PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Quality teachers making a difference

Honour Assembly
On Friday we will come together as a school community to acknowledge students in our school who display strong citizenship skills. A good citizen is responsible and shows genuine care and concern for their community and those who belong to their community and it is wonderful that we can celebrate as a school community the many students throughout the school who model this behaviour each and every day. All members of our school community are welcome to join us for this special assembly which commences at 2.00pm in our school hall.

Area Swimming
Congratulations to all AHPS students who represented the Warringah PSSA Zone at the Area swimming carnival last week at Homebush Aquatic Centre. Mrs McVey accompanied the Warringah team and enjoyed a highly successful day with the zone team. Congratulations to all our students who represented our zone with such sportsmanship, determination and focus – we are all very proud of you! A special congratulations to Tyler Krenkels who was awarded the 11years Boys Age Champion for his outstanding results in so many events.

1st Senior Individual Medley
1st 11 years 50m freestyle
1st 11 years 50m breaststroke
2nd 11 years 50m backstroke

Tyler now goes onto represent the Sydney North Area team next week. Well done, Tyler, and our whole school community wishes you all the best at the State swimming carnival.

Band Camp
All students in our bands enjoyed a highly successful gathering at The Collaroy Centre over the weekend for Band Camp. Weekends such as Band Camp cannot happen without the support of volunteer parents and staff who willingly give up their weekend to assist with the supervision of the camp. My thanks to Jane Chubb, band committee member, for her outstanding organisation of the weekend and for giving up so much of her own time to co-ordinate the camp organisation. I would also like to thank all the staff who gave up time on their weekend to enjoy this special opportunity with our band students – Mrs Kabalan, Mrs Latter, Mrs Parker, Miss McMerrick, Mrs Peel, Miss Wells, Mrs Sacks, Mrs Callintzis, Miss Heggen, Mrs Johnston, Ms Christie and Miss Behagg. I was lucky enough to stay at the camp on Friday evening and I would like to congratulate all students for their exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm during their time at Band Camp – a time when very special musical memories are made!

Achieving academic excellence

2013 Annual School Report
The 2013 Annual School Report has been uploaded to our school website. I encourage all parents to take the time to access the report and have a read about all our wonderful achievements throughout 2013. The Annual School Report also outlines our vision for the school as we move forward in the coming years and the strategies we will employ as a school to continue to provide quality, rich and focused learning activities to meet the needs of all students. Our 2013 Annual School Report can be accessed at http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/annual-school-report
Your community school

Farewell Mrs Hilton

Thank you to the families who attended our assembly on Friday as we farewelled Mrs Hilton after 24 years in our school community. As you can imagine, last week was a very emotional time for Mrs Hilton and I know just how much we will all miss her as she transitions to retirement. A special thanks to the P and C for so generously contributing to our farewell to Mrs Hilton – she will be greatly missed by all in our school!

Providing opportunities for all

Absence from school

In the event that a child is absent from school, parents/carers must notify the class teacher in writing on the day the child returns to school. Due to legal reasons it is not sufficient to state that a child was ‘absent’ – a reason for the absence must be supplied. Although appreciated, notification to the office via a phone call does not meet our legal obligations. The office staff will notify the class teacher that your child is away, however, the class teacher requires written notification on the day your child returns to school.

If you are planning on taking leave of more than 5 days during the school term, an exemption from school application form must be completed and an exemption from school certificate will be issued for the length of the absence from school. To receive this relevant paper work, please notify the office in writing of the anticipated leave. All forms must be completed before the leave is expected to commence.

Term accounts

Thank you to all families who have settled their term 1 account. For those families with outstanding term 1 accounts, prompt payment of these accounts would be greatly appreciated before the end of term. Reminders for these families will be issued this week. It is vital term accounts are settled quickly as the school is required to pay for costs incurred by all students over the term. Failure to settle term accounts is a great financial drain on the school budget, ultimately resulting in reduced resources for all students. If you have any questions in regards to your term account please contact the school office.

Angela Helsloot, Principal

CALENDAR

Monday 31 March to Tuesday 8 April
Life Education

Thursday 3 April
Its Academic

Friday 4 April
Dad’s Easter Meal Deal
Honour Assembly

Monday 7 April
Cross Country Carnival

Wednesday 9 April
State Swimming Carnival

Thursday 10 April
State Swimming Carnival
Easter Hat Parade
ANZAC Commemorative Service 2:00pm
Last day of school for students for term 1

Friday 11 April
School development day—staff only

Monday 28 April
School resumes for all students
Stage 3 ANZAC talk

Tuesday 6 May
Zone Cross Country Carnival

Thursday 8 May
Mother’s Day Stall

Friday 9 May
Dance Auditions Glen Street

Click on this link for more calendar days on our website: http://www.allambieht-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar

COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Allambie Heights Public School Community Business Directory is located on our school website. Please use the links in the directory to view the businesses listed. For more information on how to advertise in the Community Business Directory please email allambieht-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

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HONOUR ASSEMBLY
Our term 1 Honour Assembly will be held on Friday 4 April at 2:00pm. At the assembly the Vocal Ensemble will be performing. Parents of the students involved are welcome to attend.

INTERNET CODE OF BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT
Our records show that not all students have completed the Internet Code of Behaviour Agreement form. If your child brings this form home please complete it and return to the office immediately.

STUDENT MEDICAL DETAILS & HEALTH CONDITIONS
Our records show that not all students have completed the Student Medical Details and Health Conditions form. If your child brings this form home please complete it and return to the office immediately.

HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

PSSA SPORT REPORTS

T-Ball A
It was very close the final score was 15 -16 our way. We did well with some awesome catches and home runs. I gave the player of the match to Meagan for great sportsmanship. By Ingrid F

T-Ball B
Well done team—everyone played a great game. Player of the match was Abigail E who watched the ball and caught it and her batting was excellent. By Niki H

IT’S ACADEMIC
On Thursday 20 March sixteen year 6 students went to Foxtel Studios to take part in the Channel 7 television show, It’s Academic. It’s Academic is an educational children’s game show where contestants have the chance to test their general knowledge and win prizes for themselves and their school.

Our year 6 team have been training hard for last five months, giving up their lunch times and studying at home. We had a very exciting day of filming, competing against two very challenging schools. It was also a fantastic opportunity for the children to see how a television show and studio really work.

At this stage, we cannot reveal the final results as the show will be aired later this year in November. I would like to congratulate the whole team on their amazing efforts and wish them luck when they return to Foxtel Studios for another round of filming. Good luck team!

It’s Academic Team
Davin K Bianca B Isabella K Bishoy I Tara D Chantelle C Sam T Holly S Beatrice R Daren R Hollie St Jared W Bethan K Oliver P Caitlin P Grace C

Louisa Brown, Assistant Principal

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
The school Cross Country will be held next Monday 7 April 2014 on the oval starting at 9:30am. Children will need to wear their sports uniform and remember to bring their hat, sunscreen, raincoat and plenty of water

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help. Please meet us on the oval at 9:00am so that we can allocate you a job.

Debbie Plunkett & Sandy Parker, Carnival Organisers
ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE
Thursday 10 APRIL 2014 at 2.00pm

Family and friends are invited to join our ANZAC Commemorative Service which will be held in the school hall.

Children are requested to wear school uniform or special uniforms – cubs, scouts, brownies, guides, brigade etc.

Contributions of flowers, ivy or green cuttings would be appreciated. Children may bring these to the art room on Thursday morning. Parent helpers are needed on the morning to make wreaths. If available please meet teachers at the art room next to the hall at 8:30 a.m.

SCRIPTURE EASTER ASSEMBLY

A warm invitation to staff, parents and friends of Allambie Heights Public School to our Scripture Easter Celebrations to be held in the hall on Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 11.30am (Kindergarten—2) and 12.10pm (Year 3—Year 6). There will be items from the children to help us understand the significance of these amazing events. All Scripture groups are very welcome to join us.

STAGE 1 FUNDRAISING - BUSINESS GIVE BACK

Dear AHPS Business Owners,
As part of the Stage 1 fundraising project for 2014, we would like to offer you the opportunity to be part of our Business Give Back initiative.

Stage 1 are this year proposing a fundraising initiative which aims to support the local community as well as give back to the school. We call it the Business Give Back and base the initiative on the following principles.

- Allowing local businesses to apply to be part of the Stage 1 fundraising initiative.
- All chosen businesses will be advertised in the school Grapevine and flyers will go home with students encouraging school families to use these businesses.
- The initiative will run over a 5 month period, May - September.
- In return for increase in business/customers the chosen businesses will give a nominated percentage (possibly 5%) of all purchases by school families back to the school at the end of the 5 month period. It has not yet been decided what the raised funds will go towards but this will be announced prior to the 5 month period.
- During the 5 month period, the chosen businesses will provide monthly reports to the Stage 1 fundraising committee with total number of sales. This will then be published in the school Grapevine.

This initiative has never before been run at Allambie Heights Public School but one of our local businesses owned by Lisa Zwart has previously been involved through a local club. This proved extremely successful in this instance so we are positive it will be a success for our school and community as well.

Once we have decided on a group of local businesses we will be meeting with each business owner to go through the event in more detail.

If you are interested in participating then please reply to Jo Bouman on joskou@gmail.com with your application. If you have any questions regarding how sales percentages were worked out and factored into the accounting side then please forward your questions onto Lisa Zwart on lisazwart@mail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The Stage 1 Fundraising Committee
# AWARD WINNERS WEEK 7, 8 & 9

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P&C PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dear parents and students

The P&C met on Wednesday 19 March in the Library. The P&C thanked those parents who had organised our social events - Kelly Barr-Jones and Lyndall Pamp for our welcome BBQ on Friday 21 February and Vicki Allison for the K-2 and 3-6 discos on Friday 14 March, noting that it worked smoothly with food available and clear rules to make for an enjoyable night. P&C also noted our appreciation for Vicki’s team and the teachers who attended. We plan to hold three further discos throughout the year for both K-2 and 3-6.

We explored our fundraising proposals across each stage and Josefine Bouman gave a stage 1 presentation for a Business Give Back plan. P&C agreed the stage 1 team would ask local businesses run by AHPS parents to participate. This initiative would run from May to September and the team are now approaching companies already in our Community Business Directory. Stephanie Barker gave a stage 2 presentation for a Dance-a-thon in Term 3 on Thursday 18 September with Josephine Guzzo running the day. The stage 3 proposal is still in the pipeline.

Our annual Parent’s Night will be held on Saturday 14 June with the theme ‘A Night at the Races’. This will include trivia, games and raffles. All parents and community members will be invited to participate. In addition, we agreed to support the Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 8 May, with our thanks to organiser Mel Erskine.

We received the Principal’s report from Angela Helsloot who circulated the Annual School Report, included in The Grapevine this week. Angela also noted the retirement of Lee Hilton who finished in the office last Thursday 27 March. P&C expressed their thanks and appreciation for Lee’s hard work and joyful willingness to serve our school over the past 16 years. We also learned that 16, year 6 students have been invited to the channel seven TV show ‘It’s Academic’. We shall be advised when the show will be aired.

Louisa Brown reported on a recent technology review she undertook with the Tech Team at a neighbouring school. In response to their proposal for our technology needs in 2014, P&C agreed to purchase 40 iPads, apps and necessary accessories for use in classes K-6 at a cost of $20,000. P&C determined that funds raised at the Parents Night would be assigned to this greatly needed improvement project.

We are indebted to Matt Cameron who is co-ordinating student insurance, Stephanie and Kirsty for their work in overseeing our financial accounts, Jackie Tobin & her team for overseeing the Canteen, Julie Morris & her team for overseeing the Uniform Shop and Deanne and her team for developing our Bands. Thank you all for your diligence in maintaining these valuable school services.

Warm regards, Robin Kinstead, President of AHPS P&C Association

ARTICLES FOR THE GRAPEVINE

If you would like to submit an article in The Grapevine please note that it is sent home every even week of the term on a Tuesday. We require all articles to be at the office by the Monday before The Grapevine is sent home. Unfortunately we can not guarantee articles will be included in The Grapevine if we do not receive your article by the due date.

Is dried fruit OK for Crunch&Sip™?

Although fresh fruit is the best choice, a small amount of dried fruit (eg sultanas or apricots) is an acceptable Crunch&Sip™ option.

Dried fruit tends to cling to the teeth, so is best eaten with a meal or when a toothbrush is handy.

NOTE fruit straps, bars or rolls are NOT permitted as they contain large amounts of sugar.
SNACK SHACK NEWS

There has been an increase in student numbers and therefore lunch orders over the last two years which is fantastic for the Snack Shack. We no longer have the additional time it takes to process manual orders which regularly list unavailable items for the day, use incorrect pricing with large notes which are unable to be changed. There will be **ON-LINE ORDERING ONLY FROM TERM 2**.

DAD’S EASTER MEAL DEAL
Friday 4 April 2014
sausage in a roll, choice of drink and a small chocolate Easter treat
On-line orders only
Cut off time for orders is 5:00pm Wednesday 2 April 2014
Thanks Tim H & friends.

Roster, Term 1
Please note the change of mobile telephone number for roster point of contact.

0450 014 355 (Lisbet - Roster Co-ordinator) / ahpscanteen@gmail.com

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UNIFORM SHOP
Term 2 is winter uniform. Girls: winter tartan dress or tartan pants with a white long sleeve Peter Pan collar shirt. For sport it is dance pants and a polo shirt. Boys: long trousers or shorts with a long or short sleeve polo shirt. For sport it is track suit pants or shorts with a polo shirt.

BAND CAMP REPORT
Our annual Band Camp was held over the weekend and 82 band students attended. What a fantastic weekend it was! The weather was perfect for the event, rain at night and sunshine during the day. Over the weekend the students participated in many band rehearsals, small tutor groups, activities such as rock climbing, flying fox, laser tag and giant swing. A concert was held on Sunday afternoon to showcase the talent amongst the band students at the school.

The band committee would like to thank the following people for their assistance ensuring the camp ran smoothly.

Jane Chubb: The main camp organiser, Jane did an amazing job organising all band camp matters from liaising with the Collaroy centre, arranging timetables, rosters, permission notes etc. Many, many hours were spent organising the event.

Parent Volunteers: Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help with the band camp. The event could not go ahead without your help. From transporting equipment to getting children to breakfast in the morning, these parents did a brilliant job. Particular thank you to the overnight parents who take on a huge responsibility looking after the students: Mrs Ryan, Mr De Montfort, Mrs Nievergelt, Mr Beaumont and Mr Deakin. Also, thanks to the families that provided personal equipment for the weekend: the Davis, Williams, Nesci and Hamilton families.

Teacher Volunteers: We are extremely fortunate that so many teachers gave up their time to attend band camp. Thank you to Mrs Helsloot and Ms Wells for sleeping over. Also, thanks to the following teachers who gave up their time over the weekend: Mrs Kabalan, Mrs Latter, Mrs Parker, Miss McMerrick, Mrs Peel, Mrs Sacks, Mrs Callintzis, Mrs Johnston, Miss Christie, Miss Heggen and Miss Behagg.

Certificates: Thank you to Larissa Laughton for taking the photos of the all participants and preparing the certificates.

Ms Wells: Ms Wells is an amazing conductor, her rapport with the children is second to none and we are very fortunate to have such a capable band conductor at our School.

IMPORTANT BAND DATES
Northern Beaches Eisteddfod: Training band has been entered into this eisteddfod and will perform on Thursday 22 May. More information to follow.

Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE) concert series. Performance band will perform at the Forest High School on Tuesday 10 June and the Concert Band will perform on Thursday 12 June. These events are in the evening. Please put these dates in your diary. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

Yamaha festival: 13 to 17 June 2014 and 20 to 22 June 2014 at the Chatswood Concourse Theatre. (This is the only competition that the School participates in so please put this time period in your diary. There will only be one performance per band but we don’t know these dates yet. We will let you know as soon as we find out).

Allambie Bands in Concert (ABIC): Friday 14 November (evening). All three bands perform at this event so please put this date in your diary.

Deanne Hutt, Band Co-ordinator
ARE YOU CYBER SAVVY?

A quarter of Australian children have reported that they have been bullied online, with many more inadvertently coming across adults-only content on their home computer or mobile device.

Cyber Safety Advocate Leonie Smith says it’s time parents of primary and high school students had their home computers and mobile devices set up for safe online use.

Leonie has more than 16 years online experience in computing, online marketing and social media and will discuss strategies on how to keep lines of communication open with our children in regards to their online lives at this Cyber Safety Presentation.

The presentation will include:
- Updates on the latest in apps and platforms
- Safe search settings
- Dangerous apps and blogging sites
- What is cyber bullying?
- Common traps for young people
- Q&A discussion on communication strategies

Tues 29 Apr
7 – 8.30pm
Oxford Falls Grammar School, 1078 Oxford Falls Rd, Oxford Falls
FREE but bookings essential on youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au or for more information call 9942 2681
SAVE THE DATE
Kids Disco - Saturday 3 May

Manly Allambie United Football Club are excited to present their first Kids Disco of 2014! It will be held on Saturday 3 May from 4:00pm-6:00pm, at the Allambie Heights School Community Centre. The disco is for 5-12 year olds, and everyone is welcome. It’s $10 per child, which includes a drink and popcorn, and other snacks will be available for purchase. Parents need to sign their children in, or you can stay and enjoy the fun! Come along and enjoy a great afternoon with your mates! Any questions, please email Jody at aj.green@bigpond.net.au

Holiday Sports Camps

Multi Sport Holiday Camp
Forestville Memorial Hall
4-9yrs 9am-3pm

Weekly Multi Sports Programs
Forestville & Warriewood
for ages 2.5-5yrs

Karen@sportylietlemunchkins.com.au
1300 612 199
Bookings are essential

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS & ACTIVITY CAMP

Allambie Heights Community Tennis Centre (behind the school)

Monday 14 April to Thursday 17 April
4 day holiday tennis camp

For information and bookings contact Suzy Ellis on 0417 381 138 or phone/fax 9999 4475 or email: suzyellis@bigpond.com