An Engaged and Connected K – 12 Community

Alexandria Park Community School hosted a wonderful “Welcome Back to School for 2015” assembly on Monday February 2. In the previous week we had been focused on transitioning to school 620 students from Kindergarten to Year 12. At our first whole school assembly, hosted by our school captains Emily Turner and Will Makarytchev, we took the opportunity to launch 2 fabulous programs for 2015.

First our ‘Artist in Residence’ program, a partnership with the Carriageworks at Redfern. This program aims to expand and extend contemporary Aboriginal arts practice in the dance, music and visual arts sectors whilst providing opportunities for secondary and primary school students and teachers to engage with the artists to make new work together and enhance their creative education experiences. Called ‘The Park Road Studio’ this program commenced in 2014 with dancer and choreographer, Ghenoa Gela taking up residence in our school and working with students to create and perform dance pieces. In 2015, musicians Tessa and Brendon Boney, from indi-pop duo Microwave Jenny will be engaged at the school, working with Ms Winfield and her music classes and with Mr Johnson and the high school band program. At the assembly Tessa and Brendon introduced themselves to our school and showed one of their YouTube music clips. Later, at the afternoon tea, they performed live for us.

Junior School Captains Eden & Justin, with Tessa & Brendon (Microwave Jenny), P&C Executive, Jo Fletcher, Artist Directors from Carriageworks, & members of The Artistic Council of NSW.
Next is our revitalised ‘Positive Behaviour for Learning Program’ or “PBL” as it is known in our school. PBL is a school wide pro-active behaviour support system which employs a myriad of systemic and individualised strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes. In term 4 of 2014 we surveyed staff, students and parents about our behaviour management system and it is from the information collected in those surveys that our PBL team have developed and implemented a revitalised PBL action plan. You should be able to see our PBL posters around the school environment and our PBL message at the start of the school year is ‘What you say Matters’

Superstars – Jade Merritt and Emily Whittie
Do yourselves a favour and get into YouTube and search for Troy Cassar-Daley’s latest music clip ‘Take a Walk in my Country’. This music film clip stars our Year 5 students Jade and Emily. It is a beautiful and moving song and visuals which Eden Timbery (Junior School Captain) showed the school at the assembly as part of her Acknowledgment of Country. Great job girls!

First day of school for the Kindergarten Class of 2015.
There was much excitement, fun and even a few tears as our Kindergarten class of 2015 arrived at Alex Park for their first full day of school. What an exciting time! Ms Wilson and Ms Micallef welcomed the students and their parents and quickly organised classes and learning activities. They were supported by student leaders from Ms McLeod’s Year 6 class who buddied with the youngest students and helped them to settle into the business and organisation of school.

Our wonderful P & C committee organised a morning tea for our Kindy parents, to welcome them to our school and to provide an event for them to meet each other and talk about how their first day had been. This is some feedback from our Kindy parents on their first day at school…
“IT was well organised. We were met by teachers and students in the playground and have experienced an exciting and enjoyable morning”.
“The morning tea gave us an opportunity to meet other parents ……a good way to make parents feel welcome and part of the school”.
“Everything went really well this morning. My child was in the pre-school transition group and that has really helped…my child remembered coming to playgroup on Fridays”.

![Image of students and teachers](image1.jpg)

![Image of P & C committee](image2.jpg)
Principals Report

2015 has started and it is full steam ahead. With our newly developed Strategic Directions guiding our plans and programs our community can look forward to another exciting and successful year. Our student enrolments have continued to increase and our total student population now exceeds 600. It wonderful to be able to bring all the students together for our first school assembly early in the term.

Aspiring and achieving students at APCS

Congratulations to the HSC class of 2014 for achieving the award of the Higher School Certificate and to many individual students who met their goals, attained their personal best and produced some outstanding academic results. Alex Park students featured on the Distinguished Achievers List for 2014 which means they achieved results in the highest band of the HSC, Band 6. Congratulations to the following Distinguished Achievers.

Muhammad Cheema  Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics
Daniel Hargravesl  Mathematics
Feng Qi Le  Mathematics Extension 1
Cindy Li  Mathematics Extension 1
Lucas Rusiecki  Mathematics, Polish Continuers
Dariya Vovnenko  Ukrainian Continuers
Jacqueline Zhang  Mathematics Extension 1

Special mention must go to Muhammad (Noor) Cheema for achieving the highest ATAR score of 98.3 and to Year 11 student Dariya Vovnenko who got ‘first in course’ in Ukrainian Continuers.

Leadership, Learning and Innovation

Our School Development Day program was packed with opportunities for our teaching staff to work in teams analysing current school-based data, share successful whole school and individual teaching practices and strategies for continual improvement in educational outcomes for all Alex Park students.

Teachers collaborated to discuss the ‘Quality of School Life’ surveys, completed by students from years 3 – 12 at the end of 2014 to identify areas of strength in programs and practices and areas in which we can implement new or improved programs. Our PBL team lead faculty and cluster teams in a review of our 2015 PBL action plan and provided time for teams to discuss and plan for the implementation of the 3 weekly values focused strategy. We have created a Professional Learning Centre (PLC) on the Senior
Campus to support and enhance collaboration & communication for our staff, students and the community. New furniture has arrived this term and the space is currently being used for teacher professional learning and timetabled senior classes.

I love being invited to classes by our students to see their work and talk about what it means to them. In the first few days of school Ms Smith worked with Year 2 & 3 students to make Zoobots', which are robots inspired by zoo animals. The students worked collaboratively using recycled materials to create their own imaginative Zoobots. They were very proud to show them to me and explain each creation.

An Engaged and Connected K – 12 Community
I look forward to meeting our families with students in Kindergarten to Year 7 at our ‘Meet and Greet’ sausage sizzle next Tuesday afternoon. Hosted by our P & C team this is a fun and informal event where teachers, parents, carers and children can gather to establish and strengthen positive caring relationships. I also hope to see many new parents at our first P & C meeting (which is also the AGM) on Wednesday February 25 at 6.30pm on the Junior Campus.
WE have some new teachers who have joined the Alex park CS community this year. Lets find out a bit more about them

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS

Name: Sheree Bourke
BSc Agr (Syd Uni)
Dip Ed (Syd Uni)
Cert VI Training and Assessment (TAFE)
Cert II Agriculture (TAFE)

Teaching experience:

Other employment experiences:
- Microbiologist specialising in Reproductive technology (IVF). Prior to teaching career. “Real world” career opportunities. Laboratory skills.
- Volunteer (President) Tharawal Before and After School Care. Managing committee, desicion making.
- Mentor Beginning teachers for accreditation, Year advisor. Assisting others in establishing their career

2015 teaching load at Alex Park:
- Yr 11 Physics, Yr 10x Sc, Yr 8a Sc, Yr 7x Sc.
Other interests / responsibilities at Alex Park

- Head Teacher Science
- Community activities – Garden – introduce chickens and sheep
- Extending students to think outside the local area – links with other schools especially rural schools, RAS scholarships
- Student welfare

Beliefs/goals in relation to teaching, learning and student achievement:

- Having a go,
- Doing your best.

First impressions of Alex Park: Lovely environment, friendly faces and everyone is super nice!

Any other info you want to share?
I grew up in the country, love the outdoors and working with children and animals.
I am married and have two adorable boys, a dog, a cat and three breaded dragons.

Name: Maeve Thomson
Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Humanities and Social Sciences)/Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney.

Teaching experience: I have had previous teaching experience at Dubbo College: Delroy Campus, Granville Boys High School and Merrylands High School. I have taught both English and History to classes from Year 7 to Year 12.

Other employment experiences: I have spent many years working in Out of School Hours Care where I coordinated a centre for children aged four to six years old. I ran a play-based program encouraging children to develop socially and emotionally through a range of experiences. I also engaged a lot with parents and the local community.

2015 teaching load at Alex Park: In 2015 I will be teaching English to two year eight classes, a year nine class, a year ten class and a year eleven class.

Other responsibilities at Alex Park OR areas of passion / interests that you would like to be involved in at Alex Park My main interest within the area of education is Social Justice and Welfare. I am also interested in Aboriginal Education, most specifically teaching Aboriginal Studies.

Beliefs/goals in relation to teaching, learning and student achievement: I am incredibly passionate about public education because I believe that all children deserve equal access to a high quality education. My goals for my English classroom is for it to be a safe and engaging environment where students feel valued and comfortable to share and contribute to each and every lesson.

First impressions of Alex Park: My first impression of Alexandria Park Community School was the size. I love that it is a school where the students, teachers, parents and the community can have close relationships. I have also found the students and staff I have met to be very friendly. I am excited for the topics set to study within the English Faculty and believe that they will provide students with a positive experience within their studies.

Any other info you want to share? I am really looking forward to teaching at Alexandria Park Community School.

Name: Steven McLeod
Academic Qualifications & Institution: I have completed a Bachelor of Creative Arts in Music and Drama at Wollongong University. I also completed my Masters of Primary Teaching at University of Western Sydney.

Teaching experience: This is my third year out of university. I have done lots of casual work from K-6 for about 2 and a half years ranging from a variety of schools in the St George and Sutherland Shire.
areas. I have also worked out west at Bankstown and Belmore South Public Schools. I did a 3 week block at Lucas Heights Community School doing Special Ed with high school students. I also completed about a two week block at Lugarno Public School on a Stages 2 and 3. I recently just completed a two term block at Padstow Park Public School on a 4/5 class.

**Other employment experiences:** I have been involved in many musical theatre shows which allows me to maintain my skills in performance. Performance is my passion and I enjoy sharing creative arts skills with the children. This is done voluntarily but a skill that I will use in my teaching career.

**2015 teaching load at Alex Park:** I am job sharing with Jann Hanekroot on a 5/6 class for two days and doing R.F.F for 3 days doing creative arts and library with K-4.

**Other responsibilities at Alex Park OR areas of passion / interests.** I would like to be able to put on performances for the school and perhaps outside of the school which would give me great pleasure and achievement.

**Beliefs/goals in relation to teaching, learning and student achievement:** I believe that all students have the right to learn no matter what their race, culture or background is. I believe it is very rewarding when you see students progress. Education is so important and shows that we can make a difference in a child’s life.

**First impressions of Alex Park:** The students, staff and parents are all lovely and I am looking forward to this teaching at Alex Park throughout the year.

**Name:** Xiaoxi Liang (Charlie)
Bachelor of Education (Sec: Mathematics) @ University of Sydney

**Teaching experience:**
Years 7 – 12 Mathematics & HSC Physics
2012 – 2013 Lightning Ridge Central School
2014 Parkes High School
2013 - 2014 Xsel Virtual Selective High School Provision

**2015 teaching load at Alex Park:**
Teaching Mathematics to the following classes:
8L, 8X, 9w, 10x, 11 General 2, 12 General 1

**Other responsibilities at Alex Park OR areas of passion / interests that you would like to be involved in at Alex Park**
I help manage our school online roll-marking & reporting system: Sentral
I am hoping to start a chess club within the school and joining the P & C.

**Beliefs/goals in relation to teaching, learning and student achievement:**
I believe every student is capable of achieving success at school and part of my job is to find ways to make each student successful. The magic formula to quality teaching involves setting high expectations, acknowledge individual differences and address those different needs through using a range of pedagogies, encouraging student responsibilities, mastery of teaching content and teach new materials in a way that students can connect with, providing safe and orderly learning environment both physically and emotionally, monitoring progress, provide students with productive feedback as well as building positive relationships with the students. It’s not easy but I will give it my best!

**First impressions of Alex Park:**
Fate or coincidence? When I first arrived at the school, the first person I met happened to be my principal. She was extremely friendly and easy to get along with. By the time I finished my tour of the campus and met with other teaching and admin staff, I had an immediate sense of belonging. Not to mention the fun I experienced on the last staff development day of 2014 which everyone came to school in fun costumes. I was taken in by the rich culture and harmony within the school. I got an ego boost
from my colleagues I met for the first time who all seemed to know about me and praised my computing talent which made me feel good about myself. During the first week of school in 2015, I was motivated by the work ethics of my colleagues and was driven to perform well. My students gave me a great time on our first lessons as well. They were highly engaged and treated me with lots of respect. My school represents such the place of good expectations.

Name: Harry Jun  
Bachelor of Education/Arts at The University of Sydney.

Teaching experience: 4 Week Practical block at Alexandria Park Community School (2012), 5 Week Practical Block at Model Farm’s High School (2013), 6 Week Teaching Internship in Zhuhai Foreign Languages School, China.

Other employment experience: I have been teaching for 4 years at James An Tutoring College. This has helped with my behaviour management skills in the classroom. It has also taught me a lot about working together with parents and students to create a more positive, and constructive learning environment for the students.

2015 teaching load at Alex Park: English teacher for Year 7 and Year 9A.

Other responsibilities at Alex Park: I am coordinating a Japanese Programs for term 1. I am very excited and I look forward to introducing students to the culture and language of Japanese! I intend to join the P&C, and help out however I can.

Beliefs/goals in relation to teaching, learning and student achievement: 
I believe everyone has the right and the opportunity to learn. As for my goals, I want students to realise that a joy of learning directly manifests into a joy of living. I want to encourage students to develop into proactive, independent, and tenacious citizens. I hope to establish a good relationship with parents, students, and the school in order for these goals to be achieved.

Attendance at School
Regular school attendance is critical to student learning and well-being. It is a core rule in our public schools that students ‘attend school every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.’

If your child is absent from school, parents and carers need to provide an explanation for the absence within 7 days. This explanation can be provided in person, or by telephone call, written note, text message or email. The written note can be handed to the administration office on either campus or to the class teacher (for primary students) or period 1 teacher (for high school students).

If you have concerns about your child’s attendance please contact the class teacher (for primary students) or Year Advisor (for high school students) and we can work together to support regular school attendance.

Family holidays and travel during the school terms
As of 2015, the Principal cannot approve students being exempted from attending school to go on family holidays or to travel. Holidays and travel need to be scheduled during the school vacation periods. If you believe that you have extenuating circumstances which require you child to absent from school for an extended period time to travel during the school term your will need to make an appointment to discuss the matter with either the Deputy Principal or the Principal. If the reason for the travel is in the best interest of the student a Certificate of Extended leave may be approved, with the period of the absence being counted as absences from school.

First impressions of Alex Park: I found the students to be very enthusiastic and good-natured, which was very welcoming. The staff was very supportive when I was on prac and continue to be so on my first appointment here. I am really looking forward to teaching at Alexandria Park Community School.
The 7th Anniversary of the Apology – 13 February 2015

The Australian Parliament’s apology to the First Peoples of Australia, with specific reference to the Stolen Generations, represented a hugely significant and positive step forward in support of the healing process for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and for the Stolen Generations.

The Apology to Australia’s Aboriginal peoples was delivered by the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on February 13, 2008. It is now 8 years on.

Each year the National Sorry Day Committee encourages all school, community groups, work places and individuals to commemorate the anniversary of this important event in Australian history.

For Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples this date holds deep meaning and memories.

At Alexandria Park Community School, we commemorated this event with an acknowledgement assembly with Auntie Leanne Turner speaking about the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and how the Stolen Generations were affected. Auntie Leanne courageously spoke about her personal journey as a survivor of the Stolen Generations and we say sorry. Thank you Auntie Leanne for sharing your personal story with us.

**School Calendar**

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**Meet the Teachers K-7**

A Meet and Greet Sausage Sizzle  
When: Tuesday 17th February 5pm-7pm  
Where: Junior Campus Playground  
Come along and meet other parents and the teachers.  
Cost: FREE

For catering purposes, please complete the slip that your child has been given, call or email the school for confirmation.

Thank you,
ALEXANDRIA PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY SUCCESS  
2015 HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY  
Thursday 26th February | Mitchell Road Campus | 9.15am

Did you know that Alexandria Park Community School is THE HIGH SCHOOL in the INNER CITY?

- Caters for students in years 7-12 with the full range of high school subjects and electives including extension courses for the HSC.
- Recently awarded a NSW Director General’s Award for providing quality education for all students.
- Is identified as a high performing school due to our excellent HSC results and outstanding student achievement growth in NAPLAN.
- Provides a unique seamless transition to high school program for Year 7 students through our Year 5-7 Middle School structure.
- Delivers an innovative student engagement program for high school students which incorporates a range of extra-curricular activities in sport, leadership, music, vocational education, hospitality and sustainability.

“I have attended this school since Year 2 and have always felt happy here ... I choose to remain at the school to complete my HSC knowing I would get the best education without losing my friends, my great relationships with teachers and with the school community I belong to.”
WILL MAKARYTCHEV, SCHOOL CAPTAIN 2015

Join us to meet our staff, students and parents and find out more about Alexandria Park Community School.

Miss Diane Fetherston  
Principal
JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS
Each year at Alexandria Park as part of the schools overall communication strategy we run a
scheme where we appoint a 'parent' class representative for each class. This representative will
send periodic emails to parents keeping them informed on significant events, classroom reminders
etc. The aims of this scheme are detailed as follows...

• To improve the level of communication between parents and teachers.
• To give parents greater insight into what happens in the classroom.
• To provide an additional means of communication for the school to promote events relevant
to a particular class or year.
• To create a greater sense of community within our school.

We currently have a class representatives for all classes but need to collect as many email
addresses from parents so that we can get things underway.
If you would like to receive the class email and have not already provided us with details please fill
out the slip below and return it to you classroom teacher or to the office.
If you have already provided us with an email or if your email from last year has not changed then
there is no need to return this form.
A copy of the latest email from each representative will be kept in a folder at the office for those who
do not have email and wish to view it. We hope to commence with correspondence in the next two
weeks.
Kind Regards,
Yvonne Timmins.

Technology News

The ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) Technology Update

In 2015 we have commenced the ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) program at APCS. In the past few
weeks approximately 60% of students in Years 5-10 have started to bring their devices to class which is
terrific. Our students are enjoying the flexibility to choose the device and applications that most suit
their needs as well as the capacity to utilise these tools for learning both inside and outside the
classroom.

Our school has provided the opportunity for students to purchase pre-owned refurbished Lenovo Edge 11
laptops for only $100. The laptops have been very popular and to date 96 laptops have been pre
ordered. Our current stock of pre-owned laptops has now sold out. The pre-sold laptops are
currently being reimaged with a fresh installation of Windows 7, Microsoft Office 13 and Adobe CS6.
During this process the BIOS is also unlocked which allows the new owners to customise the laptop
to suit their needs. Many happy students have already received their laptops and we appreciate
your patience as we endeavour to distribute the pre-ordered laptops ASAP. Please contact Leanne
Seddon on 9698 1967 for further enquires.
LIBRARY NEWS

Dear APCS families, welcome back to a new school year. APCS library classes starts on Monday (9/2/2015). K-6 classes will be able to borrow & return library books during the scheduled times below at junior campus. Students must have library bags in order to take books home. Library bag costs $10 each at the uniform shop near the school office.

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<td>Students will have library orientation lessons once per term. Dates will be announced to classes prior to lesson commences.</td>
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If you find 2014 overdue library books at home, please let your child bring them back during first library lessons in weeks 3-4. Please write a return message on the back of an overdue slip which might be brought back by your child showing book titles during W3-4. There are no fines for late returns. However if books are lost, you need to pay $6 per book to school office.

Library recreational activity at lunch times is displayed below. Students will meet the librarian at the start of daily lunch times outside the canteen area for these activities.

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1. Homework centre will commence in APCS library on 23/2/2015. Students in Yr3-12 are welcome to do homework & research assignment every Monday between 3:15pm – 5pm. Please fill out a registration form (which can be downloaded from school website) and return to school office.
Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given for the Annual General Meeting for Alexandria Park Community School P&C Association.

**Date:** Wednesday 25th February

**Place:** Upstairs in the Middle School Classroom, Park Road Campus – just follow the arrows.

**Time:** 6.30pm-8.00pm

Children welcome with parent/carer – movie will be on in the adjacent room.

**Please note:**

The February meeting will be prior to the AGM to conclude all 2014-2015 business. All Executive positions are then vacant.

A “Nomination of Office Bearers” form is attached.

This form MUST BE RETURNED to the P&C drop box in the front office or canteen no later than Friday 20th February in a SEALED envelope addressed as follows:

**Returning Officer**
APCS P&C AGM
Nomination for Office Bearers

I, ………………………………………nominate ……………………………………… for the position of …………………………………………………..

(full name of nominator)  (full name of candidate)  (position)

Signed: ………………………………………  
(Nominator)

I, …………………………………… second the nomination of …………………………… for the position of: …………………………………………… 

(name of seconder)  (name of candidate)  (position)

for the position of: ……………………………………………

Signed: ………………………………………  
(candidate)

I, ……………………………………… accept the nomination for the position of ……………………………………………………………

(name of candidate)  (position)

Signed: ………………………………………  
(candidate)

Executive Office Bearer positions available are:

   President  Vice President
   2nd Vice President  Secretary
   Treasurer

Other additional roles that need to be filled are:

Working Bee Convenor – Senior Campus
Working Bee Convenor – Junior Campus
Canteen Convenor
Fundraising & Events Co-Ordinator
Banking Co-Ordinator
2nd Hand Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator
Class Representative Co-Ordinator
P&C NEWS

All hands are needed.
Please come along and help out at the WORKING BEE!

Where: JunPark Road campus
When: Saturday 14th February, 9am

Lots to do - many hands make light work and only need as little as an hour of your valuable time

State Election - VOTE AT APCS
28th March - Park Road Campus
The greatly anticipated P&C BBQ will be cooking away, cake stall, cold drinks, coffee and a friendly conversation is to be had!
We will also be putting a call out for helpers on the BBQ, baking cakes etc soon.
So please keep this date free to come and help out at your school.
Come along and cast your vote.

School Banking Update and Sin Up day details

Welcome to a new year of school banking at Alex Park!

For all our existing school bankers, please remember to bring your child's bank book and some money to deposit each Friday morning at the canteen between 8:30-9:30 AM. Every deposit made earns a token no matter what the amount (min. 50 cents), and once your child has reached 10 tokens, these can be redeemed for exciting prizes which this year have an "Outer Space Savers" theme, and include the ET Movie DVD, planet handball, invisible ink Martian pen and other fabulous space prizes.

We also welcome all our new students to sign up to the program and start earning rewards. The school banking program is run in conjunction with CBA, and teaches good savings habits to our children, as well as helping to raise funds for our school.

To register your child, you can either bring their existing Dollarmites account book on Friday mornings so they can bank at school, or come along to our first Account Opening Day for the year which will be held on Friday 6th March from 8:30 AM and again in the afternoon from 2:30 PM.

Paperwork is available outside the Office on the Park Road Campus, or from the canteen, and it will also be available on the day.

We look forward to welcoming all our new savers to the program.

The School Banking Team
We are also calling for volunteers to help collect money from the children and process their deposits. If you can spare an hour or two a week and would like to get involved, please email Joasia.gajda@gmail.com.
TIPS FOR PARENTS

Primary and High school

Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA's? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.

Primary school

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.

Helping your child with homework
How do you help your child while allowing them to develop independence? Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

The Community Centre has begun all its activities for Term 1. There are Music & Movement classes at 10am and 11am on Mondays. TAFE Outreach is running a FREE Local Leaders course for parents on Tuesdays. The Transition Playgroup has moved to Wednesdays from 9am to 11am. The Multicultural Playgroup is on Thursdays from 10am to 12noon. And every Friday fortnight the Food Co-op runs with boxes of fruit and veggies for only $30. In March there will be a 3 week parenting course called 1.2.3 Magic and it will run on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon. The Toy Library is open and there are plenty of clothes and things in the Secondhand Clothing Swap. So come in and check out our Community Centre.

To find out more information about any of the above activities please contact Jo Fletcher on 9319 3207.
# APCS NEW CANTEEN MENU Term 1, 2015

Please ensure your orders are placed by 5pm Tuesday at the latest each week to avoid disappointment! You can place your orders with **Deb** at the canteen or text them to 0405 083 871.

## Sandwiches

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<td>Cucumber - Cheese - Tomato</td>
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<td>Lettuce - Grated Carrot</td>
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## Gourmet Wraps

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*(Salad items include cucumber, tomato, lettuce & grated carrot.)*

## Fresh Salad

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<td>GARDEN SALAD, lettuce, carrot, cucumber &amp; tomato</td>
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## Blackboard Specials

*WEEKLY SPECIAL ITEMS* $5.00

These specials will be displayed on the Canteen Blackboard & APCS website.

- Freshly Made Sweet Muffin $2.50
- Muffin & Drink $3.50

## Cold Drinks

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## Sweet Treats & Crunchy Snacks

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