PRINCIPAL’S SAY

A CARBON NEUTRAL SCHOOL

At Albert Park College we care about environmental sustainability. As a school community we want to make a significant impact on this important global issue and so we have committed to becoming a carbon neutral school.

One way we are doing this is by installing a solar system at the College and the first 10 kilowatt module was installed during the term break. It is a great feeling to know that we are reducing our energy use through this initiative as well as enabling others to reduce their reliance on unsustainable energy sources.

The best part of this story is that this initiative has been driven by the parents of Albert Park College. In particular, a group of parents from our Grants Committee, led by Jean Low, have spent months developing a “greening strategy” for Albert Park College. The installation of the first stage of the solar system has been the first significant success of this dedicated group of parents.

Jean brings to the project her experience as an Architect with a specific interest in environmental sustainability, she is “very happy and excited” and is committed to expanding the solar system at the College.

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This was a true community initiative with Hilton Garcia from Energy Australia designing and supervising the installation of the system. Hilton was inspired to be part of the project after attending a Year 9 Da Vinci exhibition where he was impressed by the passion and commitment of our students.

Hilton said “At Energy Australia our mission is to help Australian’s with energy efficient solutions and that’s what this project is about. As a local Baysider it’s been really nice to work on a project that will help my local community become more sustainable.” In addition, the installation team led by Fronius and Jinko kindly donated the monitoring system and 10 of the modules installed at the College.

Albert Park College has demonstrated a commitment to environmental sustainability. Environmental awareness is led by its flagship Year 9 curriculum the Da Vinci Project. This semester length unit raises awareness of environmental issues on a global scale, encouraging students to produce arts based responses to the study of environment.

We also have a dedicated group of students who give their time freely to lead the Environment Club and the College regularly contributes to forums highlighting issues around environmental sustainability.

The College itself features a range of environmental initiatives including drought resistant gardens, vegetable and herb gardens in our “pop-up patch,” a naturally ventilated building and low energy lighting which operates on light and movement sensors. Two thirds of our water is supplied by rainwater harvesting, saving 300,000 litres of rain water over three years.

The solar initiative is one part of a broader strategy being developed by the Grants team around the “greening of the college” with plans in progress to create vertical gardens around the College as well as a grand proposal to terrace plants across the three floors of the building structure.

Ultimately, we want to be known in our community as a College that cares about the environment. As Tim Flannery has said: “We can only call ourselves Australian if we have a long term future in this country, and that means to live sustainably.”

Steve Cook,
Foundation Principal.

SPONSOR A PANEL

Our aim is to add a further 20 kilowatts of solar panels this year with the ultimate aim of creating a 90 kilowatt system over time.

If you would like to be a part of this project you can purchase one or more panels by donating directly to the College. Each panel costs $380.00 to install, this is the total system price divided by 40 (40 panels for a 10kWp system). Effectively, if we get 40 families donating a panel we can go ahead with phase two and add an additional 10kWp.

If you have no roof space at home and you want to teach your child about energy saving this is a great way to play your part in establishing Albert Park College as an energy hub in our community. We have a lot of roof space to cover!
Environmental awareness and sustainability are central tenants of the APC School Philosophy. This year, students have been engaging with the school’s environment policies more than ever before. A new student Environment Group was formed in Term One and students immediately began the task of revolutionising our school recycling program. The Environment Club spoke to other students about the importance of effective recycling and ran a poster competition to clarify the items that are to be placed in the yellow recycling bins. The Environment Club have also begun a gardening program, learning how to cultivate plants from seeds and cuttings, which we will continue throughout the year. In Term Two, the Environment Club will focus on fundraising for environmental programs both within and outside the school and will have the opportunity to attend excursions and conferences to enhance their understanding and passion for the environment. All students are welcome in the Environment Club and are encouraged to consider joining this term.

This year, Albert Park College is working towards accreditation in the Resource SMART Aussi Vic schools program. This program helps schools to become sustainable organisations by making changes to the way in which the school manages Energy, Waste, Water and Biodiversity. In order for Albert Park College to successfully complete its modules in this program and eventually become a 5-star sustainable school, we need the support and enthusiasm of the whole school community – staff, students, parents and carers. This term Albert Park College will form a Sustainability Committee of staff and parents to participate in the Resource Smart Aussi Vic program and to action many of our plans for improving environmental awareness in our school. The committee will meet once every month during the school terms, with the meeting time to be arranged. If you would like to be involved, please contact Caroline Foster at foster.caroline.c@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Caroline Foster,
Environmental Co-ordinator.
Congratulations to two of Albert Park College teachers Joshua Patrick, who has been awarded the Dean’s Honours Award for 2013 by the Melbourne Graduate School of Education and Arlene Fletcher who is the recipient of the Australian Education Union (AEU) Excellence in Classroom Teaching Award for 2014.

Josh said, “I’m proud to have received the Dean’s Honours Award from the Melbourne Graduate School of Education and to continue the tradition of outstanding academic achievement amongst teachers at Albert Park College”.

This award recognises outstanding academic performance and is granted to the top 2% of students in their year level in the Master of Teaching program at the MGSE.

The Excellence in Classroom Teaching Award recognises Arlene’s passion and dedication towards both music and APC students.

These awards are a testament to the high quality of teaching staff who have the privilege of teaching at APC, while it further strengthens the relationship between APC and the academic community at Melbourne University.

Albert Park College is lucky to have an exceptional range of teachers, across all subject areas, who are willing to go above and beyond to help encourage our students to lead, create and inspire.

The annual APC Vaudeville Night is going to be taking place this year at the beautiful National Theatre on Friday 1st August from 7.30pm onwards.

The evening is a celebration of the wonderful range of creative talent at Albert Park College.

We look forward to seeing you there! Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter!

Deb Batton and Vanessa O’Neill,
Vaudeville Night Co-ordinators.
REGIONAL SWIMMING SUCCESS

The regional swimming meet was held at Melbourne Sports and Aquatics Centre on Thursday 27th March and we were lucky enough to have 6 students representing both APC and the Beachside division. In the individual events we had Paris Wright in the 400m Freestyle, Lewis O'Donnell in the 50m Backstroke and Oscar Burdett in the 50m Butterfly. All performed well and achieved varied results, with Oscar obtaining a personal best in the butterfly event.

In the afternoon we had our 12-13 years Boys Freestyle relay team competing. This team consisted of Joe Barnes, Oscar Burdett, Finlay Sturzaker and Adrian Cho. The boys lined up in lane four, meaning they were the fastest qualifiers, and we ready to swim with every ounce of energy they had. Joe got the boys off to a strong start, keeping head to head with another talented swimmer. Finlay entered the pool and although he spent most of his leg with his goggles in his mouth rather than around his eyes, he managed to take the lead and put APC in front. With a super strong leg from Adrian APC were in front and looking to take 1st place. Oscar did not disappoint with a swift 50m to finish and take APC to the State Finals. Congratulations to the boys who swam brilliantly and will now be competing at the Victorian State Finals early in term two.
On Wednesday 26th March Albert Park College sent 4 tennis teams to the Year 7 Beachside Division Tournament at Dingley Tennis Centre. Our teams played brilliant tennis, showing that APC was certainly going to be a tough match for all competitors. In the girls we were undefeated in all games, resulting in an all APC grand final. Our B team gave the A team a run for their money, but in the end our A team were victors and will be heading to the preliminary round in term 2. In the boys competition the opposition were a little stronger with our B team narrowly missing out on the grand final. Our A team were strong throughout the entire tournament and this did not change during the final, convincingly beating a challenging Glen Eira team.

Congratulations goes to all students who competed on the day and we wish the A teams the best of luck in the preliminary rounds on Wednesday 23rd April.

HELP US RECYCLE

Albert Park College has a strong enviromental focus, if you’d like to help us reduce waste and preserve resources then please donate!

Any second hand books are very welcome editions to our library, helping to fill our shelves and save trees.

Our art department is working on a project using newspapers, so old copies would be greatly appreciated, turning your old collections into art.

And any old fabrics would be great for our textile department, to make our students projects more affordable!
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT - SMALL BUSINESS

On Friday the 28th of March, our Unit 1 VCE Business Management class ran a business simulation activity at APC. Groups from the VCE Business Management class chose a business that they set up in the APC courtyard to sell a product to the student body. Products ranged from pizza through to fairy floss. The main reason for this activity was to give the class a taste of what running a real business would be like. The day was a major success and each group made a profit.

Each of the groups spent four weeks planning different aspects of their business, such as product range, market analysis, marketing strategy, legal considerations, management style and financing. Preparation for the big day involved an action plan that gave a detailed explanation of what each group would need to do on the day. All the groups had the opportunity to apply theory that they had learned in Business Management class to a practical situation.

Part of running a business is setting objectives and each of the groups had key performance indicators ranging from profit targets through to providing exemplary customer service. Each group developed a mechanism for measuring KPIs and this information was presented in a formal evaluation of business performance.

All the support from the school community was fantastic. Thank you to all the teachers, students and the local community who helped make the day a success. The class made a collective profit of $674.70 profit which was donated to World Vision.

By Harrison Stamatelatos
This year the Albert Park Rotary Club will be holding their annual book fair to coincide with the Albert Park College Open Day, on the 1st of May. The Rotary Club works in conjunction with the Albert Park College Library, collecting second hand books from the community and re-selling them at discounted prices.

25% of the proceeds go back to the College to fund literacy programs and acquisitions and the rest of the money funds local community projects supporting those in need. Come buy to grab some great books and help support this worthwhile cause.

**OPEN DAY**
**BUBUP WOMINDJEKA FAMILY AND CHILDREN’S CENTRE**

Bring your friends and family and help us celebrate!

Bubup Womindjeka Family and Children’s Centre is now open and we’ll be celebrating with an open day for our whole community. Come along and enjoy a range of fun activities and performances, and take a tour of the new centre.

**Sunday 27 April, 85 Liardet Street, Port Melbourne.**

11 am to 11.30 am  Official ceremony - all welcome!
11.30 am to 1.30 pm  Fun, free activities for the whole family

Learn how to draw Australian bush creatures with Myke Mollard, meet our furry friends in the mini pets animal zoo and learn traditional indigenous dancing! You can also sing along with performances from the Albert Park College VAC band and the City of Voices.

GASWORKS ART PARK DEVELOPMENT

The City of Port Phillip has been working with the community to develop a long term plan for Gasworks Arts Park that will guide the future management, remediation and upgrade of the reserve as funding becomes available. The draft Park Plan is now available for comment.

The Plan addresses the long standing issue of soil contamination and safe remediation that requires:
- The closure of the park during works
- Removal of all trees and vegetation
- Capping of the contaminated soil and mounding
- Renewal and upgrade of the park

Have Your Say on the draft Park Plan

Three on site consultation sessions will be held on the following dates:

Saturday 19 April 2014, drop in anytime between 9.00 am-1.00 pm (marquee in the park, market day)

Wednesday 30 April 2014, drop in anytime between 3.00 pm- 6.00 pm (marquee in the park)

Saturday 17 May 2014, drop in anytime between 9.00 am-1.00 pm (marquee in the park, market day)

Alternatively go to haveyoursayatportphillip.net.au/gasworks-arts-park to review the draft Gasworks Arts Park Plan and provide feedback.

The community feedback period runs from 1 April to 23 May 2014.

For more information contact:
Open Spaces Team, City of Port Phillip
ospace@portphillip.vic.gov.au or 9209 6777

2014 VICTORIA STATE TEAMS - NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominations are now open for students to register to trial for SSV Team Vic State teams. Information on how to register to trial for SSV state teams is available from the ‘Team Vic’ page on the SSV website at: https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic then click on the relevant sport.

Critical Dates - 12 Years and Under Teams

To register to trial for representative teams for age groups older than 12 years, students must go to the SSV website at https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic.
This month, we welcome Energy Australia to our growing list of commercial and philanthropic partners, working with us to build a better school. We also congratulate APC Partnerships Team member Jean Low on her outstanding achievement of winning funding for the new solar panel installation. From germinating and nurturing the partnership with Energy Australia to applying for grants, Jean has worked tirelessly to make this project happen.

Applause is also due to member Robyn May for organising the recent Stavros dinner, which raised $1200 for new gym equipment. And thanks to the Stavros Tavern, one of our enduring partners.

If you are interested in helping us build partnerships with supportive organisations, please contact Mark Sheppard on mark.shep@optusnet.com.au.

Great Victorian Bike Ride 2014

Albert Park College will again be entering the Great Victorian Bike Ride in 2014. APC has entered this event in the previous two years and we are looking to run another successful camping and cycling trip this year. The route will run from Albury to Lilydale, through the Victorian high country. The event will run from the 29th November to the 7th December and this year Bicycle Victoria is offering a number of ride options alongside the full 9-day event. For the first time there will be a 5-day option, along with the 3-day option. So if you haven’t brought your climbing legs with you or aren’t sure about 9 days, these are great options. This event is well-run, great fun and a unique opportunity to cycle through some of Victoria’s most spectacular scenery. All of the details including costs, payments dates, training and jerseys will be discussed at our information evening. The information evening will be held at the college in Learning Space 2 on Tuesday the 13th May from 6-7pm.

For further information please contact Rhys Page at the college.
Port Melbourne Primary School

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Entertainment from The Robbie Williams Experience, The Big Bang Band and local sensation 7 Doors Down

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SATURDAY 3rd MAY 10 am-7 pm

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HEAPS OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Port Melbourne Primary
415 Graham Street, Port Melbourne
Families’ Himalaya Expedition
Two weeks in late October 2014
Years 9 and 10

What
A guided trip to Kathmandu and the Himalayas, for y9 and y10 students and their parents.

Why
So children can learn about the beauty and wonder of Nepal and the Himalayas.
To introduce subcontinent culture to students.
To offer quality 1:1 parent time for students in a challenging and rewarding environment.
The expedition is modelled on the APC Families Hike where each student brought one parent, which we have learned makes for a very special chemistry on the trip, and a unique student/parent shared experience.

Where
Kathmandu and trekking in the Annapurna region of the Himalayas.

When
Two weeks in late October 2014 (precise date to be confirmed).

Arrangements
• The expedition is for APC students (year 9 or 10) only, with each APC student being accompanied by their own parent or carer. (i.e. 1 child with 1 adult).
• We will fly to Kathmandu, and have five days acclimatise to the colours, sounds and smells of Nepal and to explore the ancient capital, visiting places like Bhaktapur, Swayambhunath & Patan Durbar Square.
• Then we will fly to the Pokhara/Annapurna region for a five day Himalayan trek through local villages with mountain views in every direction, staying in local Tea Houses (not tents), eating local cuisine. We will carry light packs, walking around five kilometres per day in hilly terrain (4-5 hours), at times over 2000m altitude. Trekkers should be reasonably fit although porters are available to carry gear to contribute to the local economy. Paths are well defined, food is plentiful.
• Following the trek, we plan a 2-day rafting trip on the Seti River, and then we return to Kathmandu for some unstructured exploration time, before flying home.
• The Expedition will be guided by APC teacher James Wallace-Smith, who has lived in Nepal and has guided several group trips around Annapurna and Everest.
• Students will visit a secondary school in Kathmandu, and an orphanage in Pokhara, with the option for a ‘Home Stay’ with a local family. Also available is an optional scenic flight around Mt. Everest.
• We will provide guidance on clothing, food, gear, and safety closer to the Expedition.

Estimated Cost
The Expedition fee will be around $3,500 per person (to be confirmed subject to numbers). This includes accommodation, international & domestic flights, local leader on the trek, airport transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees and dinner on the first evening. It also includes all meals on the hike and on the rafting trip. The cost does not include your visa, insurance, optional activities during the unstructured time, porters, meals in Kathmandu & Pokhara and souvenirs. Please allow an additional $250 per person for meals.

Queries
For more information contact James Wallace-Smith (a teacher) at the school.

Registration of Interest
To register your interest, please complete the form overleaf and hand it in at the school office no later than 12:00noon on Friday, 16 May. If the interest exceeds the number of places, short-listing will have regard to transport logistics, the diversity of the group, and students’ ability to cope with missing classes.
**Families’ Himalaya Expedition**  
Two weeks in late October 2014  

**Registration of Interest Form**

Please hand this registration of interest form to the APC School Office by **12:00noon on Friday, 16 May**

*We wish to attend the Families’ Himalaya Expedition late October 2014:*

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(note: a maximum of one student per parent or carer, and vice versa) |
| APC student class (limited to years 9 or 10) |
| Phone number contact |
| Email contact  
(please type or print this in BIG letters as clearly as you are able) |
| I have a Working with Children Check  
(please circle) | No | Yes |
| I can help organise the Expedition | No | Yes |

**Comments:**

Please hand this registration of interest form to the APC School Office by **12:00noon on Friday, 16 May**. The fee will be due soon after, and a briefing will be held in June.