IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 1st May
SEAL Registration closes

Saturday 9th May
SEAL Test held at College

12th May, 13th May & 14th May
NAPLAN Testing for Years 7 & 9

Tuesday 12th May - 7pm
Annual General Meeting

Monday 18th May
Immunisations for Years 7 & 8

Friday 29th May
Report Writing Day
Student Free Day

PRINCIPAL’S SAY

Every year we open up our doors to our community in order to celebrate the work that we are doing at Albert Park College.

The Annual Open Day is an opportunity to showcase what we stand for. It provides a platform for restating our core values and the sheer scale of the event demonstrates how committed we are to providing high quality educational outcomes for our students.

It is also an opportunity for me, as College Principal, to reinforce our core beliefs and strategic direction, our focus on creating a high challenge, positive school environment, and our commitment to developing our students as global citizens.

I am able to highlight big picture initiatives such as the development of our innovative new campus at 40 Bay Street and the introduction of the International Baccalaureate in 2017.

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In the lead up to Open Day, we also run traditional school tours and it is important for prospective families to see the College at work—but it is the Annual Open Day that really excites.

Unlike a traditional school tour we are able to capture the “whole life” of the College, a spectacular demonstration of the quality and scale of the work that we do. On this day all the disparate parts of a school organization come together for one magnificent display. It is a rare opportunity to see every aspect of school life, a snapshot of what your child will experience at secondary school.

Acrid Science experiments bubble away, competing with the aromas emerging from the cookery centre. You can experience French culture and enjoy the thrill of hearing our students recite original works of poetry. Puzzles and games abound, particularly in the Mathematics department, whilst siege engines and medieval castles dominate the humanities displays. It is only on a day such as this that you can fully appreciate the range of choice offered to students at Albert Park College.

A rewarding aspect of Open Day is the way our community embraces it. Local residents and other members of the local community use it as an opportunity to experience school life and they are as welcome as the prospective parents who visit.

The success of Open Day relies upon the commitment and energy of the teaching staff and students of Albert Park College. It is their passion for their work that stands out most on the day.

As we left Albert Park College at the end of the night we felt energized by a place that is a living example of what a school should be, a place of passion and commitment where we take real pride in the work that we do.

Foundation Principal
Steve Cook

We would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting for Albert Park College School Council. Please come along Tuesday 12th of May at 7pm to hear what we have achieved and our plans for the future.
Nepal Earthquake Relief

Only a few days ago, a 7.9-magnitude earthquake struck Nepal and caused widespread destruction. Homes and temples have caved in, the death toll is rising fast, and children and families are in desperate need of shelter, food and water. Rescuers are digging through the debris of collapsed buildings trying to reach survivors, but with electricity networks down, the challenges are mounting.

Last year we were lucky to be a part of a group of 9 students and their parents who went on Albert Park College’s first school camp to Nepal. We were stunned by the towering mountains, the poetic buildings, but most of all the welcoming people. Throughout our journey, we became friends with those we met. Wherever we went we found beautiful people who treated us with warmth and kindness and shared with us their rich culture. Now, many of those people have found themselves without food and homes. The earthquake has affected all those in Nepal, and the people we met were sadly in some of the regions most heavily hit.

During times of crisis such as in the aftermath of this earthquake, 100% of the donations that are received by Plan go directly to disaster relief. We have set up a simple webpage for Albert Park College and have set our target at $5000. This amount should make a significant difference during the initial response, where Plan provides shelters and hygiene kits to families in need. Hopefully we will also raise enough money to help with the later recovery, where the focus is on finding a source of income for families and ensuring that children remain safe and can continue their education.

Help us achieve our goal for disaster relief, Click here for our Fundraiser Page.
A group of students and teachers have decided to organise fundraisers on Friday 1st May.

- A Casual Clothes Day (Gold coin donation/ notes accepted)

- A BBQ lunch, Doughnuts, Muffins & Fairy Floss will also be available for those interested amongst other activities which will help the School raise funds for Nepal

- Parents/Carers - come along from 8.30am to 9.30am for coffee and pastry

This cause is extremely important to us and we are sincerely hoping for the safety of all those that we had the pleasure to meet in Nepal, as well as everybody else who has been affected by the earthquake. We hope you can help us with the fundraiser, any amount helps.

Issy Grounds and Emma Rossignol

Nepal- our thoughts are with you.

I would like to urge our community to join us in offering support to the people of Nepal. We have a special relationship with the Nepalese people through our annual family led trek to Nepal. Our thoughts are with the Nepalese people and in particular with our friends at Gyandaya Residential School in Kathmandu. Over the next few days we will be running some special events both to acknowledge their loss and to offer some enduring support.

Steven Cook

World Challenge - Ecuador 2015

Well done to the Albert Park Challengers who volunteered at the World Ironman Championships on March 22nd. The students not only raised some money for their upcoming World Challenge trip but managed to watch as Mr Repka crossed the line.

Well done Challengers

Ms Shiels
We would like to acknowledge the wonderful support of our donors listed below. 40 Bay Street is progressing well and early works are due to commence in May. We’re very excited about the project which remains on track for opening at the start of 2016.

PDA Australia
Lisa Wilson
Margie Manning
Debra Lyon
Cameron Rider
Penelope Steuart & Ian Scott
Martin Foley
Warren Voss
Aidan & Pam Carter
John Patitsas
Andrew Clark & Sarah Tiffin
Jane Kneebone
Peter Hanway
John Harris
John Playfoot
Cynthia Calva
Ken & Debbie O’Donnell
Jolande Hooke
Ruth & Iain Hewitson
George Krawat
Ms S Potter &
Mr A Israel
Mr Raymond Tam
David Sargentson
Tim Norman
Ellen Kosland
& James McCaughey
Robert Chlakhtine
Tim & Tanya Lewis

40 Bay Street Update

Albert Park College is one of Victoria’s leading secondary schools and prides itself on looking beyond its walls to form partnerships with the community. Together we are growing a great school and providing an outstanding education for our kids. A significant chapter in the schools life is about to unfold in the shape of a new campus in the heritage listed Port Melbourne Drill Hall.

This exceptional facility will form the centrepiece of the college’s environmental arts curriculum where “making a difference to society” is the catalyst. In order to reach its full potential as a learning centre and community resource, we are seeking the help of many to raise $1 million dollars in funding.

**A Call for Community Support**

- If you care about the quality of education for the children in our community,
- If you care about the opportunities a public school can provide,
- If you care about the arts and the environment,
- And if you care about how we teach our leaders of tomorrow,

Then we invite you to help Albert Park College to create an outstanding education project that will benefit all in our community.

**Ways to Become Involved**

A tax free donation can be made at the college or online at www.albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au for further information or to discuss partnership opportunities contact:

Tanja Scramozzino
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A relationship with one of Victoria’s leading secondary schools has unrivalled potential. We welcome the opportunity with you to explore at greater length about our long term vision and how your support can be of greatest influence.

Sincerely,

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal
Albert Park College

Albert Park College
40 Bay St, Port Melbourne 3207
ANZAC Day Ceremony at Albert Park

On Friday April 24 APC students and staff came together as a school to commemorate the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day. Each year, we hold a ceremony to recognize ANZAC Day, but this year was particularly significant. We were honoured to welcome Vietnam veteran Darryl Christie, as a special guest, and as we stood in silence to honour those who have sacrificed so much we were reminded of how fortunate we are to be part of such a great community, in such a great nation. Lest We Forget.

Peer Education Program

The Peer Education Program provides an opportunity for passionate and capable students to tutor their peers in an area of strength or expertise. Our Peer Educators pride themselves on giving back to the College by helping others who would benefit from their guidance and support.

In collaboration with teaching staff, our Peer Educators put together structured tutoring plans for students seeking additional support in their learning. Peer Educators aim to assist their peers in developing key knowledge and skills in an informal learning environment outside of school hours, generally during Homework Club on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

If you would like to know more about the Peer Education Program, or to arrange a tutoring session for a particular subject area, please get in contact with the relevant subject teacher.

A friendly reminder;
If your child is absent, late or leaving early from school please send an email to attendance@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au
Market Day

Wednesday 22nd April marked the date of the annual “APC Market Day” where Students studying VCE Business Management planned and operated small businesses providing an exciting plethora of goods and services to students and teachers.

Throughout recess and lunchtime, members of the APC community were delighted with fantastic services such as the ‘TECE’s Mini Carnival’ and numerous stalls offering lots of food options for students, with businesses such as ‘JSM Waffles & Co’ and ‘Sweet Cravings Donuts’. There were also businesses that sold ‘Fairy Floss’, ‘Snow Cones’, ‘French Crepes’ & even ‘Smoothies’. It was a very special event for those with a sweet tooth.

The students had been creating business plans in groups, which included stages such as ‘Market Analysis’, ‘Advertising’, and ‘Finance’. The APC Market Day was the true test of how their business would pan out in operation.

Overall, the day was a great success and was well supported by the APC community. All of the businesses were not-for-profit organisations, which meant that all profit made went toward a charity. This year, the market raised over $1,200 which was a great effort and will be donated to the “Plan Nepal Earthquake Appeal” following the recent devastation in Nepal.

Thank you very much to Mr. Wallace Smith and Mr. Patrick who organised this fantastic event, and a well deserved congratulations to students who participated.

Eric Loong

DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF APC?

APC are looking for a small crew of energetic, passionate people to assist with our events program. As part of our “Bump In/Bump Out” crew you would be moving furniture and musical equipment, setting up creative spaces, locking up the buildings and helping APC to provide first class events to our community. You will drive a rental vehicle and work after hours for most events. This is a casual, paid position working under direction of the Principal Team. If you are interested in being part of the success of our events, please contact Pam Morrison at: morrison.pamela.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Sport Announcements

Albert Park College will again be involved in **The Great Victorian Bike Ride**. Last year’s ride was an incredible experience with a great group of Parents and Students being involved. There are 3 different ride options including a 9 day, 5 day or a 3 day. Please consult the Bicycle Network website for further information, including the route map. We will also be having an information evening for students and parents in the next few weeks, if you are interested in participating in the ride an email will be sent out to all students with the details regarding the information session. Please stay tuned for the details!

Port Melbourne Baseball Club is offering a winter program April to August on Saturday mornings for Under 15 kids, and Saturday afternoons for older players. It is a great opportunity for APC students interested in trying baseball. It is quite easy to get to for families living in the area, at Longstaff Field in JL Murphy Reserve, Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne. The program doesn’t interfere with other APC Sport activities and it’s only $50 for the season. If interested contact Haydn Edwards-haynnedwards@live.com.au

Albert Park Football Academy again kicked off this season to our early starts, the weather was good to us and the mornings were cool but enjoyable. Academy members have been training 3 mornings a week and we had our first practice match 2 weeks ago against Melbourne Knights - National Premier League U12’s, Australia largest and most prestigious club.

Our team was undermanned, however we went head to head for most of the game, scoring first, and holding on until the very end when tired legs gave way...and losing 6-2.

Term 2 will be on us shortly, and we are still taking applications for the Academy to bolster our Winter Program. Students can apply for Term 2, 3 and 4 contacting Tania.

Can you ski or snowboard?
You don’t have to be a super star, just willing to give it a go!

The **Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships** is being held at Mt Buller from Thu 27th – Sun 30st August 2015. The alpine skiing discipline covers three events: Giant Slalom, Moguls, and Skiercross. Similarly the snowboarding discipline covers two events: Giant Slalom and Boarder Cross.

Entries must be finalized by Thu 6th August. For more information go to www.vicinterschools.com.au

If you would like to be part of the team representing APC or would like to find out more, please contact the Snowsports Co-ordinator Shai Ashkanasy. shaiashkanasy@gmail.com 0418 387 997

APC would like to recognise all sporting achievements, if your child competes in any high level sporting activity we would love to include their performance in the newsletter!

Email Andrea Pufleau for more information - andrea.pufleauvaldes@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au
Parent-student hike

In late March this year, 58 Parents & Students from APC headed off to the Lerderderg State Park, which is about 80km north west of Melbourne for a 3-day hike with Mr Patrick & Mr Wallace Smith.

Together students and parents explored the region, which is rich with gold rush relics, mines, aqueducts and ruins as well as being very scenic and peaceful. However, we did have to hike for up to 3-4 hours each day along the Lederderg River, up and down narrow ridges and rocky spurs, carrying all of our own gear. There were also some very steep sections!

Over the 3 days, we cooked our dinner on campfires, swam in the deep gorges, explored the ruins, listened to the ghost stories of the region and some even did a spot of fishing. The hike was another big success and thanks must be given to Josh Patrick (a teacher at APC) & David Burdett (a parent) for all their assistance in making the trip a great success. However, everyone should be thanked for making the hike such a fun experience for all involved.

The Graeme Clark Oration is an event held every year in Melbourne - recognised global leaders in science present a grand lecture in order to inform curious minds about scientific advancements. In 2015, the oration was lead by none other than Sir Paul Nurse, who discussed his work, his journey (from youth to today) and where his research will aid in leading modern scientific advances. A small group of APC students were lucky enough to attend his lecture, and were greatly inspired by his story. Coming from a small time and non-academic family, Sir Paul encouraged students to keep working at their interests, to work hard and to be passionate about what they do. He is an inspiration to all young scientists.
APC Families News

Year 7 & 8 Parents Evening

We would like to invite you for drinks & nibbles, **Wednesday 27th May - 7.00 pm**
The Parents Evening is a great way to meet other Year 7 & 8 parents and carers of our kids.

The Sazerac Lounge at The Vincent (111 Victoria Avenue Albert Park) has been chosen again. Please bring along a $10 pp contribution on the night (for the food) and any funds remaining will go to the school.

Please RSVP with what class your child is in by Friday 22 May.
To Sharon Kuhnell (8LB) - 0404 836 614 - sharonkuhnell@me.com

Trivia Night
Call to arms! We are looking for eager & excited volunteers to help on various aspects. e.g. donations, marketing, set-up, on the night,
19th June 7:30pm $30/head - tables of 8-10. Trybookings set up in next few weeks. Please contact Shelley on shelleyosler@yahoo.com.au or mobile 0407-331-027

APC Families AGM held on 16th April.
The AGM was held on 16th April at The Vincent. The new office bearers are President – Michelle Robin; Vice-President – Sharon Kuhnell and Secretary/Treasurer – John Dynon. Next Committee Meeting on Tuesday 5th May at 7:30pm. Venue to be confirmed. Please email on apc.families@gmail.com

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