On 13th February, Alexandria Park Community School students planted a lemon myrtle tree in the bush tucker garden on the Park Rd campus. They were commemorating the fifth anniversary of Kevin Rudd's apology to Aboriginal people for the removal of children from Aboriginal parents under the racist policies of past state and federal governments.

Aunty Leanne Turner laid soil for past Elders and spoke with us about Elders who have passed and the importance of maintaining Aboriginal traditions.

BUS reminder
All students who catch the White School Bus must return Bus slip ASAP as seats are filling quickly.

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Music News
The Middle School Band has begun rehearsals but new players are still very welcome. We can accommodate all instruments but would especially love a drummer, a bass player and some percussionists. The Band is open to players from years 5, 6 and 7 and rehearses on Thursdays at 8.00 in the Music Room. We will be performing at the Alexandria Fair on February 24th.

All students in years 2-6 participate in compulsory choir every week as part of their music program but due to the number of talented singers in the school I am looking to form a small Vocal Ensemble of Middle School students. This
group will undertake a number of performances within the school and in the wider community. If your child would like to participate but has not yet auditioned, he/she can speak to me during music class time. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday mornings at 8.00 in the Music Room beginning on Wednesday February 20th.

Leanne Winfield

LIBRARY NEWS

APCS Library classes K-7 has started in week 3, Term 1, 2013. Below is the library class timetable. Please remind your child to bring his/her library bag for borrowing during Library classes.

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All students should bring their Library bags for borrowing. Library bag costs $10. You may ask at the uniform counter at APCS front office.

P&C NEWS

Next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th February 6:30pm. All welcome to come

Meet and Greet

All parents & carers are invited to attend our annual Meet and Greet afternoon from: 5-6:30pm on Tuesday 19th February – Junior Campus.

This is an opportunity to meet the APCS Executive, staff and other parents and carers in our school community.

The P&C will also supply a BBQ sausage sizzle at this event.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Alexandria Fair

Sunday 24 February 11am–3pm

Prizes, Games & Fun – Community Garden, Sports Fun, Junior Photo Competition, Pet Stuff, Kids Writing Games, Big Bunny Jumping Castle, Try 2 Wheels, Live Music Food and Drinks.

Email: Alexandriafair@arag.org.au or check ARAG website for updates. www.arag.org.au

NCIE Afterschool Program

The National Centre of Indigenous Excellence provide a culturally safe space for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people to immerse themselves in excellence. Through our state of the art facilities the NCIE offers a broad range of experiences across our four pathways of Arts & Culture, Learning & Innovation, Health & Wellness and Sports & Recreation that cultivate talent, enrich potential and create opportunities for young Indigenous Australians.

The NCIE Afterschool Program provides a variety of innovative and engaging cultural and educational activities to facilitate the growth and development of young people between the ages of 5 and 16.

The NCIE Afterschool Program runs every day of the school year and can cater for up to 20 children daily.

Contact Details: Nathan Taylor

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Health Sydney Local Health District

Sydney Local Health District Oral Health Services would like to increase awareness of our services among parents of children who live within Sydney Local Health District.

We provide free dental care to all children under 18 years of age (including preschool children) and have clinics located at Marrickville, Canterbury, Croydon and Concord. Our service can be accessed by calling 02 9293 3333.

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