

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18th December 2015

Last day of Term 4

Friday 29th January 2016

First day for Year 7 & Year 12 students

Monday 1st February 2016

First day for Years 8, 10 & 11 students

Monday 8th February 2016

First day for Year 9 students

Wednesday 10th February 2016

APC Families Picnic

Friday 19th February 2016

Student Photographs

Tuesday 16th February -
6.30pm

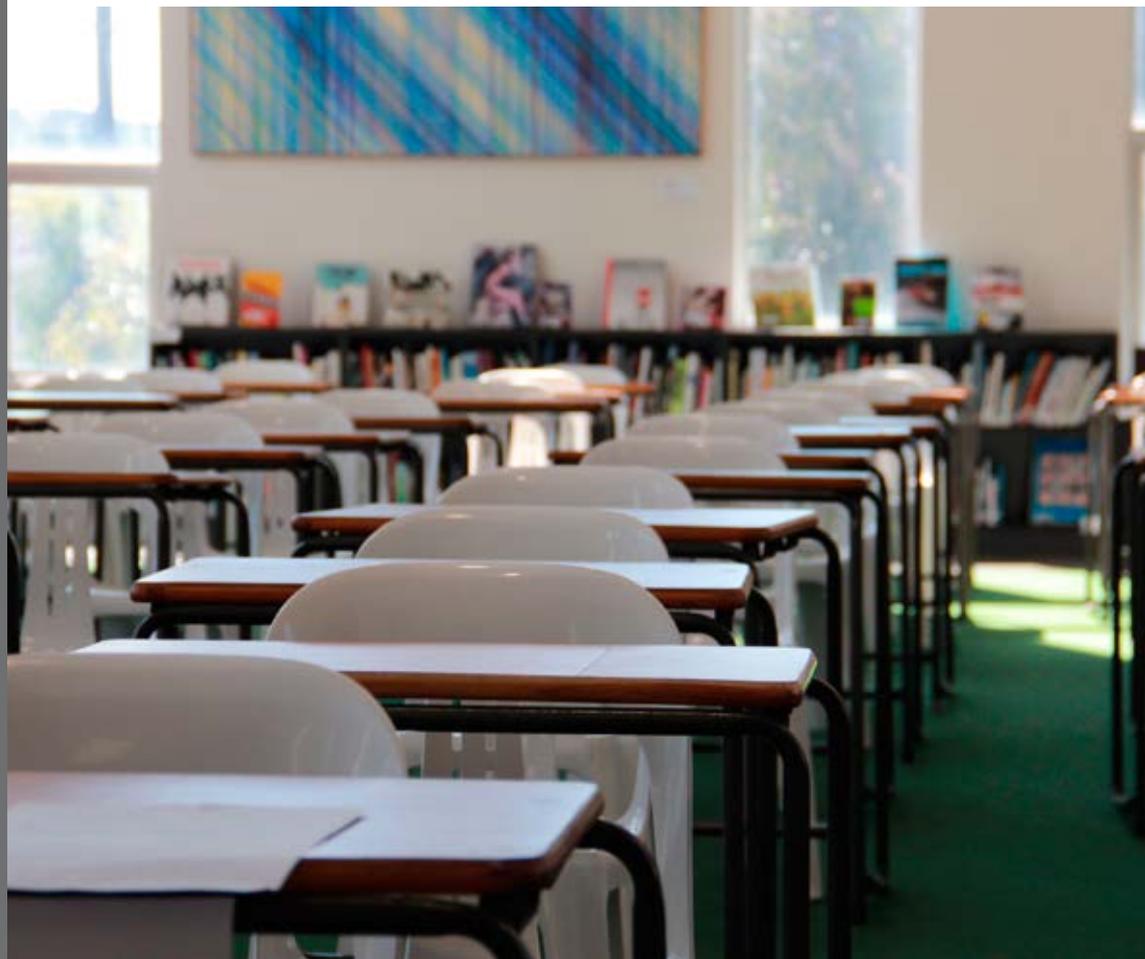
Year 12 Information Evening

PRINCIPAL'S SAY

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Albert Park College newsletter. Like a well-filled Christmas hamper this edition is bulging with articles about activities that have taken place over the past few weeks.

It is certainly an exciting time as we received our first ever VCE results on Monday. Over 9 percent of our students received a study score over 40 – which places them amongst the top 8 percent of students in the state. We also achieved a perfect score of 50 in History – Revolutions. This has delivered a median VCE study score of 32 for Albert Park College. Our study score places us in the band between the 84th percentile and 89th percentile for all schools in Victoria. That positions us in the top two percent of government schools in Victoria. A fantastic achievement.

These results can be attributed to the hard work and commitment of the staff and students at the College. Our staff drive a school culture that demands a high level of commitment from our students and our students have responded magnificently to that challenge. It is timely to thank our senior years team, led by Anne Stout, for their passion and commitment to their work.



Our senior years program is based on the model of a three year VCE which adds depth and purpose to the senior years of schooling. It is a model complemented by one to one careers counseling, VCE study camps, orientation programs and a rigorous exam schedule.

All of this is overlaid by our commitment to deliver a high demand, high challenge learning environment for the students of Albert Park College.

The refurbishment of 40 Bay Street is also progressing well with demolition works due to be complete by December 23rd. The builders will recommence on January 4th and already as you walk past the site you can see the historic buildings being brought back to life.

In coming days we will be launching an e-newsletter for our Year 9 families so we can keep them fully informed about arrangements for our temporary campus as we wait for construction to be completed. It will also be used to provide regular updates on the progress of the new development.

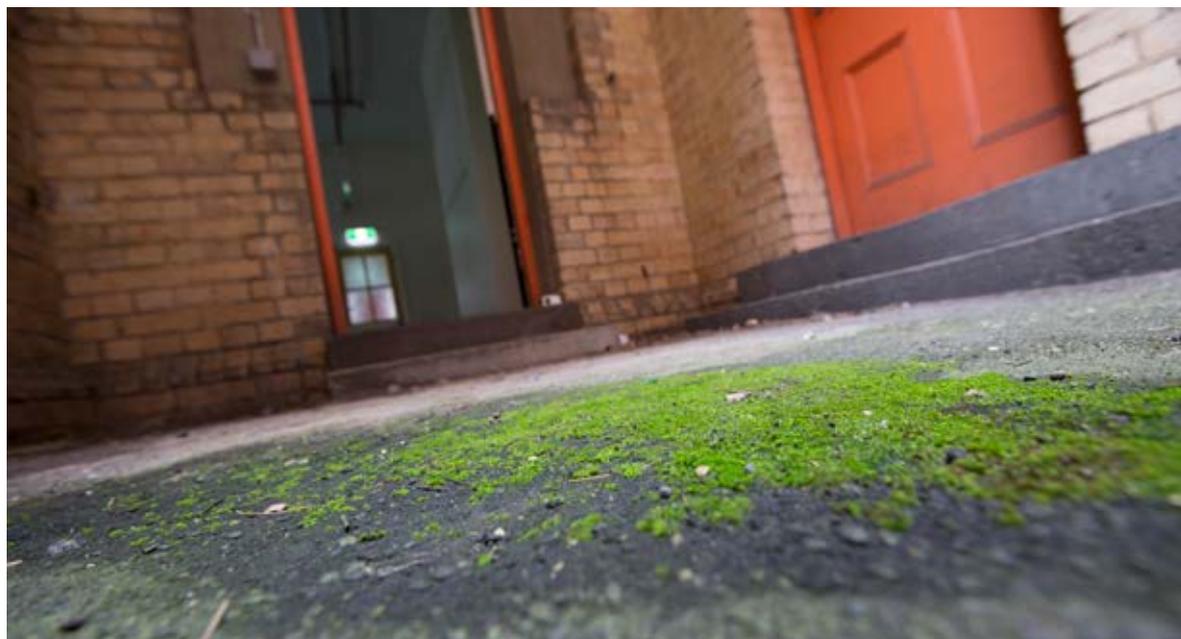
Our Year 6-7 Orientation program went smoothly and every year we get swept away by the enthusiasm and commitment of new families entering the College. It is a great opportunity to start to build their understanding of our school culture which is built on a positive and creative approach to learning.

2016 will be a historic year as we will be running all six year levels for the very first time. Our foundation students will complete Year 12 and we are very much looking forward to the challenge this will bring.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a fabulous break over Christmas and the New Year. I feel incredibly proud of what we have achieved over the past five years and I am looking forward to watching our foundation students complete their final year at Albert Park College.

Merry Christmas!

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal



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Multicultural Day!

On Friday the 4th of December, both students and teachers participated in the annual APC Multicultural Day, which is organised by the Humanities Department.

The day involves students participating in a range of different 'multicultural activities' such as African and Japanese drumming, Tae Kwon Do and Tai Chi, Bollywood Dancing, Colombian and India Cooking, Kite and Mexican Pinyata Making, Indigenous Painting, Yoga and Meditation, Ultimate Frisbee and Origami and numerous other activities. One group even got to go to DOC pizza, which was a big success; whilst others participated in an Indigenous music, culture and dance sessions.

It's a day designed to celebrate our cultural diversity and expose students to the wonderful benefits of living in a multicultural society. At lunch time, we had an incredible Indian Feast and there was also lots of singing and dancing, dress-ups, face-painting, henna-art, badminton and table-tennis!

The day was a huge success and to all those people that performed and participated on the day, the Humanities Team would like to say a big 'Thanks!', as it was an amazing day and hope we can do it again next year!



James Wallace Smith & The Humanities Department



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Senior Years Exams

Term Four saw a number of our Year 11 students sit their final external VCE exams; held at Albert Park College for the first time. Students undertaking Units 3&4 Psychology, Biology, Business Management, History, Studio Art, Music Performance and Media worked diligently to revise, practice and undertake their exams and are now looking forward to receiving their results from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority on Monday 14th December.

The external exam supervisors were thoroughly encouraged by the way in which our students conducted themselves during their assessments, commenting on the maturity and respect they handled a very important milestone in their education. A representative from the VCAA monitored the delivery of the exam program and was impressed with the way the College ensured the integrity of the assessment process.

Felicity Stewart
Senior Years Curriculum Leader

Running alongside the external VCAA examinations was the Senior Years exam program. The College's library was transformed as students sat their end of semester assessments. Staff were thoroughly impressed with the preparation students put into their revision and all Year 10 and 11s should be congratulated for the diligence they showed during this process.



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Choir Citizenship Ceremony

On the 19th of November the Albert Park College Lead & Inspire Choir performed at a Citizenship Ceremony held in the beautiful South Melbourne Town Hall.

The students performed the pieces 'Don't Dream It's Over,' 'I Am Australian' and the National Anthem.

The students worked incredibly hard in preparation for the evening and should be commended on their fantastic work.

A big thank you to Ms Cameron who prepared the choirs, Mr Gourley for conducting on the evening and Mr Harry Cook for accompanying the students on the evening. Many people who were a part of the ceremony mentioned how moving the students performances were and were grateful they were for the schools contribution to the evening.



We would like to thank the council who has generously donated \$500 towards the music program as a token of their appreciation, which will go towards developing the choirs music library.

Albert Park Rotary Club

This year the Albert Park College Rotary Club has been a hive of activity. Our dedicated team of students have been involved in a number of different activities from volunteering at the CASPACARE Nursing Homes at Albert Park and South Melbourne, raising money for the World's Greatest Shave, raising awareness of LGBTI students on Wear it Purple Day and supporting the Albert Park Rotary Club's Book Fair in Term Four. At the fortnightly meetings, students discussed local and global issues and developed action plans for a number of different organisations. In return, the Albert Park Rotary Club supported our students by providing sponsorship to the Conoco Phillips Science Program, the RYPEN youth camps and donated \$500 towards APC's annual Multicultural Day.

It has been a fantastic partnership between our students and the local Rotary Club and we look forward to continuing this work in 2016.

Felicity Stewart - Rotary Club Coordinator



Year 6/7 Orientation Day

On Tuesday December 8th Albert Park College welcomed its newest members - the future class of 2021!

The grade six students arrived full of excitement and trepidation, as did some of the College's newest members of staff who also came along for the day.

After an address by the College Principal Steve Cook, students were off into their Tutorial Groups where they began their journey into College life. Students met their new tutorial teachers and their classmates before undertaking some baseline testing in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Students later had the opportunity to tour the College and learn more about its offerings, including the College's own Basketball Academy.

Students' navigational skills were put to the test later in the evening when they accompanied their parents to the Grade 6>7 Orientation Information Evening.

On this evening, after formal presentations from the College's Principal Steve Cook, School Council President Mark Sheppard and parent representative Sharon Krunhell, grade 6 students toured their parents around the College, sharing their discoveries from their day spent within it.

Teachers, students and parents alike were abound with excitement and enthusiasm. In fact it wasn't until after 9pm that evening that the doors were finally locked and the day came to an end.

Orientation Day is one of the final events on the College's busy 2015 calendar. APC is looking forward to welcoming our year seven students again when they return ready for 2016!



Kathryn Riosa



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APC Mock Interviews



On Thursday the 12th November, all Year 10 students were fortunate enough to have been given the opportunity to participate in mock job interviews. These interviews were conducted in order to give students some prior experience heading into the senior years and the work force. One-on-one 'interviews' were held in room 20 and were conducted by both teachers and parents who had previous experience in the job industry. Students were required to wear appropriate attire, as though they were attending an actual interview and were encouraged to have practised in advance appropriate responses to the type of questions a potential employer would most likely ask.

I am sure that I speak for everyone involved when I say that this programme was a very beneficial and rewarding experience. The feedback given to each student by the interviewer proved to be very helpful, and gave us the opportunity to improve on key skills, such as content, body language, posture and personal presentation as we start looking to enter the work force.

Thank you to all of the parents and teachers who kindly gave up their time to assist in these interviews.

Duncan Box



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VCE Orientation Program

From Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November our Year 10 and 11 students undertook their 2016 VCE Orientation.

The week started with the Year 12 Preparation Program where Yr 11 students descended on ACMI at Federation Square to participate in a 2-day intensive course. Students were inspired by Graeme Joy who spoke of overcoming great difficulties to be the first Australian to ski-sail to the magnetic North Pole. They then participated in a number of study-skills sessions run by Elevate Education, worked together to explore how to create an effective study mindset and listened to a number of student presenters who spoke of how they managed the workload of a Unit 3 and 4 subject in 2015.

The program ended with the Amazing Race where students were broken into teams to compete in a sprint around the city during which they were introduced to a number of different resources they could use to support their Year 12 studies, including the State Library of Victoria.

Upon their return to school, students attended exam feedback sessions and then met their 2016 class groups. Our dedicated VCE teachers delivered orientation sessions for students where they were introduced to their new study designs and assessment schedules; they also received holiday homework to prepare them to begin at the commencement of the 2016 school year. Students are encouraged to take time over the holidays to complete the assigned work as this forms vital preparation for each VCE subject.

Felicity Stewart
Senior Years Curriculum Leader



Congratulations to **Camille Perry** for selling her photograph 'Celeste' at the opening night of the CCP SALON! The CCP Salon is the biggest photographic competition in Australia. On the 26th November there were more than 300 works exhibited in the space, professionals and up and coming artists.



Youth in Chambers

On 28 October our student leaders attended the “Youth in Chambers” event at the St Kilda Town Hall where they delivered a presentation on the upcoming Environment Day that they hosted at APC. Our students delivered their presentation in the council chambers of the Town Hall to the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Port Phillip.

Students asked insightful questions of the Mayor and Councillors, where they engaged in a discussion around the ways in which we can promote sustainability in our local community.



Environment Day

Thank you to all year 7, 8 and 9 students for participating in Environment Day. It was terrific to see a positive response to a technology-free day in an effort to raise awareness of our impact on the environment.

The Environment Day Committee developed a strategy after attending the City of Port Phillip Student Forum meeting, identifying preservation of the environment as one of our core school values. Congratulations for organising a successful whole school event whilst working on their leadership skills.

Our student leaders raised over \$420 through their bake sale and selling green ribbons, which will cover the cost of a new solar panel for the roof of the College to further reduce our consumption of non-renewable energy. Our student leaders also ran classes during Period 3 which drew on the creativity of our students to develop ideas on how we can promote sustainable practices.



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Year 7 Camp

Last week Year 7 students attended camp with groups heading to The Great Dividing Trail, Wilson's Promontory and Great Ocean Road. Students hiked each day and groups either surfed or went mountain bike riding depending on their location. Each day students pitched tents, cooked for themselves on Trangia's and carried packs with all that they needed for the trip. It was a great learning experience for all involved with some tough hiking and warmer weather. It was fantastic to see students display strong leadership and teamwork throughout the 4 day trip. Congratulations to all involved and a big thank you to the APC staff who gave up their time to attend the camp.



"In all of our camp locations we participated in hiking and one extra activity which was either mountain bike riding or surfing. I went to the great ocean walk, and although the hiking was hard at times what I enjoyed most was the scenery. Something that many of us learnt was how to surf, surfing was definitely one of the highlights of trip. Our goal throughout our camp was to show personal leadership, I think everyone showed this when cooking our own meals and having self motivation when hiking. On behalf of the the year sevens I would like to thank all of the teachers and bindaree for making our trip so much fun."

-Edie Milner



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Great Victorian Bike Ride

Well done, to all the APC Great Victorian Bike Riders of 2015! From 28 November to 6 December, 60 members of APC attended the GVBR in hopes to complete a challenging 3, 5 and 9 days of cycling, up to 533 km! Students across the year levels took part in this large event hosted by RACV that went from Bendigo to Ballarat via the charming towns of Avoca, Dunolly, Inglewood, Heathcote and Castlemaine.

What started as quite a daunting adventure, eventually became an opportunity for team work, perseverance and learning a few life skills along the way. It did not take long for our APC cyclers to realise that cycling was not going to be the only challenge they on their GVBR journey! All the 5 am wake ups, long cues (for everything), banging toilet doors and setting up your own tent, were all part of the experience of the ride.

APC students demonstrated great cycling and road etiquette; always shouting “passing” and “on the right” as they passed their fellow riders, and formed beautiful lines that were even recognised by the event! Although a challenging experience, students, staff and parents pushed themselves everyday with encouraging words from each other, a pep talk from Andrew Robinson (APC staff who organised the event) or a big meal from the white tent. It was an honour riding along side such positive and determined individuals!



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Mind and Body Day

On 12th of November all of the Year 7 students participated in “Mind and Body Day”. We all completed a scavenger hunt and participated in Tai Chi and Yoga. We met at school at 5:15 am, ready for a 5:30 am departure. It was still dark, and everyone was still sleepy. We caught the first tram running, ready to get to the Queen Victoria Market at 6 am. We were given time to explore the amazing food and to complete the scavenger hunt. We learnt about the previous use of the market, and all about where different delicacies can be found.

We then headed back to school for a breakfast of pancakes and fruit. We all had an hour to do a mix of Tai Chi and Yoga. In Yoga we learnt different stretches and poses. The Tai Chi instructors taught us how to relax ourselves through breathing and motions. We then met a lady who taught us about healthy eating and nutrition. The session was very informative and interesting, learning how much sugar is in things that are eaten everyday. Overall the day was really fun, and it was a very different experience to a normal school day.

Lam-Nhi Nguyen and Emma Boyall



Thanks again for all your hard work throughout our **Christmas Appeal!**

We ended up packing at least 50 Christmas boxes and raising over \$600 which was spent on 100's of educational items for donations to school kids in East Timor. The goods are now on a ship making their way to East Timor!

Here is a link to a news article from the organisation who helped make our campaign possible. They have sent a very big thanks our way!



Community Foods Inspire Club

The Community Foods Inspire has had a successful semester with the Eat Up Program. The club has been consistently attended by 20 students who have been cooking delicious snacks like banana bread, pumpkin pizza scrolls and zucchini chocolate cake. All the snacks are individually packaged and paired with a letter or note written by the students at APC.

Oz harvest has been picking them up and delivering them to 8 schools across Melbourne (Lalor East, Epping, Pascoe Vale, Mahogany Rise, Dandenong, Sunshine, Karingal, and Seaford. 724 snacks have

been made since the start. Over 5000 lunches have been delivered (this is with TAFE students)!

Lyndon, who started this program delivers them to the schools himself and has had such great feedback from the principle team/teachers regarding our snacks and notes.

Well done to all those who have been involved; you are all making a difference! We're excited for the new year and hope to see both familiar and new faces to take part in the inspire club.



Instrumental Enrolments are now open for 2016!!

If you would like to be a part of the APC Instrumental Department and get the chance to be involved in a range of performances and masterclasses then we welcome you!

Instrumental Music Lessons 2016: How To Enrol

1. This enrolment form will apply for students who will be in Years 8-12 in 2016. If you would like to enrol in instrumental music lessons, please fill in **this form**
2. *PLEASE NOTE: You will need to use your student APC email address to enrol and access this form.*
3. If you have already completed your EdVal enrolment you do not need to complete the google form.
4. If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact Dean Gourley (deangourley@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au) or Arlene Fletcher (arlenefletcher@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au)

Hired Instruments:

Students who have hired instruments from APC and are intending on continuing their studies can continue to use their instrument over the summer holiday break.

If you would like to do this, you must contact Arlene Fletcher (arlenefletcher@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au)

All instruments currently hired will be serviced by the school in week 1 and 2 of 2016

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Sports News

Congratulations to **Nick Closter!**

Nick, representing Victoria, recently participated in a week-long under 14 Trans-Tasman Ice Hockey tournament held in Queenstown New Zealand, pitting three Australian State teams and three New Zealand Teams against each other for the title.

After finishing 4th in the round robin series Victoria overcame hot favourites Queenstown 4-3 in a gripping semi-final and went on to defeat Queensland 3-0 in the series Final to claim the Trans-Tasman trophy.



Christophe Michael represented Team Victoria at the Pacific School Games in diving. Having a wonderful time he got to compete against divers from New Zealand, Macau and India. Christophe competed in 5 events and dived really well throughout the week - with a very exciting Gold Medal in the boys 13-14 years Platform.

Congratulations Christophe on these wonderful results!

Boys 14 years 1 Metre: 6th

Boys 14 years 3 Metre: 6th

Boys 13-14 years Platform: 1st - came equal 1st with a diver from Macau (very unusual for diving)

Boys 14-14 years Synchronised: 4th

Team Synchronised Event (4 divers: Christophe, 2 from NSW and 1 from Macau): 11th

Congratulations to our year 8 girls Tennis team who last week reached the SSV State Tennis Finals at Boroondara Tennis Centre.

To put this into perspective - they made the last 8 teams in the State, that's out of over 230 secondary schools in Victoria! A fantastic effort flying the flag for APC sport. Well done girls!

Year 8 Girls Tennis Team

1. Tallie Collins
2. Nadia Dzaferovic
3. Athanasia Venetsanakos
4. Sarah Ryan

We would like to recognise:

Congratulations to Year 9 student **Jasmine Stout** who represented Victoria in the U15 Lacrosse Nationals.

Congratulations to **Gabrielle Meyn** as she was selected for the U17's State Victorian Volleyball Team

Congratulations to **Reece Longstaff** as he was selected for U15's National New Zealand Baseball team.

Congratulations to **Taylor Alexander** who recently competed at the National School Sport Australia Primary Track & Field Championships. She competed in the 200m, multi event (mini heptathlon which consists of a 100m, long jump, shot put and 800m with points totalled for each event) and a medley relay. She beat all her personal bests in all of her events and finished with a gold medal in the medley relay, 4th in the multi event and 13th in the 200m. Congratulations Taylor!



Albert Park College Basketball Academy for 2015



On Thursday the 29th of October, led by coach/mentor Mr. Wallace-Smith, Year 8 boys **Eren 'king of spin' Soylemez, Luke 'Johnno' Johnson, Dylan 'class act' Harrison-Smith, Leo 'shooter' Sheppard and Slammin' Sam McConchie** participated in the Southern Metropolitan Regional Table Tennis Finals. The long bus ride to Dandenong didn't stop the boys as they thunderbolted through to the final, picking up wins against Berwick and Lyndale Secondary Colleges. This meant they were up against McKinnon Secondary College who they had been practising for a few months. McKinnon proved to be too strong on the day picking up 5 of the possible 6 games, although the boys from Albert Park College didn't go home emptyhanded, picking up a lovely second place banner. Congratulations boys!

APC Sailing

Over the term, our Division 1 and Division 2 squads have been training hard and competing in some team racing in Albert Park Lake and around Port Phillip Bay.

To finish off the term, both squads competed in the Bill Bell Trophy Fleet Race, held at our home ground Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. In light and tricky conditions the sailors competed head to head in teams of two, completing up to nine races over the day.

Finishing in second place in Division 1 were **Nicholas Neales** (Yr 9) and his younger crewman **Alex Kanakaridis** (Yr 7). **Luke Johnson** (Yr8) and **Stephie Peterson** (Yr7) finished in third. In Division 2, young guns **Tiernan Crowley & Oliver Kalicin** took first position.

For more information on APC Sailing please email: sailing.team@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au



APC Sailing Team



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French News

This month's French news is tainted by deep sadness and concern for our friends in France, who woke up to the news of terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday 13 November, and for all those affected by terrorism. As the assistant principal from our sister school wrote: "*Nous sommes tous bouleversés et abasourdis par ce qui est arrivé*" (We are all distraught and shocked by what has happened). He and I both agree, however, that these devastating events are reminders of the importance of intercultural understanding and communication



and we both feel that our schools' cultural exchanges play a very significant role in developing connections, interdependence and friendships across the globe.

Many of you will recognize this symbol, which was created after Friday 13 November, to remind us of the importance of peace and unity in such times.

I am pleased to note that the rest of the French news is a celebration of the many marvelous facets of French culture that our students have recently enjoyed.

Les années 10 en excursion à la galerie

Recently, Year 10 French students visited the NGV and followed a French art trail which encouraged them to reflect on serious and quirky aspects of French art from the 17th to the 20th century. They had plenty of energy for the activities having met the Belgian waffle maker in Degraives St on their way to the gallery!



Un grand merci à nos assistantes

I'm sure I speak on behalf of all the French team and students when I say how grateful we have been for the support of our terrific language assistants. All of you will know Catherine Jackson-Grose (middle) whose expertise is second to none. Many of you would have had the chance to work with Malia Coutand (right) from our French sister school, who has spent the first 3 months of her gap year supporting APC students in their French studies. Some of you may have had the chance to meet Sophie Latteur from Belgium, who has been a language assistant at Port Melbourne for the last term and who spent some time at APC last week.



Les années 9 en excursion à l'Alliance Française

Year 9 French students were invited to an afternoon of French Cabaret at the Alliance Française in St Kilda. Students sang along to the classics by Trenet, Piaf, Brel and Gainsbourg. They also reflected on the lyrics to work out some grammar problems and to complete a cultural quiz.



Year 9 Students were welcomed by Françoise Libotte, Deputy Director of the Alliance Française to the French Cabaret afternoon.

Paris to Provence

APC extension and senior students were very lucky to be offered tickets to the French cultural festival Paris to Provence, which is held every year at Como House in Toorak. Students enjoyed practising their French with stall holders to order *des crêpes, de la barbe à papa, des chouchous et de la raclette*. MIAM!! Un grand merci to Loch Sharkey's mum, Donna, for accompanying us.



Joyeux Noël

French extension students enjoyed some festive cheer in their last class, writing Christmas cards in French and enjoying crêpes made by Catherine. Miam!



APC Family Camp

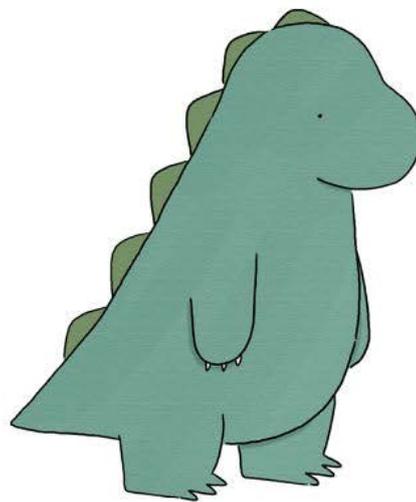
The APC families camp, which was held in Anglesea, and supported by 85 friendly and inclusive people representing many year levels, was an extremely pleasant weekend. The Friday evening at the Anglesea Hotel, the Saturday fun activities on the oval and dinner gathering were supported by all, and the competitive and fun atmosphere prevailed throughout the whole weekend. It really was a great way to enjoy the company of friends and make some new ones. I hope we can build on the great group who attended and look forward to more APC families joining us next year.



The APC families Xmas drinks event at the Port Melbourne Lifesaving Club was also a great evening supported by 70 plus people. The food was delicious. A big thank you to our children who entertained themselves on the beach allowing the parents to catch up whilst enjoying the beautiful view. Thank you also to the lifesaving club and we hope our donation helps in a small way.

Teena

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- from APC

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