

MAY 2015 - ISSUE 4

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 1st- Friday 5th June Senior Years Exams Years 10 & 11

Monday 8th June Public Holiday - Queen's

Birthday

Wednesday 10th June

Year 11 - General Achievement Test (GAT)

Wednesday 10th June

World Challenge 2016 Ecuador Group Meeting 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Tuesday 16th June

VCE Soiree - Drama room 6pm - 7pm

Thursday 18th June

Y9 Da Vinci Evening 7pm - 8pm

Friday 19th June

APC Trivia Night 7pm - Drama room

Friday 26th June

Last day of Term 2

Saturday 27th June

APC fundraiser for Nepal Sausage Sizzle Bunnings Port Melbourne

Monday 13th July

First day of Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S SAY

Developing leaders for tomorrow....

Last week we were privileged to have Tony Elwood, Director of the NGV, speak at Albert Park College. His presentation focused on his views on leadership, both as a leading figure in the museum industry and as a leader of his organization.

Asked to identify the qualities that drove him as a leader he listed his work ethic, and his success as a risk taker, the fact that he did not come from the mainstream, his competitive nature and that he was a person who thrives on change.

He offered some great insights into what makes an effective leader. He highlighted the importance of taking risks, pushing outside your comfort zone and engaging where noone else wants to go. Perhaps the greatest example of this was his initiative in creating Melbourne Now, an arts event that capitalized on the rich art scene in the city of Melbourne by engaging local artists and celebrating our local talent.

He highlighted the importance of "mining your community." Community engagement is critical if you are to maximize the potential of your organization. He also highlighted



the importance of developing staff collective pride through large scale events that unify the organization, creating big challenges with measurable outcomes.

He feels it is important that key messages are consistently reinforced and that we reward people who are contributing not merely commentating!

He spoke of the importance of being positive, creative and committed to outcomes. By way of example, he highlighted the recent book fair at the NGV, an original and highly successful idea driven by a staff member of the NGV. His key message, this was a great idea and it paid off!

The ability to trust your team and to empower others was important as well as the importance of being united- no organization can thrive if there is division at the top.

Interestingly, he dwelt on how rapidly the museum industry is changing. He explained that boundaries for artists are not as defined as they used to be. Design and fine art are merging together. These are sharp observations that students who are considering a career in the arts should consider.

Tony has a big vision. He spoke of his plan to create a third gallery for modern art in Melbourne. The NGV is actively seeking a space in which to develop a major new gallery, somewhat in the style of the Tate Modern. Under Tony's leadership visits to the gallery have grown from 1.4 million to 2.2 million annual visits. The results speak for themselves.

There was a lot in Tony's message that resonated for us at Albert Park College. The focus on creating a positive and dynamic culture, our commitment to a big vision and a unified leadership team who respect and trust the quality work of our teachers.

We are proud to be working in partnership with the NGV and look forward to doing many productive projects with them in the future.

In a big week for leadership we also celebrated our annual leadership evening. A packed crowd of student leaders and proud parents filled the drama space as we allocated leadership positions for the year.

It was great to hear from our newly appointed College Captains as they highlighted what they understand true leadership to mean. Emma Rossignol spoke of passion and vision and leaders who truly cared. Leaders with strong values and a vision for the future who were prepared to work hard to get there.

This is a theme that was picked up by Luke Patitsas. He said, "A great leader is someone who works hard to refine the skills they already have. A person who is determined to put as much effort as they can into something they are passionate about." Luke finished with a memorable quote from Nelson Mandela "When people are determined, they can overcome anything."

Steve Cook Foundation Principal



We would like to congratulate Rachael Gore who received the Dean's Honours Award 2014 for her Masters of Teaching (Secondary) studies) at the University of Melbourne.

The Dean's Honours List reflects the top two percent of Masters students and recognises academic excellence.

Rachael's achievement is a testament to her work ethic, motivation and commitment to APC. This once again displays the quality and professionalism of the staff at APC.

Leadership night

On the 13th of May Albert Park College presented leadership certificates and badges to it's leaders for 2015. It was great to see so many students committed to taking initiative, developing their leadership skills and being role models for their peers in the area that they are passionate about. Organised by our Student Leadership Coordinator Joshua Patrick students were formally awarded and recognised for the leadership roles they have taken on this year.

The evening was led by our school captains; Emma Rossignol and Luke Patitsas.

We would like to share an excerpt of Emma's speech, which really captured the evening and its purpose;

"I believe that it's important that we know where our values lie and that we stay true to what we believe in. Our actions should also reflect these values. As leaders we have the responsibility to take the initiative and to be proactive about the about the things we are passionate about. Not only should we seize opportunities, we also need to create them. We have the unique privilege of being some of the first students at Albert Park College, and with that we have the chance to truly shape its future."

Thanks to everyone that made this night possible, and congratulations again to our Albert Park College leaders.



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

In the recent State Budget the Government announced this new initiative for families with a Health Care Card or Pension Card. The \$225 allowance is paid to the school and held towards your student's camps, sports or excursions costs.

Application forms are similar to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and will be available soon. Please call into Reception after Monday 1 June to complete an application and provide your card details. See attached information at the end of Newsletter.

40 Bay Street Update

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 June. With the end of the financial year looming it is timely to remind potential donors that each donation is fully tax deductible.

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

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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

DONATIONS OF \$1,000

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 precinct that will benefit all in our community.

A TAX FREE donation can be made at THE COLLEGE or ONLINE www.albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au

For further information or to discuss partnership opportunities contact:

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A relationship with one of Victoria's leading secondary schools has unending potential. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you at greater length about our long term vision and where your support can be of greatest influence.

Sincerely

Steve Cook Foundation Principal Albert Park College

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STEM

In partnership with Melbourne University

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) will play a major role in developing our world position, with regard to creativity, innovation and research, in this, our 21st century. It is important that we therefore challenge and expand the horizons of our students in all these fields.

With this in mind, APC have developed a partnership program with Melbourne University and their master level students with a focus on mentoring and research.

As part of the first student group involved in the program I have found it both exciting and stimulating in the confidence and new skills I have gained. With trepidation we as students have all learnt the importance of project manage-

ment, research and thinking outside the box. We have developed these skills through meeting on a regular basis with our master level, University of Melbourne mentors Julianna, Arvind and He. Their academic backgrounds varied from the biological sciences to computer science.

Our research based project linked into our senior VCE assessment tasks and centred on the effects of the Grand Prix on the behaviour of swans at Albert Park Lake. The program involved the collection and analysis of data, programming and the development of a research paper and website. In conducting our research we managed and mentored Year 9 students in collection of our data. Presently we are refining our final assessment products with a view of presenting it to a forum at the University of Melbourne.

The program offers benefits for all involved – we have learnt the importance of research and how it resolves problems and initiates the process of finding solutions. The master students have learnt the art of mentoring and project management as they explore their future away from University.

All four of us myself, Aaliyah, Charles and Illie are grateful of being chosen to participate in the program and encourage other senior students to be involved. It has been fun, creative and owned by us - with help from our mentors.

The program will be offered again in Semester 2 and senior students will be informed of the available opportunities. Contact Mr Pobjoy if you require further details.





Angelle Kourkoutsis

Year 11





Surf Camp

In the first weeks of Term 2, a group of plucky Year 9 students set off on an adventure. Their destination: Tathra, NSW. Their mission: surfing.

After a gruelling 10 hour journey by train and bus, students struck up camp and spent four days life-saving, ocean kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, and of course, surfing. Surf Life Guards Mitch and Jarred from Coastal Life were a highlight, as they could not only walk the walk but talked the talk. That is, they could surf your doormat in the Yarra, and they did a great job of educating us about rips, winds, and crucial surf lingo. The enthusiasm of APC students is to be commended, with students frothing for a wave, even when conditions were gnarly.

When some bad weather settled in, we packed up our tents and headed south to Bournda National Park. Perched on a rocky

mountaintop, students learnt that you really only need two walls for a house, braving the elements in a couple of old A-frame huts. Here, a 15 minute hike through beautiful tea-tree forest took us down to a world-class beach break and fresh water lagoon. Despite the confidence of APC surfers, the sea had become so savage that we were strongly advised to skip it. No matter - Bushman 'Sven'



took us on some cracking walks, where we hugged trees, caught leeches and appreciated vistas. Have you ever heard a lyrebird in the wild or orientated yourself with a termite nest? No? What about building a raft with some rope and a few pipes? Didn't think so. To top it all off, Sven had us lighting fires with a flint and a few scraps of bark. It wasn't all 'Bear Grylls', though. There was plenty of quality cosy time, with students very happy to tuck into some hot chocolate and a game of cards around the pot-bellied stove in the hall.

It really was a terrific 8 days with a great bunch. We arrived back at Southern Cross Station with a group of very relaxed, extremely exhausted and proudly accomplished young coast-lovers.





Vaudeville preparations have started!

Approximately 140 students have been offered a spot. The National Theatre is booked and ready for 700 people in the audience on 28th of August.

Adult tickets \$30, Student/Concession \$15 A wide range of performances from poetry, drama, dance, media and an exciting finale! Student's sonnet about the trip:

Sand underfoot, coastal breeze on the face, Infinite expanse of ocean ahead. Reminds me of the scale and of the space, By the fresh air to the beach we are led.

The water is cold, but not cold enough, to combat the hot Aussie sun.

The rise of the waves is peaceful but rough, When we are dry we look back on the fun.

Hot showers follow, and wash off the sand, We are starving to dig in to our food. Once we are finished, we'll all demand that We're still in an energetic mood!

The days will follow, very much the same, But that is the way 'twas since summer came.

By Sol Hopkins 9DB

Hothouse studio





On Monday the 18th of May, six music students from Albert Park College were lucky enough to be invited to Hothouse recording studios in St Kilda to participate in a day long recording session. This year, with an emphasis on vocals, the students recorded two separate tracks with minimal accompaniment. The music tracks will be used later in the year by VCE Media students, who will be designing and creating music videos for them.

Katie Lewis, Ruby Milner, Freya O'Donnell, Henry Mathison, Hayley Trinca and Odessa Taplin-Purves should be commended for their hard work and professionalism. The recordings were completed ahead of schedule due to the dedication and skill these students exhibited. We are also very thankful for the support of Craig Harnath and Hothouse, in assisting our school with broadening the industry experience of our young mu-

Backing up your iPad- the safe keeping of digital work

Students are encouraged to backup their devices both via iCloud and iTunes. Backing up to iTunes means connecting your device to a computer. This is the most effective way of preventing data loss on the iPad. Its is important to understand the difference in an iCloud and iTunes backup. Most importantly iCloud does not back up the data (student work) contained in the apps, whilst an iTunes Backup creates a complete backup including app data - the digital work students create in class. iCloud and iTunes Backups are explained and the processes involved are outlined in the next couple of pages.

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LOSOP Stencil Workshop



This term the year 8 Art students have been studying a unit of work on Stencil Art. We were lucky to have Losop, Michael Duncan, a Melbourne based stencil artist to come in and teach us some of the tips and tricks of the street art trade. Recently, Losop was a finalist for the Australian Stencil Prize and World Stencil Prize. His knowledge and expertise was highly valued and appreciated by the students and teachers.



Students practised cutting different stencils. At the end of the workshop, the students were able to spray paint their work onto paper. Experimenting with spray paint and using different techniques was a definite highlight of the session. Students left feeling inspired and confident to begin their Animal Stencil Art project, a collaborative artwork that is being put together in the art room. You will be able to see the artworks progression by following the Albert Park College Instagram account @art_albertparkcollege.

iCloud Backup lets you back up your data wirelessly and automatically to your iCloud account. To enable iCloud Backup, you can either select the option from the settings for your iOS device in iTunes when it is connected, or you can do it from the iOS device itself. Just go to Settings>iCloud, scroll down to the bottom and select Storage & Backup. Each iCloud account has a 5GB storage provided by Apple though more storage is available for purchase via Apple. iCloud will create a back up automatically when the device is plugged in, locked and connected to Wi-Fi. You can also manually initiate a backup anytime.

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Big Band and Monash University

On Thursday 21st of May, the APC Big Band and a selection of music students travelled to Monash University Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music. An array of free performances, workshops and open rehearsals were offered to students by the World Music Ensemble, Jazz Vocal Ensemble and Monash Big Band. The performances gave insight into the high standard of playing and the workshops required students to reflect and think about their own practice and performances. The highlight was when the Monash Big Band invited students to sit in and experience what it was like to be rehearsing and playing with a high calibre big band. It was a great day that marked the start of an exciting new partnership.

'It was really interesting to see the methods they used when rehearsing, and it was inspiring to hear some of the incredible music they produced.' Oscar Walsh

'The excursion to Monash was an extremely valuable experience as we were able to listen to some amazing music and be inspired. We were also able to gain understanding of what to expect and what we could do if we continued music in university as well as learning a few tips for rehearsing. Overall, the excursion was an amazing, interesting and inspiring experience! I really felt like I wanted to do lots more practice and get a lot better at clarinet. I'm sure the partnership with Monash is a great idea.' Emma McQuire

An iTunes Backup creates a complete back up off all data on the device. Though it recently has become clear that students need to make sure before they back up to iTunes that they Transfer Purchases first. This saves the content that you have downloaded from the iTunes store or App Store to the iTunes Library. Failure to do this means that only contacts, app store purchases, settings, preferences etc are backed up and critical app data could easy be lost. After Transfer Purchases has been completed then perform a backup by going to File>Device>Backup.

Da Vinci Malaysia Trip

Eat. Sleep. Turtle. Repeat.

This is the mantra that has become our team's philosophy thanks to the week long turtle conservation project that was a highlight for many on the most recent school trip to Malaysia.

In April, seventeen Year 9 students embarked on a cultural experience to Malaysia as part of this semester's Da Vinci studies. There were several impressive highlights lightly seasoned across 15 days in country.

From the hands-on, physically gruelling treks through thick jungles in the Cameron Highlands, to staying up on the beach until sunrise watching the turtles roll in and lay their eggs.

The independence of the trip really allowed the students to grow and prosper as leaders and individuals. Our team leader Backseat Bryan took a spectator's role to these proceedings (as the name suggests) giving the team lots of



leeway to make mistakes and learn from them.

A popular highlight of the trip would have been the cinematic, adrenaline-inducing White Water Rafting trip. This experience was an exciting sidetrack from the arduous trekking through the highlands. Armed with nothing but helmets, paddles and the insightful guidance of Captain Jack Sparrow, Team Banter were able to not lose any members when flying down rapids. One of the more memorable escapades to date.

Overall, this life changing experience could not have happened without the handwork and time committed by Mr Jackson and Miss Lee and we thank them for making it such a success.

Written by Tom Spillane.







Berthe Mouchette French Poetry

Félicitations to the following students who participated in the prestigious international competition run by the Alliance Française de Melbourne on 22 May 2015. Bon courage to the remaining junior students who will participate on a different day (Patrick Twigg, Campbell Cole-Sinclair and Julian Bonitz).

Harriette Christie

Chloe Coburn

Amelia Fortunaso Mackay

Leah Levin

Cassidy McCredie-Pledger

Alexander McGowan

Charlotte Hewitson

Sabine Hooke

Mia Isreal

Cian Raab

Sarah Winkler

Ella Green

Alexandra McFarlane

Katinka Samuel

Talia Tambouras

Kristin Tillack

Jana Wardrop

Tess Allan



They worked with their French teachers and with our language assistant Catherine to learn their poems perfectly. In addition, much of the hard work was done independently and I commend them on their efforts. We were lucky enough to visit the Alliance Française in St Kilda, to have time in their café and in their 'bibliothèque' before enjoying some French patisseries on the way home and a chocolat chaud and some pétanque on the lawns back at school before lunch. As one student said, 'This was possibly my best day at APC yet!' Magnifique! - *Tasha Paquier*

Salvation Army Excursion

On the 4th of May, 2015 the VCE Health and Human Development class went on an excursion to the Salvation Army Headquarters in the City, to learn about youth homelessness in Australia. The class went on a guided city tour with Salvation Army officer, Jayne. Students learnt about the risk factors to becoming homeless and the struggles homeless youth go through daily. On any given night in Australia,100,000 australians are homeless, more than one third are teenagers (aged 12-18) and young adults (aged 18-25), that's at least 36,000 homeless young people. Students came away with the understanding that youth homelessness is a serious issue facing us today and stereotyping homeless youth can be damaging.

On behalf of the Health and Human Development class we would like to thank Jayne from the Salvo's for teaching us more about youth homelessness and to thank Ms Shiels for organising the excursion.

Sport student achievements



Congratulations to Hannah Magasanik for her incredible performance at the Girls 12-13, 50 m Freestyle School Sport Victoria. Hannah represented APC at the State Championships and will be representing Victoria at the National Schools Championships.

Hannah's time for the 50m Freestyle (29.13s) would have won the Girls 14, Girls 15 and the Girls 16 races. This means her time would have won her the gold in the next two age groups up. A fantastic achievement.

Hannah will be presented an APC award next week during the whole school assembly. Congratulations again Hannah!

Congratulations to Tegan Burns, she competed in Penrith for the Victoria Triathlon team. She then competed at the National Championships and she came 16th in Australia! Great achievement Tegan

Congratulations to Chelsea Saw who recently won the Great Train Race for Under 18's, second year in a row. Legend!

Congratulations to the **Year 8 Girls Tennis**. They are the Division and Regional Champions and are through to the State Finals. Good luck Tallie Collins, Tegan Burns, Nadia Dzaferovic and Athanasia Venetsanakos!

Congratulations to the **APC Swans** for their fantastic sportsmanship and terrific effort at the Beachside Junior Girls AFL competition in early May. The girls showed up ready to play and came away with 3 wins from 5. Thank you to Yr 11 student Sarah Di Campli for being coach





Congratulations to Tyler Killick who represented Victoria in the Rugby League Country Championships in Wagga Wagga. Tyler was a part of the winning team as they became the Southern NSW & VIC Country Champions. Well done Tyler.

APC Nepal Fundraiser

On Friday the 1st of May, 2015, less than a week after the 7.9 magnitude earthquake that struck Nepal, a group of students and parents from the APC community rallied together and did an incredible job of raising money to support the people of Nepal.

The APC Earthquake Appeal was initially kick started by a very generous \$1,500 donation from the VCE Business Management students, who all agreed to donate the profit they made from their 'Market Stalls Day' to the appeal. In addition to this, the gold coin casual clothes day, the lunchtime bbq, the doughnut and fairy floss stalls, as well as some very generous donations from the canteen and various individuals, we managed to achieve an amount of \$5,000 on the day – which was the initial target.

Incredibly, the donations kept coming after the event and the APC Nepal Earthquake Appeal has now raised more than \$13,000, which was an amazing response from the APC community and a great achievement by the Nepal Fundraising team, who now wishes to thank each and everyone of you that contributed to the appeal.



Additionally, Maree Denahy-Maloney managed to secure a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday, the 27th of June, with funds also being allocated towards the Earthquake appeal. As Nepal is such a poor country, it will be a long time for many people until life returns to normal. The statistics from the Earthquake were very tragic, with estimates that over 700,000 homes were either destroyed or damaged; approximately 6,500 people died & an estimated 20,000 people were injured. Sadly, more than 5,000 schools were also affected, including our sister School in Kathmandu - Gyanodaya Secondary School. Photos of the Principal sleeping under a temporary shelter with students on their Football Pitch was a shock, and now we see photos of teachers from the School on the School's social media page helping rebuild the Day School, as the buildings were badly damaged.

Plan International, a non-religious, non-political, non-governmental organisation, which commits 100% of the funds it receives for emergencies to the affected area, was where we donated our funds. Plan Australia have invited a few students into their Australian Head Office in June to hear more about where the funds have been allocated and have organized for a representative to visit APC on the last day of this term.

Special mentions do need to go to numerous students & parents for their efforts and assistance with the Nepal fundraiser, especially Emma Rossignol & Issy Grounds, who both contributed enormously to making the appeal such a success.

Thank you once again to Emma & Issy & everyone that contributed to the APC Earthquake Appeal.

Fundraiser page



Your Council

Following the election in March, the APC school council for the next year comprises:



Mark Sheppard **President** Parent of Billy (Year 10) and Leo (Year 8)



Treasurer Parent of Oscar (Year 11) and Lucas (Year 7)

Tim Walsh



Bonazzi Parent of Julian Bonitz (Year 8)

Livia



Parent of Barney (Year 11), Ruby (Year 9) and Edie Milner (Year 7)

Jules Brooks



Grounds Parent of Isobel (Year 11) and Harry (Year 9)

Dominic



Manager, 40 Bay St Parent of Grace (Year 11)

David Kelly

Project



Karyn Myers Parent of Danny Heeps (Year 9)



Michelle Robin President, APC Families





Steve Cook **Foundation Principal**



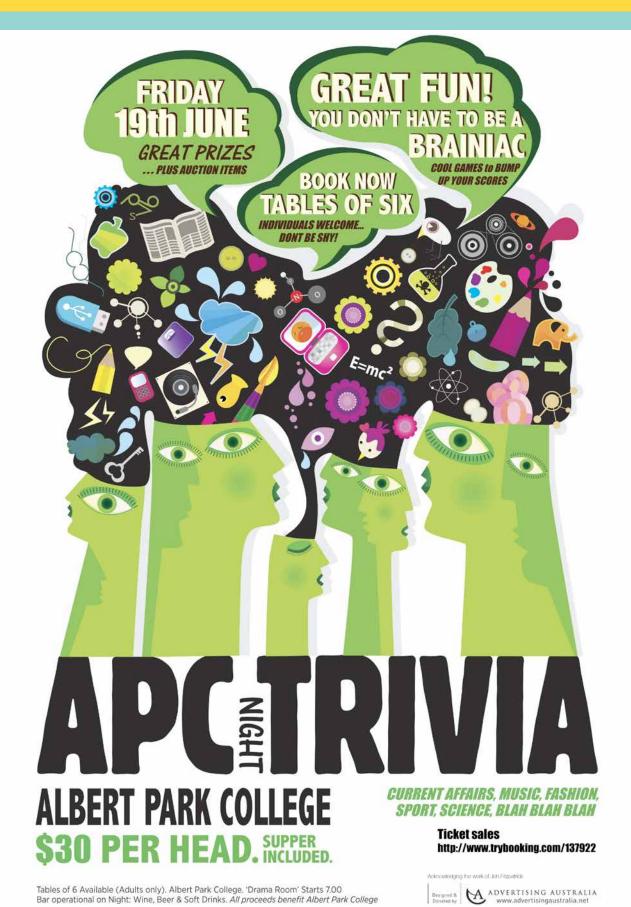
John Pobjoy APC **Assistant Principal**

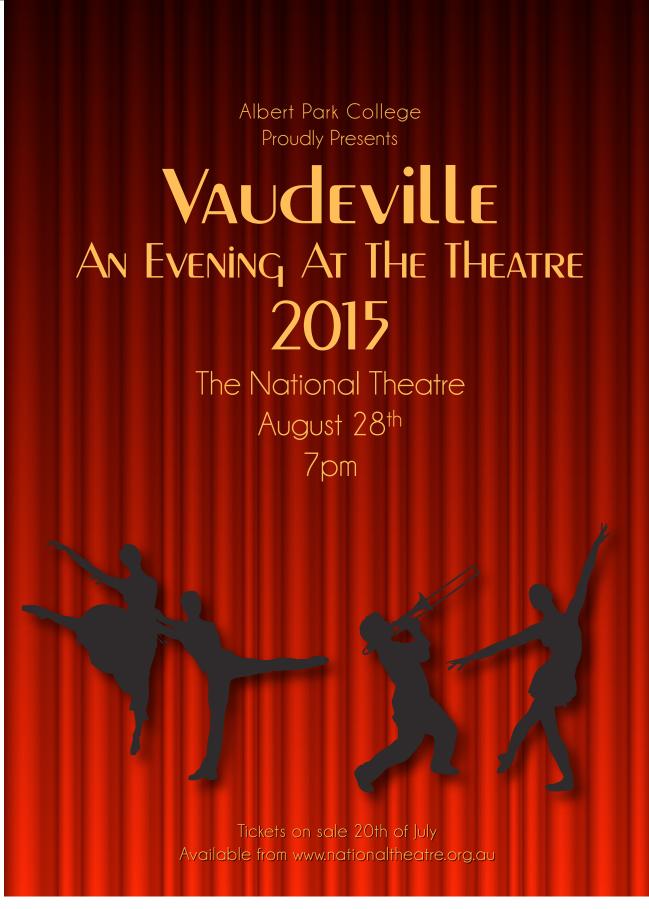


Anne Stout APC **Assistant Principal**



Madeleine Campbell APC Student Leadership 10-12







Financial Assistance

Information for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



