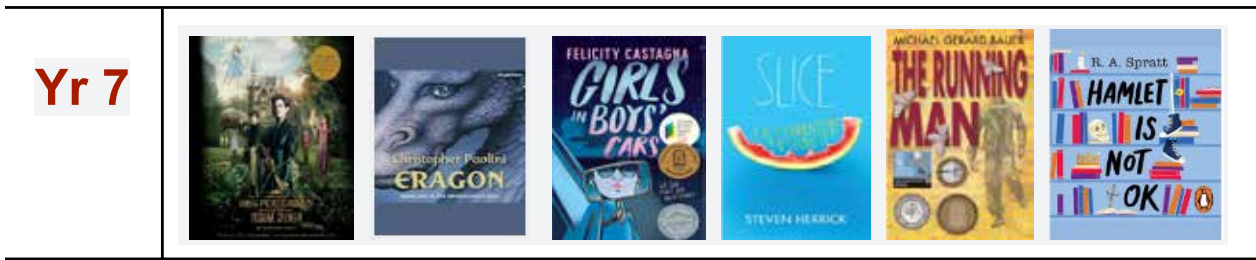
### Street Library

APCS is very fortunate to be gifted a street library box by the City North Men's Shed community. We have filled it with donated books. It is situated in the

high school Yakka Taka amphitheater. Students are welcome to take books freely for home reading.



**Students are welcome to take books from the Street Library freely for home reading.**





# High School News

## International Students

### Barangaroo Aboriginal Cultural Tour

Our International Students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the native history of Warrane (Sydney Harbour) and the importance of the land to Australia's Aboriginal Heritage and its significance to the clans of the Gadigal people. From the past to the present, Barangaroo is a place of spiritual significance.

The Aboriginal Cultural Tours extend throughout the six-hectare headland of Barangaroo Reserve,

taking in the 75,000 native Australian trees and shrubs that are a feature of the Reserve.

Our students had the opportunity to experience and work with native plants and create some amazing pieces. We finished off with lunch at Darling Harbour!



**We finished off with an international flavoured lunch at Darling harbour!**







**Our International Students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the native history of Warrane (Sydney Harbour)**





# High School News

## Wellbeing

**It was a busy and productive last term at Alexandria Park Community School.**

We proudly celebrated our Year 8 students who graduated from the Raise Program, a valuable mentoring initiative that provided opportunities for learners to set academic, social, and attendance goals, while receiving guided support each week to achieve these. We sincerely thank the mentors for their unwavering commitment and dedication to our students' success.

We were also honored to welcome motivational speaker and author of *Redemption Road*, Luke Kennedy, to our school. Luke delivered an inspiring message to our Year 7-12 students on the power of resilience and overcoming adversity, encouraging self-awareness and personal growth.

We also welcomed two new members to our staff. Ms. Frisnyak joined us as a Learning and Support Teacher, and Ms. Inglis has taken on the role of Student Support Officer within our Wellbeing Team. Both have already started building strong connections with our students and are providing invaluable support.

This term we are preparing Antibullying Programs for Years 7 and 8 and beginning to plan the transition for our incoming Year 7 cohort. Our goal is to ensure that their move to high school is smooth, enjoyable, and enriching.

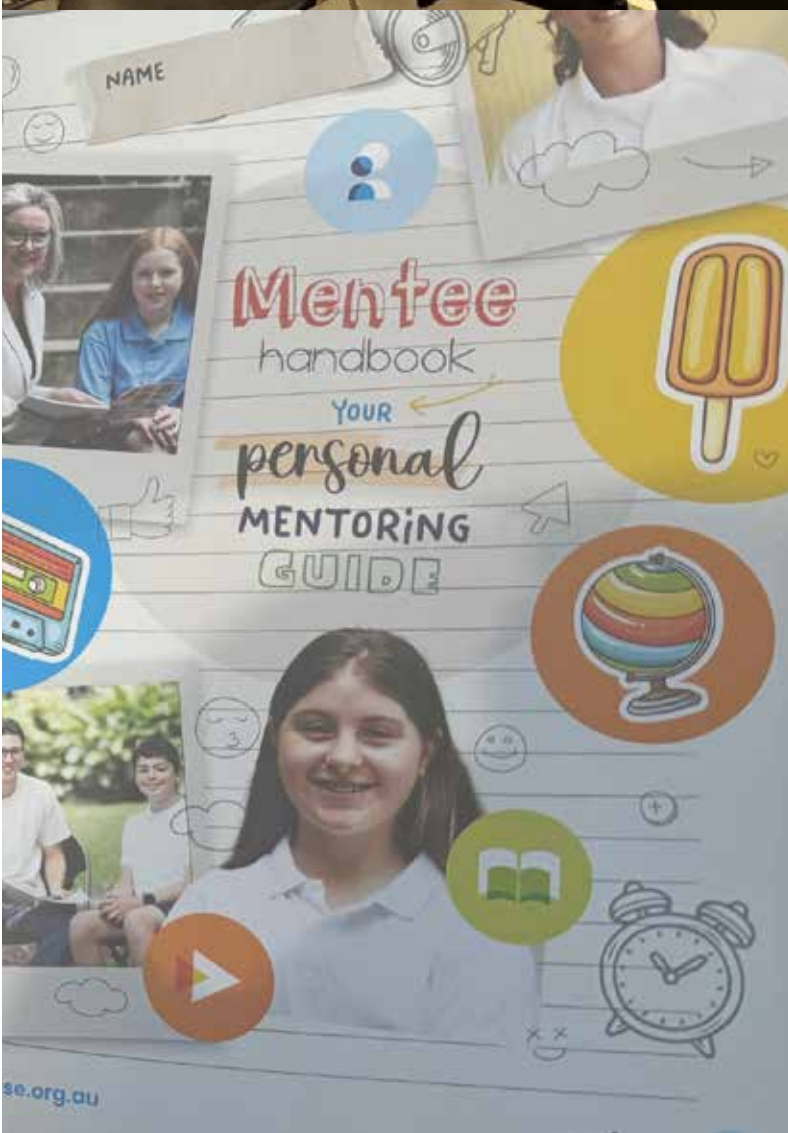
Our Wellbeing and Learning and Support Teams consist of dedicated educators and staff who prioritise student welfare. We remain committed to equipping

all students with the skills they need to enhance their physical, social, and emotional wellbeing, as well as their academic outcomes. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire team for their continuous support and dedication to creating opportunities for all learners from Years 7 to 12.

Ms. Jessica Garcia  
Head Teacher Wellbeing and Learning Support



Celebrating our Year 8 students who graduated from the Raise Program.







# Other School News

## International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

### YEAR 3-12 ICAS

ICAS assessments are independent online tests, designed to recognise & reward academic excellence. It is a national competition supported by the University of Sydney. Many APCS Yr3-12 students chose to participate in ICAS 2024 last term.

Students in the attached list have been awarded with Distinctions & High Distinctions in English, Writing, Mathematics & Science. Let's congratulate them!

Class	Name	Writing	English	Science	Maths
3K	Lucas Ondarza			HD	D
50	Aoi McMahon	D		D	
50	Sarah Khan		D		
50	Liam Pham		D	D	
50	Harvey Witt		D	D	D
50	Markus Allen			D	
50	Leonard Clarkson			D	
50	Elizabeth Lee			D	D
50	Kahlia Masters			D	
50	Ferdinand Ekajaya				D
6E	Sienna Aktas		HD		
6E	Eva Drew-Tam		D		D
6E	Adrian Teoh			D	D
6E	Angela Zhao				D
7X	Dannii PHAM	D			
7X	Liam HENSTOCK				D
7X	Teo (K) CARNJANAKAVYN				D
8E	Nader ZRELLI			D	
8X	Zachariah (Zac) LUU		D	D	
9rc3	Miranda LARA	D			

D = Distinction  
HD = High Distinction

# Upcoming Community Events...

## Pasta and movie night for ages 12 to 18



Kick back after school and enjoy pasta and a movie.

This is a safe and supervised program.

We aim to deliver inclusive and accessible events and activities. If you have any particular access or communication needs, and to book contact Lauren Al-Ali on 0472 769 117 or email [lalali@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lalali@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)

**Cliff Noble Community Centre**  
24 Suttor Street, Alexandria

Friday 8 November  
Friday 13 December  
3pm - 7pm

Free

Bookings essential.

[cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/youth-programs](http://cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/youth-programs)

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## Arts and craft afternoons Ages 9 to 12



Come and join us for a fun afternoon activity with arts and crafts, where you can come and be creative with your friends and make some new ones.

A safe space to enjoy testing your creativity and making different items.

Snacks will be provided.

FREE: Bookings are essential.

**TOTE Building, 100 Joynton Ave,  
Zetland NSW 2017**

Tuesdays, starting 22 October to  
10 December  
3pm to 5.00pm

Book now at  
[lalali@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lalali@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)  
or call 8512 8771

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## Cake making and games for ages 12 to 18



**Joseph Sargeant Community  
Centre, 60 Prospect Street,  
Erskineville**  
Thursdays, 3pm to 5:30pm  
24 October to 12 December

To book call Lauren on  
0472 769 117 or email  
[lalali@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lalali@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au)



Join us after school to make cakes for afternoon tea. We also have board games, PlayStation and table tennis to play or you can use our computers. Bring your friends and meet new people. Free wifi is also available in the centre.

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## TENNIS LESSONS AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM

A free safe and supervised program for  
high school students ages 13-18 years.



Enjoy free tennis lessons from 3pm - 4.30 pm.

Bring your friends or meet some new people. No tennis experience is needed and rackets are provided.

Spaces limited and bookings essential.

If you have any particular access or communication needs please contact Lorraine Ventura, youth team leader on 02 8512 8771.

**Alexandria Park Tennis Courts**  
Park Road, Alexandria  
Mondays, 3pm to 5:30pm  
23 October to 11 December

Free - bookings essential.  
To book scan the QR code or  
call 02 8512 8771.

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