On July 20, we were thrilled to take part in a radio link up with the International Space Station. Our students had the chance to pose questions about the nature of space travel and its related scientific research to Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Korniyenko and it was a genuine thrill for all of us present to hear their questions answered from the depths of space.

Speaking to Mikhail, some 350kms above us, brought home to me the amazing progress that we have made over the last 50 years. What will the next 50 years bring? It is a timely question, as this month we began our Senior Years Pathways program.

Our Senior Years evening gave parents and students insight into the pathways offered at APC and introduced to the VCE program. This was followed by our Senior Years Expo where universities joined APC staff in talking to students about opportunities for their education beyond school.

The responsibility of preparing our students for life beyond APC is a big one and we are more aware of this than ever before as “Generation Z” begin to graduate.

As the first generation of digitally integrated students, predictions about Gen Z’s working futures are vastly different from those of previous generations. One in two students are expected to obtain a university degree, and members of this group will work 17 jobs and have five careers across their lifetime. Many will move into careers that we haven’t yet named, in fields we haven’t contemplated. How do we adequately prepare students for such fluid and dynamic futures?
Our approach is to offer a range of pathways that embrace choice, challenge and knowledge application. To that end, I was recently delighted to announce the proposed introduction of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma at APC from 2017.

The IB is an international education program, run in over 4100 schools across the globe. The course encourages students to be independent thinkers, creative problem solvers, global citizens and ethical community members, and has a focus on personalized learning through independent inquiry. In preparing students for their futures today, this kind of holistic approach to learning is increasingly important.

The IB is challenging. It will require our students to work hard, to be committed, to collaborate, and to be resilient as they pursue answers to considered problems. Students who undertake the IB will select six subjects from a range of disciplines, as well as the Core program, made up of three components: Creativity, Action, Service (CAS), Theory of Knowledge and the Extended Essay. Each of these components relies on students adopting an interdisciplinary approach to learning, and connecting with their community and peers in meaningful ways to develop their ideas. At its heart, the IB is about learning how to learn, and it is this kind of preparation that students will need as they graduate into the world they will be leading.

Of course, the IB Diploma is just one of the options for APC students, and as we begin our careers counselling interviews for 2015 we will be asking students to consider their choices and to make decisions that are right for them. What advice would we give our students as they make these difficult decisions?

In the closing minutes of our session with the International Space Station, one of our students asked Mikhail, “If you could live your life again, would you still choose to become a cosmonaut?”

“Absolutely,” came the crackly reply. “Absolutely, because I followed my dream. Study hard and follow your dreams.”

We can’t argue with that.

Anne Stout
Acting Principal

Course counseling update

Course counseling interviews for students in Years 9-11 are currently underway and progressing well. Students are reminded to consider their pathways and prepare questions for their counselor prior to their appointment to make the most of the interview.

Subject selections for all students are submitted online and are due on or before 4pm on August 21.
40 Bay Street Update

Our new Bay Street Campus is now looking like a bona fide work site with lots of tradies and fluoro vests. Initial demolition work is virtually complete, asbestos removed and the lead paint removal is well under way, exposing some great brickwork and jarrah flooring.

Our architects, Six Degrees, have submitted their final design to our Education Department liaison and once approval comes back we will go straight to tender for the main project which should start on site in early September. Thanks to our hard-working architects and project manager, school councillor David Kelly, we remain on track to be open in time for the 2016 school year.

In another breakthrough, we now have our Heritage Victoria permit, so nothing should stop us now.

Thanks to everyone who’s joined the APC1000 Club and made a donation to the project so far. Donations from the school and local community have now reached $117,000, which will help make this an outstanding place of learning.

Our current list of donors include:

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However, the level of finishes and equipment we can install remains dependent on the amount of money we raise. So keep those tax-deductible donations rolling in!
You can also help by inviting a friend, neighbour or colleague to donate, or letting us know about a company you think might be interested in partnering with us on this exciting project. If you have a suggestion about a partner, please contact Mark Sheppard on 0417 591 786 or markshepd@gmail.com.
APC’s International Space Station Cross

On the evening of Monday the 20th of July at 6 o’clock, ten privileged science-loving students and their families gathered in the APC drama space for the International Space Station (ISS) crossover. They were about to talk with a cosmonaut! In a journey that began last year, one of the science teachers from APC, Ms Barber, secured our school the wonderful opportunity to have a few students ask some questions to those on board. Many students entered prospective questions and a lucky few were then selected to take part in the cross.

After a few reschedulings by NASA, the night had come. We sat, waiting for about half an hour for the ISS to be in range. We were to be talking to a Russian cosmonaut, Mikhail Korniyenko, who is four months into a one year stay in the Earth’s orbit. First, we dialled up an amateur radio operator in Kingston, South Australia, who then linked us up to another operator in Santa Rosa, who sent and received radio signals to and from the ISS. After some quick introductions we launched into our questions, as we only had a 14-minute window before the space station was out of range. We got some fascinating answers and an experience to remember forever.

Thank you very much to our Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) volunteers Rob, Jack, Damien, Tim and Tony who made the night possible. Video footage of the event will be made available shortly for those interested.

Oscar Burdett 8PA

What else did we ask the cosmonaut?

1. In terms of becoming an astronaut what degrees do you have that qualify you to become astronauts and what is the training process involved?
2. Do you lose perception of time, witnessing multiple sunrises a day?
3. What happens when a person gets sick and you run out of supplies to get that person feeling better?
4. What is a typical day’s schedule for you?
5. Have you seen space junk? How bad is the problem?
6. What is the ambient internal temperature at the ISS considering the astronauts come from different parts of the world?
7. What research are you doing up there that can’t be done down here?
8. What happens when you get re-exposed to gravity?
9. Will you apply to be a part of the Mars 1 mission?
10. What is your opinion on future space travel for the rest of humanity, and how does your work correlate with this possibility?
Semester One Da Vinci Evening

Late last term Year 9 Da Vinci students had the opportunity to showcase all the fantasic work they created in the past semester. The evening took place at APC’s gym where students presented their Da Vinci artistic responses along with their individual impression boards. Congratulations to all students on a wonderful performance.

Images taken by Simon James, Photographer of the Da Vinci Evening and the VCE Performance Soiree are available to purchase. Percentage of the sales are kindly donated to the school. Click here to access the photo gallery.
Password for gallery: danks83

APC’s Art Show

The Annual Art Show will soon be upon us and submissions for the show are now being taken. All entries for the Art Show, including student entries, are online. For information on how to enter a work, please click here to see the short video created by our Junior Art Captain Laura Heron.
Vaudeville is almost here!

The Albert Park College Vaudeville evening is coming soon and will be held on Friday 28th of August. Tickets are available to purchase through the National Theatre website. Click here.

Rehearsals are now well underway with a whole range of items to entertain you! With the theme of the evening being “An Evening at the Theatre”, students have been preparing a wide range of performances with many new interpretations of classic pieces such as Somewhere Over The Rainbow and Step In Time. Students at Albert Park College have not only been involved in performing but also composing their own pieces of music, dance and poetry to be performed on the evening.

Students have been attending regular rehearsals practicing their pirouettes and musical performance, as well as onstage presence! The performing arts staff have been working tirelessly to bring these young performers to the stage.

We are back again at the beautiful National Theatre in St Kilda and we would love to see you there to support our incredible students. Be quick to book your tickets as lots of good seats have already gone!

Cyber Safety

Early this term Year 7 & Year 9 students heard from guest speaker Susan McClean. Susan is a cyber safety expert from Cyber Safety Solutions who recounted extensive experiences from her first report of cyber-bullying in 1994 to her training with the FBI. Susan delivered a 90 minute session themed around ‘Respect, Responsibility & Reputation.’ She challenged students to stop and think about what they do online and what the consequences might be for them not only today, but for the rest of their lives. Students responded well to Susan’s clear and humorous “tell it like it is” approach. Both year levels listened intently and were eager to ask questions at the conclusion of the session. Key points that were taken away from the session by both students and staff include;

- Everything you post online is permanent
- What you post online is NEVER anonymous
- You always leave a digital footprint
- Postings can be found years later
- Passwords must NEVER be shared
- Anyone can be anyone online

Parents & carers are encouraged to interact with Susan’s website to make themselves familiar with ever changing cyberspace along with tips to help keep your children safe online. Click here.

For more advice for parents, try: ‘Real Wired Child’, by Michael Carr-Gregg
Youth Projects

APC would like to recognise the work done by Campbell Rider and Ava Thornley as part of the youth project “Hangout for the Homeless” - an initiative where kids of all ages can learn and act on youth homelessness. Our students spent time sorting clothing and food supplies for the homeless during their school holidays. Hangout for the Homeless is run by Kids in Philanthropy (KIP), a not-for-profit organization where children are enabled to help other children in need. Campbell and Ava were given a range of tasks to work on including streamlining the clothing packs and toiletries for the medical clinic and for street night nurses. The youth project organisation nursing team is one of only three such programs in the world, working on foot late at night, in lanes, squats, boarding houses, under bridges - to deliver health care to the homeless on the street. Campbell and Ava were able to take what was needed sorting clothes and toiletries. They also helped with a winter BBQ for the homeless in Hosier Lane were they fed a nutritious meal to over 50 people in the lane.

APC FAMILIES PRESENTS:
What is positive education?

WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER
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Our speaker, John Hendry, is known throughout the Australian Educational community as a wise, caring and inspirational leader. John has made a significant impact on the culture of his present school which has led to the development of his highly regarded relationship management model- a positive educational culture.
Sports Announcements

Athletics Day took place this Thursday 30th July. All results and achievements will be announced next month.

Earlier this month Year 11 student Joel Hosken competed in the Surf Life Saving Australian Championships of IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) racing at Mooloolaba in Queensland, with 600 competitors from clubs around Australia. He is a member of the Elwood Life Saving Club and this is his second year of IRB racing. This year Joel’s team had their best ever results, making 1 semi final and 3 quarter finals in the Australian Championships. He has competed both as a patient, who gets dropped 150 meters out to sea and then the others in the team have to race out and pick them up- and as a crew, who is responsible for stabilising the boat and picking up the patient-. As a crew this may involve having to put most of your body out of the boat while going over a wave, as he is doing in this photo.

Congratulations to Joel and his team. We wish you good luck at the Australian Championships!

We have 4 competitors in our APC Snowsports team; Ben Ashkanasy, Max Ashkanasy, Buzz McKenna and Steph Peterson. The Alpine events (Moguls, Alpine GS, Skier X, Snowboard GS & Snowboard X) will take place from Thu 27th to Sat 29th August where all fours students are competing in various events. Buzz will be competing in the XC Classic Cross Country on Sunday 9th August.

Good luck to the four of them!

PMCC – Cricket Season is Approaching!
The Port Melbourne Junior Cricket Club is in the early stages of planning for the 2015/2016 season and will be looking for kids to play in the following teams:
U12s (training Tues & Thurs, playing Sat mornings)
U14s (training Tues & Thurs, playing Friday evenings)
U16s (combined with South Districts, training Mon & Thurs, playing Friday evenings)

If you have a child interested in playing cricket, please contact the club on the following email address:
juniorcommittee@portmelbournecricketclub.com.au
Key Date:
Registration - Mid Aug.
Pre-season training - Early Sept
Season commences - Early October
French Department: Vive la France!

French students at Albert Park College have been involved in a number of exciting activities this month. We kicked off the term by welcoming 4 new French exchange students: (left to right) Hugo and Esteban from Paris, Constance and Charlotte from our sister school in Les Sables d’Olonne. Un grand merci to all their lovely host families who are making their visit ‘inoubliable’.

The very next day, 14 July, was Bastille Day and there were celebrations in and out of classes. Students sang along with the French national anthem, la Marseillaise, some took part in French games and quizzes, while others played ‘pétanque.’

We had another very special visitor come to APC on Wednesday 22 July. Catherine Hiller, a well-known French abstract artist, who now lives locally, came to APC to run art workshops with our French extension students. The students had a chance to hear about Catherine’s techniques and then to interview her about other aspects of her work and life...all in French! The students then worked alongside Catherine to produce their own artwork.

Finally, on Friday 24 July, a group of senior French students represented APC at the French Model United Nations Conference at the University of Melbourne. Olivia Petrie, Alexis Chabrol and Eric Loong were the delegates for Cameroon and Grace Kelly, Emma Launder and Paris Scott were the delegates for Vanuatu. They debated refugee issues in French all day and we can safely say that, thanks to these amazing young people, the world is in safe hands! Félicitations.
APC Family Weekend Away

The APC family weekend away is a great opportunity for students and parents to get away and relax by the beach whilst catching up with friends. It is also a wonderful way to meet and welcome new families, especially our 2016 Year 7 families. Our destination is the Anglesea Beachfront Family Caravan Park where there is plenty to do regardless of the weather.

Pick up the phone and call 1800 040 455 or 52 631 583, and book your family in for the Albert Park College family fun weekend of Friday 20th November to Sunday 22nd November. A variety of camp sites and cabins are available. Anglesea is a popular destination so book early and help make this a great weekend. Once you are booked in or have any queries please contact Teena on teenalboz@gmail.com.
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