IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 3rd of June
Parent Connect Evening 6.30pm
Parent Forum 7:15pm

Friday the 6th of June
Report Writing Day - Student Free Day

Monday the 9th of June
Queens Birthday - Public Holiday

Tuesday the 10th of June
Year 9 & 10 French Trip Information
Evening 6.00pm

Friday the 20th of June
APC Trivia Night

Friday the 27th of June
Last Day of Term 2

PRINCIPAL’S SAY
CELEBRATING THE PERFORMING ARTS

At Albert Park College we celebrate creativity and the arts. It is a focus that simply reflects our community’s strong affinity with the creative heart of Melbourne.

The performing arts allow our students to express themselves both artistically and creatively. They promote poise, co-ordination and collaboration and enable students to work together in unique ways. It is also well established that involvement in the arts increases academic performance.

Most impressive of all has been the move for our students to produce original works- works that reflect their passion and creativity in the performing arts. They are creating brave and original works that speak directly to our motto to lead, create and inspire.

On Tuesday night we took part in a night of firsts. It was our first VCE music class performing in our first ever VCE musical soiree. Each student took to the stage with a sense of nervous anticipation and soon the air was full of delicate and beautifully played musical items ranging from classical piano pieces to modern vocal renditions. Two highlights were the VCE concert band playing “Don't Know Why” by Norah Jones and Shin Cheng playing a Percy Grainger number on piano.

The music program continues to blossom with 186 students studying instrumental music this year. We are looking forward to seeing them perform in our annual music concert on the 6th of October.
Our Vaudeville night is also well underway and this year, with the move to a larger venue at the State Theatre in St Kilda, we are expecting a bigger and more diverse show of talent than ever before. In particular, we are seeking to increase the amount of parent participation so this is also a call to all those budding performers out there.

Our students have also been busy in the recording studio and have produced two outstanding tracks in recent weeks. Please take the time to download and listen to the tracks and I am sure you will be impressed. Links to be found on page 8.

WotOpera- an offshoot of the Australian Opera Company, will also return later this year. It is an opportunity for our students to work hand in hand with Opera greats to create and then perform an original opera at a public theatre.

Our dance program has also been enhanced with visits to the Sydney Dance Company with a visit to the Bangarra Dance Company booked in for later in the year. This is a common theme across the performing arts- seeking inspiration from the very best.

I have also had the privilege of being able to read the script for the 2014 school production. An original work, drafted and workshopped by the students of Albert Park College it promises to be both a witty and topical piece of theatre.

As Melanie Erceg said: “The goal was for originality, creativity and thoughtfulness. Hard, quality time was put into achieving that, and the end result was more than I hoped for.” We are expecting a big audience when it premieres in late November this year.

Perhaps the most exciting news of all is that the new acquired Circus Oz site will provide a home not only for our Year 9 students but it will also provide an innovative and inspirational home for the performing arts at Albert Park College.

" Art is the signature of civilization.” Beverley Sills.

Steve Cook, Foundation Principal.

SPONSOR A PANEL - 15 SOLD ALREADY!

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!
VAUDEVILLE NIGHT 2014 - SAVE THE DATE

Vaudeville Night is taking place this year at The National Theatre in St Kilda on Friday 1st August at 7.30pm.

We are holding auditions for students next week on Tuesday 3rd June and Thursday 5th June after school. For students who do not yet have their act ready, they are welcome to come along and tell us about their ideas. Our emphasis this year is on having a wide variety of acts. The night will be a celebration of the great diversity of creativity at Albert Park College.

We are also keen to hear from parents who might like to be involved in Vaudeville Night as mentors for student acts, to help with costumes or backstage and also to be part of the Parents’ Act on the night (that Deb Batton will coordinate!)

Interested parents and students can contact Vanessa O’Neill on vanessaoneill@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au.

Vanessa O’Neill and Deb Batton, Vaudeville Night Coordinators.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

In Term Four, APC will experience its second annual School Production. The Production, titled ‘Recess’, is a compilation of scripts exploring the complex, challenging and hilarious world of school. The script was written by the year Ten Theatre Studies class, and indeed was an ambitious project for all students. During class, Students worked through the creative process of developing complex and rich characters, inspired by their own experiences and original ideas. When reflecting and discussing the creating process of writing the production, many students were blown away by what they had achieved.

“I had a great time writing my own script. It taught me a vital component of theatre” – Josh Mann

“The creative process of writing the script really made me think more about character development, and how another actor could interpret my script” – Aislinge Samuel

“Writing the script definitely made me realise the effort put into scripts. It was a very intricate process which was a great experience” – Eric Loong

“The goal was for originality, creativity and thoughtfulness. Hard, quality time was put into achieving that, and the end result was more than I hoped for.” Melanie Erceg

I look forward to future auditions, rehearsals and seeing the APC community on Opening Night.

Victoria Kilpatrick
School Production Coordinator, Theatre Studies Teacher.
APC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

YEAR 7 GIRLS TENNIS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Tallie Collins, Tegan Burns, Nadia Dzaferovic and Athanasia Venetsanakos who are the Southern Metropolitan Regional Tennis Champions for 2014. The girls will represent our region in the Victorian State finals later this year.

They were a credit to the College, excelling in their game but also upholding the College values with their friendly and polite etiquette towards other competitors and their support and camaraderie towards each other.

Well done girls!

AUSTRALIAN DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Emma Madjewick of 9AK has been selected to represent Albert Park College in the 2014 School Sports Victoria Diving Team in both platform and springboard. This is an amazing opportunity for Emma, that reflects her level of dedication and passion for the sport of diving.

The Australian Diving Championships will be held 20 to 26 July 2014 and we wish Emma the best of luck!
ALBERT PARK COLLEGE MULTICULTURAL DAY

Albert Park College has had two very successful multicultural days here at school, which are designed to celebrate all the different nationalities and cultures we have both here at APC and in the community around us. It’s a day of singing, dancing, playing, learning, painting, cooking and eating amongst many other activities and generally speaking, having fun! All the students, their families, teachers and the community are encouraged to be involved in ‘Multicultural Day’ here at APC again this year, which will be held on Wednesday the 6th of August.

On the day, both students and teachers will enjoy a range of activities such as Bollywood and Italian Folk dancing, African drumming, Karate, Meditation & Yoga sessions, Capoeira, Indigenous painting, Italian, Indian & Thai Cooking Classes, Origami, making garlands and games such as carom-board and European Handball. Additionally, there will be face-painting, henna-art, guest speakers and an amazing lunch time feast for all to enjoy, including French crepes!

We are hoping to make the day even bigger this year! If you have any ideas or would like to be involved in some capacity, please contact either Mr. Styles or Mr. Wallace Smith as soon as possible to organise your activity, as we are hoping to have everything organised by the end of this term.

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YEAR 7 EXCURSION TO THE NGV

Year 7 students recently boarded a number of trams to attend the Three Perfections exhibition, currently on display at Melbourne’s National Gallery of Victoria. The exhibition explores the interconnectedness between poetry, calligraphy and painting, with works dating from the fourteenth century to the present.

For me, the highlights of the visit were the practical activities – viewing the artworks, interpreting paintings in a way that connected to our own lives and learning to use Chinese technique in our own brush stroke artwork. We also listened to a very interesting lecture on the exhibition and its connection to our key text in English last term, Mao’s Last Dancer.

Many of the exhibition pieces are very beautiful and I would highly recommend that parents, teachers and other students should take this opportunity to view the exhibition, which continues to run until the 9th of June this year.

Cat Warren
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ANNouncing a Brand New Club: The APC Theatre Club

We are seeking students who might be interested in being part of a Theatre Club where we go together to visit some of Melbourne’s inner city theatres to see three plays over the next six months. Our first Theatre visit will be to see a one-man version of Roald Dahl’s ‘The Witches’ at the beautiful Malthouse Theatre on Thursday 19th June at 6.30pm. Tickets are only $20 for students.

The Theatre Club will be run by APC Drama staff as well as two of our APC parents who work regularly within the Australian theatre and television industry: Catherine McClements and Natasha Herbert. A meeting will take place at school on Tuesday 3rd June in Room 1 at lunchtime for students who are interested. Further enquiries can be made by contacting Vanessa O’Neill on: vanessaoneill@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au.
APC MUSIC PROGRAM - PERFORMANCE

The Grigoryan Brothers with APC Music Captains Peter Asmanis and Hayley Trinca.

The Grigoryan Brothers have performed internationally, received ARIA awards, released countless albums and are widely regarded as Australia's finest guitar duo in the classical genre.

On the 29th of April, Albert Park College VCE Music students had the pleasure of having these generous musicians visit, perform and share their wisdom about music performance. As supporters of the Albert Park College music programme we will undoubtedly see them back here in the near future.

For further information, please feel free to check it out here.

YOUNG RECORDING ARTISTS

On Monday the 12th of May, five of our music students were lucky enough to be invited to complete a two-track recording session at the profession recording studio ‘Hothouse’ in St Kilda. Owner and music producer Craig Harnath was kind enough to donate his time to help these young artists complete two mastered tracks; covers of Angus and Julia Stone's, Big Jet Plane, as well as The Black Keys', Little Black Submarines. Please click on the song titles above to listen to the tracks.

Hayley Trinca, Buzz Miljoen, Andres Ferrandon, Cameron Mullis and Oscar Walsh worked incredibly hard to get each of their individual roles perfected for the recording, and were very excited about the prospect of being inside an actual recording studio. For most of them this was the first time they had experienced this aspect of the music industry. The work that they have produced is truly a testament to their talent as musicians and it can be downloaded from the attached links for your enjoyment.

These songs will be used in future APC productions, including Vaudeville, and a music video project, undertaken by our VCE Media students in our second semester. Stay tuned for more upcoming collaborations, where students from different curriculum areas have the opportunity to come together and produce some truly innovative and astonishing work.

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