TERM 4 HAPPENINGS

Term 4 is always a busy term with lots of events, activities and special programs. To ensure you know exactly what is happening and when, here is a one-stop shop overview of Term 4.

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As you are all aware we have had a very successful iPad program at APHS for the last four years. This program continues into 2017 for our New Year 8’s. Without a doubt the iPad has improved engagement and learning for our students. An iPad is a personal device not one to be shared with others. To that end all year 8 students are expected to have an iPad ready for Day 1 of school 2017.

Students will need a minimum 64GB model. We recommend the newest version of the iPad but if your child already has an iPad minimum 64GB with photo/video capability this will be more than satisfactory.

We have a very good Wi-Fi service at APHS and students will not need a cellular enabled iPad. You may however choose this option but be assured at school they can be on our Wi-Fi network.

Although the iPad can be used right through to Year 12 many students find that a laptop becomes a better option once they move into Senior School. From 2017 students will be required to bring their own laptops to school. Students will still have access to loan machines but these will ONLY be available to loan from the Library. In addition to these loan machines students can still access two PC rooms and state of the art computers in Art, Tech St, and Music.

Please note if students already have a laptop they do not need to purchase another device, however if you are considering buying a new machine we would like to provide some specifications as we do with the iPads to ensure that students have a device that is suitable.

As an Apple School we recommend the Apple MacBook Air 13”. We know this is a robust, durable and reliable machine. Note this is not compulsory.

The minimum required PC specification for longevity would be a laptop with an:
• Intel Core i5 Processor or better
• 8Gb of Ram or more
• 265Gb SSD Hard drive or more

Some good buys from Harvey Norman include:
• HP Envy 13-D108TU 13.3” Laptop approx. $1294
• Lenovo Ideapad 710S 13.3” Laptop approx. $1498
• Acer Aspire S5-371T-52SW Modern PC Laptop approx. $1397

Again please note this is not a definitive list rather recommended good buys.

Please contact our IT team with any queries.

**APHS DEBATING TEAM**

Our Senior Blue team of Alexandra Herden, Clarrie Lock and Ellyane Wall, supported gracefully by Erin Whitear as Timekeeper, are now Grand Champions of the Open Division of Debating SA inter school competition!! We saw off Pembroke Senior School in memorable style, with a unanimous decision from the team of 5 adjudicators. For Alex and Ellyane, this is their second year in a row that they have won Grand Champion in their division.

Belissimo to my fabulous team.

Vanda Farrell
**APHS DRAMA**

On 12th and 13th September, the Year 10/11 Drama class performed *The Disappearance of Daniel Hand*

The play is about a boy who goes missing one Friday afternoon. As his absence hits the school, rumours abound about what happened to him: Was he a drug addict? A religious nut? Was he gay or struggling with mental health?

After a long day of technical rehearsals on Monday the students performed to three different audiences across Tuesday including a night performance to friends and family. A big thank you to everyone who helped create a wonderful production!

*Daniel Lynch*

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**MUSIC & DANCE**

**Performance DVDs**

Recordings made at the recent Elder Hall Music Showcase (or St Augustine’s Music Concert, Band Night or Dance Production “The Art Of Movement” in Semester 1) are now available.

Please take a regular 4.7G labelled DVD to IT and they will supply you with a copy of the requested performance DVD.

Please note that the APHS Arts performance DVDs are protected by copyright and cannot be shared or reproduced.

*Vicki Holland*

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**LIBRARY NEWS - CBCA BOOK OF THE YEAR COMPETITION**

In 1946 the Children’s Book Council of Australia established annual book awards to promote children’s books of high literary and artistic quality. These awards are now the most influential and highly respected in Australia. The CBCA presents annual awards to books of literary merit, for outstanding contribution to Australian children’s literature.

This year the APHS Library ran a competition in conjunction with Book Week. All nominated books were on display and students had to nominate which of the shortlisted books they thought would win the older readers award. Students who correctly nominated the winning title “Cloud Wish” by Fiona Wood went into a draw to win the prize. The lucky winner was Ivy Balmer.

*Chris Robinson*

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**ICE FACTOR**

Well done to the students who were involved in the huge fund raising event for Ice Factor. They were taken well out of their comfort zone, strutting their stuff on the catwalk in front of around 500 guests who paid $120 each for the dinner and show.

Mark Holden was MC and special guest was Gold Medalist Kyle Chalmers. Our students were exceptional in what was a very long day, leaving school at 9:30 in the morning and wrapping up after the event at 10pm.

The Aberfoyle Dragons had a great tournament, coming away without losing a game.

A big CONGRATS to them all!

If you see them, say congrats to: Emily Martin, Josh Jones, Cody Menadue, Cooper Smith, Finn Ryan, Jared Trigg, Jayden Glatzer-Allard

*Dave Roberts*

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**Mishima SCHOLARSHIP 2017**

Congratulations to Fraser Odell, the recipient of the Mishima scholarship for 2017.

All applicants performed admirably in the applications and interviews, but Fraser’s application and interview for this scholarship were both exceptional and he will be a fine ambassador for Aberfoyle Park High School.

Fraser will spend two weeks in Mishima, Japan, in April 2017. During this time he will be attending school along with other successful candidates from a number of South Australian schools. Fraser will participate in a variety of linguistic and cultural activities in Japan. We wish him a very rewarding stay.

*Peter Webb*

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**IPad APPS**

Aberfoyle Park High School now has six iPad apps published on the App Store. We currently have five app developers here at school: Jasper Chandler - Boxscape Brandon Smart - Third Law William Roe-Smith - Blockade Runner, Tom Jaffer - Fan Run Lachie Morgante - Square Blockade & Combo Crush

These students have done an excellent job coming up with their ideas, developing games and publishing their creations to a global audience. We are the first and still the only school in Australia to publish student created apps to the store. Please go and check them out on your iPad…


*Peter Webb*
GOVERNOR’S RECEPTION
On Monday 19th September we had the privilege of attending the Governors reception at Government House.

Walking in, through the magnificent gardens and into the impressive foyer we were introduced to the Governor, The Honorable Mr. Hieu Van Le and his wife Mrs Lan Le.

After a brief speech by the Governor about his journey through life and his encouragement for our futures we then spent the next hour touring Government House, looking at the artwork, the furniture and marvelling at the historical significance of the building. It is the oldest governors’ house in Australia.

We also had the opportunity to talk to countless other student leaders from various schools around the state, including Kadina, St Peters College and Cornerstone College. Overall we found the entire experience pleasantly enlightening, exciting and memorable and are grateful for the opportunity.

School Captains

VISUAL ART – BEARS & BLOOMS 2 PRINTMAKING EXHIBITION

‘Bears & Blooms 2’ printmaking exhibition and exchange was organised by the Bittondi Printmakers Association. Year 11 Visual Art students from Aberfoyle Park High School have their prints ‘celebrating the diversity of flora and fauna’ on display at Urban Cow Gallery until October 29th. All proceeds from print sales ($85 each) go towards a fundraiser the ‘Free the Bears Fund’. http://bears-and-blooms

Kate Toop

PARENTS IN EDUCATION WEEK
If you missed this year’s Parents in Education live sessions, you can now view them online for a limited time (until late December 2016) DECD YouTube channel.
Delivered by renowned national and international child development and learning experts. Practical parenting tips and easy-to-use strategies to support children’s learning at every age and stage. To find out more visit www.decd.sa.gov.au/2016PIEWeek

Aberfoyle Park High School Presents

A Day in the LIFE of...

Semester 2 Dance Production
Thursday 17th November 2016
7:30 pm
Tickets $9.90

Available from the Finance Office Week 2
* Not available on the night
OUTDOOR EDUCATION – KUITPO FOREST

I had mixed emotions about camp before arriving to school the day we were departing. I was looking forward to the challenge and making some unforgettable memories, but I also knew that it wasn’t going to be easy and that I would struggle a lot. Of course I was right. There were so many frustrating and difficult moments over the period of 3 days. For example, dinner, which was a constant struggle. Myself and my partner Rebekha thought we had brought an adequate amount of food to eat, but the food we had brought didn’t taste very pleasant so we had to resort to eating bread and eventually build up the courage to ask Mr Edwards if we could have some extra food. If I were to go back, I would plan our menu out so much differently and make sure we were more organised. I would substitute most of the clothes in my rucksack that I barely used for more food. Although I needed most of the stuff I had packed, I think that I packed too many clothes and not enough food. We didn’t go starving, but the whole situation could have been prevented by planning accordingly.

If I could give advice to anyone going on their first bush walk I would recommend that they be as organised as possible and try to make the most of the experience. At the time, I didn’t enjoy it much, but it made me realize how many assets of my life I take for granted. When I got home and had a shower and went to the toilet for the first time in 3 days it finally became clear to me how oblivious I have been to how much I really have and how much of that I take for granted. Even though it was a challenge, it gave me a totally different perspective on life. I definitely think I’ll go bushwalking in the future, it’s something that everyone should experience. I don’t know where I’d go, but the location doesn’t really matter, nor does it bother me. Being out in the open, experiencing nature and experiencing a different lifestyle is really eye opening and I would do it again in the future for sure.

Going bushwalking to Kuitpo Forrest was a new experience for me and probably many other fellow students that also went on the camp. I wasn’t really sure what to expect, was I going to like it or was I going to hate it. A thing that I was most concerned about from anything else was “am I ready for this and have a learned enough to go on this camp” many others were probably feeling this.

Camp day one… tensions were high as everyone panicked, worrying whether or not they had packed everything. Slowly everyone arrived and then began a last minute brief about what we would be doing across the three days followed by a demonstration on packing a rucksack. All too soon we were packing the trailer and hopping on the bus and being driven to the starting point of what would turn out to be a great experience.

I would personally love to do this again soon. I really enjoyed the experiencing getting to see and do things I have never done before. It was also a good bonding trip, getting to know people I wouldn’t normally talk to at school and getting closer to those who I already knew. I would definitely recommend choosing Outdoor Ed to any year 9’s as it creates experiences and memories you will never forget.

Student Opinions