

AIPAH eUpdate – March 2011

AIPAH is a very busy place – lots of things happening all of the time. This monthly eUpdate attempts to keep everyone in the loop. If you have items you would like included please contact me directly – principal@aipah.edu.au - and I will include the bits and pieces in the upcoming issues.

Debra Aarons(Principal)

Congratulations to AIPAH Students - Brandon Rose and Sebastian Parsons!

Brandon Rose- Year 7 and Sebastian Parsons – Year 9, have had their original music composition [lyrics based on “The Taming of the Shrew”] accepted by the Stay Tuned Programmed of the ABC3. We are eagerly waiting to receive the date of this broadcast. Well done!

Parents and Friends Meeting- Congratulations to New Appointments!

Our P&F meeting this month saw the election of new parent volunteers to assist our President Kellie Levett. These positions are Vice-President – Georgine McNeil, Treasurer- Angela Rose, and Secretary – Kerri Anne Russell.

Thank you very much, your assistance is very much appreciated.

Sydney Independent Schools Expo – University of Sydney

This year we took part in the Sydney Independent Schools Expo which was hosted at the University of Sydney over the weekend of the 5th & 6th of March.

This was a great opportunity for us to have a presence as a specialist school among some of the most prestigious schools in NSW. Our School captains, Doug Walker and Bridget Gibbons, Vice-Captain Bronte Raw and School Leader, Kathleen Head did us proud by manning our stand and fielding questions about our school. There was considerable interest in our school and we are reassured that this was positive exposure for AIPAH.

Harmony Day – Monday 21st March

AIPAH celebrated Harmony Day with a themed mufti –day. Students and staff were encouraged to wear something orange – the colour of Harmony. A gold coin donation was collected by the SRC

which will go toward a charity contribution, decided on by the SRC, later in the year.

Our PA session on this day was also dedicated to “Harmony” and the students chose performances themed around topics of Harmony.

Catherine Reilly, our School Liaison Officer from Granville police station addressed the students on the dangers of bullying, specifically cyber-bullying and also how to be cyber-safe.

School Photographs

Photographs were taken this month. Students who did not order class and/or individual photographs will still have the opportunity to do so later once we receive our orders.

NSW Adolescent Vaccination Program 2011

The first round of vaccinations for Year 7 and Year 10 students took place this month. The second round for Year 7s will take place in June.

Half-Yearly Exams for Year 12

Year 12s have completed their half-yearly exams. Half-yearly reports will be prepared during the term break and students will receive their reports during week 1 next term.

Year 9/10 Science Assessment at Our Lady of Lebanon College

Our Year 9/10 students were hosted at Our Lady of Lebanon College to perform a practical science assessment in their science laboratory. By all accounts, this was very successful and enjoyable!

Staffing

Unfortunately Melinda Tyquin has decided not to return to us next term but we are very fortunate to have Katrina Pattalis who has agreed to stay on with us and continue her fabulous work with the Year 11 and 12 dance students.

Term Break – Friday 8th April

Friday 8th April is the last day of the term – how quickly time flies! Have a lovely break and we look forward to welcoming back everyone including our new enrolments on Thursday 28th April.

Coming Up in April

- * AIPAH Open day – 2nd April
- * Team Beat – African Drumming Session, Monday 4th April – for the whole school
- * Auditions- Yr 7/8 auditions, Tuesday 5th April for Channel 9's Pyramid Show
- * Excursions:
 - Yr12 PDHPE – Surf Awareness at Bondi – Tuesday 5th April;
 - School Leaders – Anzac Service at Hyde Park – Wednesday 6th April;
 - Yr 12 English Extension – Hamlet at the Sydney Theatre – Thursday 7th April