The Finnish Miracle

“A central objective is to provide all citizens with equal opportunities.”

Early this month 1,200 Principal’s descended on Helsinki to attend the 12th International Conference of Principal’s. Together, we represented close to 1,000,000 pupils from around the globe. We were united by our desire to develop a global approach to education, an approach that meets the needs of our students in a rapidly changing world.

The conference was opened by the Finnish Minister for Education and Culture. It was refreshing to hear how much the Finns value, indeed, cherish education. They appreciate the importance of having a robust education system if they are going to be able to compete internationally.

She spoke of the core values driving education in Finland which centred on equality and equity, with all schools being free and available for all irrespective of their ethnic origin, age or wealth. One of the basic principles of Finnish education is that all people must have equal access to high quality education and training.

Teachers are highly educated and highly valued in Finland. The system is based on trust and responsibility with teachers having real autonomy. They are greatly appreciated and respected in their everyday work. Teaching is an attractive career in Finland.

The Minister highlighted the government’s commitment to providing guidance and support to educators—not ranking and scores. There are no national tests for pupils in Finland.

She outlined some key challenges for educators. The rise of globalization, and disruptive technologies demand new skills. Youth culture has changed and we face a challenge in bringing schools closer to the values of today. A key theme for the conference was the development of new learning environments and the effective use of technology.
This theme was a perfect fit for Anne Stout and I who had been selected to present at the conference. Our presentation was titled “From whiteboard to keyboard: How to create a 21st century school.”

During our presentation we were able to showcase what we have achieved at Albert Park College in developing a challenging 21st century education environment.”

Our presentation proved to be very popular with over 350 delegates attending our presentation in Finlandia Hall, the central auditorium for the conference.

It was a proud moment as we were able to put into perspective how much we have achieved at Albert Park College in a global context. We felt that we were able to make a genuine contribution to the debate about the future of education.

These conferences are extremely important. They bring together educational leaders from across the globe and enable us to speak with one voice about the every child’s right to a free and fair education. Together, we develop new approaches to teaching and learning and discuss how we can act to modernize our approach to teaching and learning.

This transition requires international cooperation and support from as principal’s are the managers of change and their support is a critical first step in changing how students learn.

“Any institution that has an aim to be long-lasting needs to establish international relationships.”

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal

Parent/Student - Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 1st September from 10am to 7.30pm.
Bookings will be available on Compass from Wednesday 26th August at 2pm.

We advise that you log on to Compass today to check your login details and booking procedures have been emailed out previously.
If you have queries please email: reports@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au
Science Week

Last week APC celebrated Science Week. Each lunchtime a different activity was run to engage and involve students in a number of practical activities.

Amazing chemical reactions took place in the courtyard and bubbling dry ice concoctions were created with many students looking on. Students honed their titration skills aiming to obtain a green ‘neutral’ solution, and created different flame colours and laser mazes in a dark room. Finally, the week wrapped up with our annual students versus teachers trivia lunchtime. After some fierce competition, a group of Year 11 students reigned supreme in their scientific knowledge!

On the Friday, VCE Chemistry students also attended the Hartung Youth lecture on the theme of environmental chemistry presented by Dr Colin Scholes, in which some very interesting suggestions were posed to combat increasing CO2 levels in the atmosphere, including carbon capture and ‘artificial trees’. This was followed by a laboratory tour at the University of Melbourne in which students were introduced to an array of (very expensive) equipment used in analytical chemistry and were able to get a feel for what studying Science at university would be like.

Thanks to the Science staff for running last week’s activities, and to everyone who came along and participated!
This term, the Year 10 Photography students have been learning about a range of artistic techniques and styles that photographers use to establish a sense of narrative in their work.

Light painting is essentially what photography is all about—painting with light. Although you may not realise it, you are drawing with light the second you release the shutter and light hits the sensor to form an image. Using a long exposure time, dark space, tripod and a bright light, the beauty of this photographic technique is made evident, light appears as if it were paint, neon and splashed across the photograph.

The work is a collaboration between the year 10 Photography class and Year 7 and 10 Dance class. Both classes had a great time and the dancers made for beautiful subjects.
After months of preparation, Vaudeville is here! This Friday Albert Park College Proudly Presents Vaudeville 2015: “An Evening At The Theatre”. This year showcases our finest talent from the performing arts and media. The spectacular performances promise to be even bigger and better with some incredible student work being enacted.

If you still haven’t got your tickets, click here and enjoy!
Bay Street Update

Work continues on our new Bay Street Campus. Early works are almost complete and on Monday we are to tender on the main building project. Total corporate, local and school community donations have now reached a total of $308,267 with 78 families. 4 corporate partners and 12 local businesses enabling us to create a smarter, more sustainable building and resilient materials.

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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.
Albert Park College held its biggest annual Athletics Carnival event so far at the Lakeside Stadium Albert Park on Thursday 30th August 2015. This was another fantastic day for the students to get involved in the amazing extra-curricular activities the school offers.

Students were encouraged to dress-up and enter as many events as they liked. APC strongly endorses participation and there was at least one event for everyone; ability level is irrelevant!

The house spirit was on full display and the spectators were a sea of colour as they waved and cheered the members of their house to the finish line. Once again, Flannery triumphed in the college’s biggest annual carnival to date.

Parents and students arrived and settled into the stands on a cold but beautiful morning. Once settled, the sports staff kicked things off with the hurdles as the first event. With music pumping, songs were chanted out for the athletes from the excited crowd, and the students participating gathered at the marshalling areas for further preparation, nervous but ready for the challenge.

The event presents a great opportunity for students to dress-up and show their house pride, earn house points by participating in a range of track and field events and to embrace being part of the school community.

The house areas of Flannery, Freeman and Winton were adorned with big banners and flags. Mascots of each team appeared like colourful cartoon characters against the clouds as the day started. Students had trained long and hard for this day and were excited to show off their athletic prowess and skills. Challenging Olympic athletic events were held throughout the course of the day such as the 100 meter race and the powerful Shot Put.
After all of the athletes performed on the track and in the field events the final relays were held, with the staff race being won by Winton streaking away like a blue flash.

Just before the rain came at the end of the day the final announcements were called and all Athletes waited in anticipation. As the cheering of the crowds settled, Flannery were announced as Champions of the day. A big thank you goes to all teachers and students that helped the day run so smoothly. A massive congratulations to all athletes and all staff that made the day such a success. We hope for many more years of success for those athletes as we grow and compete at division and regional level.

To view the Athletics Show Video click here.
The password is ‘apcmedia’.

We would like to acknowledge Macson Dimovski and Lina Rudduck for their excellent filming and photography on the day!

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The Inspire Program comprises all of the extra-curricular clubs and activities that Albert Park College offers. Here is our current program.
Honouring our ANZAC Nurses Lemnos Gallipoli Commemoration

On Saturday the 8th of August, Graydon Cannavan Forbes and Emma Rossingol participated in the unveiling of the newly erected statue located in the Foote Street Reserve next to the College. Organised by the Lemnos Gallipoli Commemorative Committee, the statue by Peter Corlett, is a symbol of the strong historic connections between Greece and Australia during the First World War.

It honours the work of the ANZAC nurses on the island of Lemnos and depicts a nurse standing against the strong wind of the island, shielding a wounded soldier. The island was a place of rest for the wounded of Gallipoli. It reminds us of the help and support that the local Lemnians provided Australian nurses and soldiers during this extremely difficult time. Their help was critical and much needed.

The nurses battled against harsh weather and a serious lack of equipment, using their own clothes as bandages and their meagre water rations to clean wounds. The local people of the island welcomed the hospital warmly and lent what they could to the Australians and New Zealanders. Their support helped the nurses make the hospital one of the most successful on the Western front.

This first contact between the two cultures marked the beginning of a strong and important connection that would continue to grow and develop. This bond has led to the wonderful sharing of the Greek and Australian cultures that is so apparent today in our community.

As part of our local community we were invited to participate in the unveiling of the statue in order to recognise this connection. We witnessed the thought and effort that was put into the event by different members of our community and were involved in our own way by speaking about some of the soldiers that left from Princess Pier in Port Melbourne and found themselves later in the hospital on Lemnos.

It was an honour to contribute to such a symbolic occasion that will forever commemorate the lives lost and saved on Lemnos.

Emma Rossingol - College Captain
Community Minded

Winter Sleep Out

On September 10, 40 APC students and staff will sleep out in the College courtyard to raise awareness and funds for the homeless. Homelessness is a serious issue in the Victorian community, affecting thousands of families, from all walks of life.

To support the excellent work undertaken by St Vincent de Paul in tackling this issue, student leaders at APC are organising our second annual winter sleep out, with students in years 7 & 8 ‘sleeping rough’ for one night to gain a little insight into the hardships homeless people face.

Congratulations to those who completed the 40 Hour Famine! As a school we have managed to raise $972 so far, for World Vision to continue doing their fantastic work helping families and communities in desperate need. A special mention to Lucy Phillips, who managed to raise $241 individually, which is an outstanding effort!

Inspire Community Foods Club

Food security is the access by all people to enough food to live a healthy and active life. Food security is something that we often take for granted. In Australia, 5% of the population experience food insecurity; 40% of these people experience it severely. What can we do about it?

The Inspire Community Foods club is teaming up with OzHarvest for their start up program called “Eat-Up”. Eat up is a food program that provides healthy breakfasts, lunches and/or snacks for kids in low socio-economic area primary schools. The goal of this program is for those students to have a healthy meal or snack to provide them the energy they need to learn!

Each week, around 24 APC students will work together to make snacks and/or sandwiches as well as write encouraging letters to the kids, which OzHarvest drops off at the primary school. This is a great opportunity for students to reach out to other students and their community.

APC was able to raise $1,025 for Jeans for Genes Day this year. This is a fantastic effort and everyone who contributed should be proud of their efforts. A special thank you to Charlotte Hewitson, Marcel Mena and Will Hurley who helped to make the day such a success.
French News

Les finalistes du concours Berthe Mouchette!
The French teachers are thrilled to announce that a number of Albert Park College students made it through to the finals of the prestigious statewide Berthe Mouchette French poetry competition. We await the results of the final round. This places the following students in the top 10% of students in Victoria: un vrai honneur! The examiners at the Alliance noted that their performances were ‘brillant’.
Félicitations to:

- Campbell Cole-Sinclair
- Oliver Kallicin
- Mia Israel
- Freya O’Donnell
- Alexandra McFarlane

On aime les crêpes!
In another celebration of French culture, Albert Park College’s Year 8 French students recently tested their spoken skills by ordering their own meal en français at Crêperie Breizo.
(And the French waiters were all very impressed with you, so félicitations, Year 8.)
Merci to all the parents who supported this great language immersion experience.

French extension students on stage
Félicitations to the students in the junior French extension class who presented a reading of the French children’s tale ‘C’est moi le plus fort’ at the French Consul’s Bastille Day Festival last month at the State Library of Victoria. The students’ performance was ‘magnifique’ and was commended by Madame Boisbouvier-Wylie, Honorary Consul-General of France, who wrote to the Principal, Steven Cook, to say that the students’ reading ‘provided a cheerful insight into [our] school’s great accomplishments’.
Parents and students are reminded that after-school extension French classes are available at a range of levels. Please email tashapaquier@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au for all enquiries.

«A bientôt» not «Au revoir»
The end of August sees the end of another successful French exchange with our sister school. While we will all miss Esteban, Charlotte and Constance, who have been with us for 6 weeks over their summer holidays, some of our students (Charlie Britzman, Emma Launder, Chelsea Saw and Ella Green) will see them again soon when they head to our sister school Lycée Sainte Marie du Port during the Australian summer holidays. Un grand merci to the host families (Alexander McGowan, Miriam Wilkins and Chelsea Saw) who made this exchange possible.
Literature Club

A brand new club is up and running at Albert Park College in the form of the Literature Club. Weekly lunchtime meetings see students explore sophisticated yet accessible texts in a relaxed, informal and fun environment. The group, open to all APC students regardless of ability and subject selection, meets to chat about a different piece of quality literature each week, such as Edgar Allan Poe, world mythology, modern biography and 21st century poetry.

Along with the Writing Anthology publication, Open Mic nights and strong Literature subject enrolments, the Literature Club shows that Albert Park College students are embracing opportunities to explore, examine and be a part of the literary world.

DOC Excursion

On August 6th, the two Food 10 classes had the opportunity to visit DOC Pizza in Albert Park for a Pizza Master class and learn about the different aspects of running a restaurant. Tony Nicolini, the owner of the pizza chain, spoke of his many years of experience in the food industry. Students were able to get their hands dirty and learn the tricks of the trade in the pizza kitchen, as well as the front of house; carrying up to 4 plates in one hand!

This was a great real life experience that will hopefully be reflected in their own restaurant night at APC for the Albert Restaurant night in September!
Sports News

On Thursday the 13th of August, the APC Year 8 Boys A Table Tennis Team won the Bayside Division Competition, which is a great effort! Luke Johnson, Dylan Harrison Smith, Eren Soylemez & Sam McConchie will all be playing in the Regional Finals in late October. Additionally, our Year 8 Boys B Table Tennis Team won and the Year 8 Girls Team came 3rd in the Bayside B Division Table Tennis Competition - which was very respectable, especially as they were one player down due to illness. A few weeks earlier, our Year 9 Boys Team came equal 1st and the Year 9 Girls Team came 3rd in the Bayside Intermediate Table Tennis B Division Competition. Whilst the Year 10 Boys & Girls Teams both came 4th in the A Division.

Overall, it has been a very successful Table Tennis Season for APC and we have four Year 7 teams competing on the 28th of August!

In recent competition the Year 8 Girls Basketball team proved to be too strong, annihilating the opposition, and were undefeated throughout their 5 back-to-back games.

The Intermediate Girls Basketball team (Year 9/10) and the Boys 2nd team had an exceptional tournament where they were undefeated, the girls team will proceed to the next round. The Intermediate Boys first team also had an excellent tournament and went through undefeated; however, MHS could not attend on the day so the boys will have a play off match on Thursday 27 August at 12.30pm in the APC sports hall to see who will proceed to the next round. A big thanks to the APC Basketball Coaches, Dave Peters, Alex Portelli and Jess who did a tremendous job in training and coaching the students in the lead up to this tournament and on the day and to Jada Ross and Zephyr Howson who were excellent help and scorekeepers too.

APC Sailing Team
Looking for new team members

Squad weekly training sessions @ RMYS and Competing in Regatta’s Term 4, 2015 and Term 1, 2016 including the Victorian Schools Team Sailing Championships

Want to know more?

Sailing Team Information Night
Tuesday September 8th
6pm APC Drama Room

Contact: sailingteam@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au or Mr. Eddie Gillespie
On Wednesday the 19th of August, our Senior Football Team, along with Princess Hill and Melbourne High participated in a ‘Say No to Racism - Lightning Premiership’ at Melbourne High School. The matches commenced after a ‘Welcome to Country’ ceremony and a short speech by a Collingwood Player about why racism has no place on the football field or in society in general. The Lightning Premiership was played in great spirits, with all our players contributing on the day.

Steph Peterson 7CD (12) competed in the Australian Junior Slopestyle Championships at Perisher NSW on 14 August and came 3rd in the Under 15 girls slopestyle (which is Torah Bright’s event involving jumps and sliding down rails). She will be competing for APC in the up coming inter-schools. Congratulations Steph!

APC Rowing - Calling all Rowers

Are you self-motivated and committed? Do you have the mental toughness to put in the hard work required to achieve your goals?

We are looking for students who are keen to be part of a team and develop their leadership skills.

Seeking expressions of interest from girls in Year 8 & 9 to begin rowing in Term 4 this year.

Seeking expressions of interest from boys who are in Year 7 & 8 to begin rowing in Term 4 of 2016.

Important Facts

- APC Boat Club will begin with girls rowing in 2015 with the aim of introducing boys rowing in 2016.
- Cost of program - $2,500 per season
- Venue - Powerhouse Rowing Shed, Albert Park Lake
- Boat Class – Coxed quad sculls
- Season Duration – 16 week program from 5th October 2015 to 6th March 2016
- Training commitment – 5 sessions per week
- Includes a 5 day summer intensive rowing camp in late January 2016

Information evening will be on Wednesday 2nd September - 6 pm at the College.
All prospective 2016 Year 10s, 11s and 12s, together with their families, are invited to an information session in the APC Drama Space on Wednesday 2nd of September, at 6pm.

**APC FAMILIES presents:**

**What is positive education?**

**Wednesday 2nd September**  
**7pm**  
**Drama Space**

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.
Call to artists
Entries for all submissions close Monday 14 September 2015 at 5pm.
$2000 ACQUISITIVE ART PRIZE TO BE WON
Artists are invited to submit works for the annual Albert Park College Art Show which takes place on 16-18 October 2015. Entries for all submissions close 5pm on 14 September 2015 and $2000 acquisitive art prize to be awarded by Andrew Clark, Deputy Director, NGV and Fleur Watson, Curator, Design Hub-RMIT. Please send this link to anyone you know who may wish to enter. http://www.albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au/artshow/index.html

Silent auction and raffle items
The Annual Art Show is fast approaching and we are seeking donations/items from the school community for the silent auction and raffles. Please contact Ruth at ruthkrawat@gmail.com or on 0419 390 962 if you can donate any items such as homewares, vouchers, art works, sporting equipment, services, etc. All items will be greatly appreciated.

Can you sponsor an art prize?
Please email apcollegeartshow@gmail.com if you would like to sponsor a $250 cash art prize.

Weekend fun activities assistance required
Over the weekend there will be a few activities for the community to enjoy. These include; box art, perspex painting, and an exciting new addition this year, which is the Lucky Wine Dip. In order to make this a success we are asking families to donate a bottle of wine (preferable wine you like to drink yourself!) Please drop your bottles off to the APC Reception – marked “Art Show Lucky Wine Dip”

Purchase tickets
To purchase tickets for Opening Night go to: http://www.trybooking.com/145170

Volunteers required
Stay tuned for our call for volunteers/helpers. Further details coming soon.

More information
For more information please email apcollegeartshow@gmail.com or visit the school website www.albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au

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APC Families
South American Expedition in 2016 ‘Machu Picchu & The Amazon Jungle’

In June & July in 2016, APC is offering Parents & Students the opportunity of a lifetime to visit Peru in South America and hike the famous Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. Additionally, APC Parents & Students will also spend 4 days in the heart of the Amazon Jungle!

Trip Highlights include 4-days in the Amazon Jungle, the 4-day Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, White-Water Rafting, Horse-riding in the Andes, Cusco and much more.

*Please note: The Inca Trail is a 4-day trek through the Andes, which finishes at Machu Picchu. The highest point on the trek is over 4,000 metres; therefore a good level of fitness is required for this trip. This trip is also only available for Years 10, 11 & 12 students (in 2016) due to the physically demanding aspect of the hike.

The cost for this trip is $6,000 per person, which includes all international and domestic flights, all transport & accommodation, permits, insurance, visas, guides, porters and most meals on the trip.

Please complete the attached ‘Expressions of interest’ form and return to reception by Tuesday the 1st of September 2015 to register your interest. If you require additional information, do call or email James Wallace Smith, a teacher at Albert Park College. A trip briefing will be held on the 8th of September and a deposit of $1,000 is due on the 15th of September 2015. Thank you.
APC Families
South American Expedition
16 days in June-July 2016

What
A guided trip to Peru for APC students and parents to experience the ‘Wonders of Peru’ - which includes hiking along the famous Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and then spending time in the Amazon Jungle.

Why
So students can learn about the beauty and wonder of South America, whilst having an active & educational experience.

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
Peru in South America – including the Amazon Jungle, the Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu & the Inca Trail.

When
For 16 days in June/ July 2015 (precise dates to be confirmed).

Arrangements
• The expedition is for APC students (open to year 10, 11 & 12, as it is a physically demanding trip), with each APC student being accompanied by their own parent or carer. (i.e. 1 child with 1 adult).

• We will fly to Lima, via Santiago, where we will spend 2 days before we will fly to Cusco to explore the Sacred Valley. The group will then commence the 4-day Inca Trail trek to Machu Picchu - carrying packs and walking around 6 kilometres per day in hilly terrain (4-5 hours). On Day 3, we will reach an altitude of over 4,000metres. Trekkers should be reasonably fit but porters are available to assist with carrying gear, which also contributes to the local economy. Paths are well defined but steep in parts, food is plentiful. On Day 4 we arrive at Machu Picchu, pictured above.

• Following the trek, we will have a 4-day adventure in the Amazon Jungle in Iquitos, in northern Peru.

• There will be some unstructured during the trip and the group will also spending time at a local secondary school whilst in Lima.

• The Expedition will be guided by APC teacher James Wallace-Smith, who has lived in South America and has guided several groups overseas, including an APC trip to Nepal in 2014.

• Guidance on clothing, food, gear, and safety closer to the Expedition.

Estimated Cost
The Expedition fee will be $6,000 per person (to be confirmed subject to numbers). This includes all accommodation, international & domestic flights, local guides, airport transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees and most meals. The cost also includes visas, permits, insurance and porters. Please allow an additional $250 per person for meals, optional activities and souvenirs.

Queries
For more information contact James Wallace-Smith (a teacher) at the school and can be contacted on jameswallacesmith@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au.
APC Families
South American Expedition
16 days in June-July 2016

Registration of Interest Form

Please hand this registration of interest form to the APC School Office by 12:00noon on Tuesday the 1st of September 2015

We wish to attend the APC Families South American Expedition June/July 2016

| Name of parent or carer attending the Expedition and relationship with the child |
| Name of APC student attending the Expedition (note: a maximum of one student per parent or carer) |
| APC student class |
| 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) |
| Comments: |
| Medical Concerns: |

Registration of Interest:
Please hand this registration of interest form to;

The APC School Office by 12:00pm on Tuesday the 1st of September.

If the interest exceeds the number of places available, short-listing will be based on the diversity of the group, students’ ability to cope with missing classes and approval from the Leadership group at APC.