PRINCIPAL’S SAY

GREAT SCHOOLS INVEST IN THEIR TEACHERS

At Albert Park College the learning and achievement of our students is at the centre of everything we do. We want high quality outcomes for our students so the single most important thing we can do to achieve this goal is to invest in high-quality professional development for our staff.

That is why our first teaching and learning conference was so symbolic. On Sunday the 5th of August all the staff of Albert Park College gathered at the RACV Cape Schank Resort for a two day conference with one purpose in mind- how can I become the best teacher I can possibly be.

The conference opened with our keynote speaker, Professor Erica Mc William. Erica is an internationally recognised scholar with over four decades of experience as an educational leader. Erica’s research focuses on how to create a “low threat, high challenge” learning environment for the 21st century. She showed us how we can build a learning culture characterised by high challenge and high support for students.

This set the theme for the conference, first of all by building on our knowledge of the best way to teach our students and secondly, by challenging us with new trends and ideas in education.

The conference was very future focused with Apple consultant Kevin Rodrigo exploring and elaborating on the future of information technology. David Del Mastro, an information technology specialist, exposed us to the rapidly changing world of interactive media content.
This conference proved that high quality professional development is stimulating - it provides us with new ideas and more opportunities. It keeps our school culture strong. It keeps us unified in our purpose and it reinforces our core values: a culture of excellence and an exemplary learning environment driven by teachers who are passionate about what they teach.

If we increase teacher knowledge about high quality instruction and improve teacher capacity to translate this knowledge into practice, then large-scale improvement will occur at APC. This is why the enhancement of the quality of teaching is the central theme in our schools improvement strategy.

A conference like this sends a clear message to our staff that we care about them, that we are prepared to invest in building their skills and that we value their ideas and knowledge. I was particularly proud that all of our staff attended the conference - we are one team - working together to create a great school and I want to thank all of our staff for their commitment to Albert Park College.

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal
KIDS TEACHING KIDS CONFERENCE

Over the course of the year a group of students from APC (Will Casey, Anthea Hull, Georgia Ketels, Isobel Grounds, Naomi Omenihu, Jada Ross) have been working on a project, which they will be presenting at this years Kids Teaching Kids Conference (happening at Etihad Stadium on 14-16 October).

Students will teach other students from all across Australia about vertical schools and how to live more sustainably in urban environments. Students have also learnt about overpopulation and urban growth and the ways in which this can be overcome, and will share this knowledge at the Conference. Students have been thinking of interesting and engaging ways in which they can teach other students what they have learnt – and will have a quiz.

On Wednesday students went on an excursion to visit their sponsor ‘Places Victoria’ in their Docklands office. The excursion was good because students got to see the Docklands, a proposed site for a vertical school. ‘We were able to see first hand the renovation of Docklands, to see what is being done to make it more liveable’. After the tour, three professionals – in the areas of urban design, water and energy – told us useful information about features we could include in our vertical school design and share with other students.
NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE PLANTING DAY

On Friday the 27th of July, 16 students from APC joined schools nation wide to plant trees in their community. Despite the grey skies and showers, students traveled up to Albert Park to help plant trees along the light rail line between the Middle Park and Fraser Street tram stops. Our students teamed up with ‘St Kilda Park Primary kids and planted around 10 trees per group’ according to Cosmo, 8TB. Students planted over 400 trees. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the experience.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be on Thursday 13th September. Once again we will be using the internet booking system, Parent Teacher On-line. A letter with more details will be emailed shortly.
ALBERT PARK COLLEGE END OF YEAR EVENT: VAUDEVILLE NIGHT

THE official APC end of year event for 2012. An evening of contemporary vaudeville, a show of skills, and sleight of hand….

Most schools have an official end of year event which all families are expected to make an effort to attend, and this is our first ever. And because we all want to have fun, ours celebrates the wonderful array of talent, creativity and ingenuity amongst our students, our teachers, and in our school community.

Created by professional theatre director (an APC parent) Deb Batton, the vaudeville tradition invites any entertaining talent onto the stage, embracing magic, music, comedy, theatre, prowess, talents and technology.

APC parents David & Deborah Carruthers owners of Dog’s Bar and the about to be reopened 1924 former dance hall, St Kilda MeMo Theatre, have generously donated MeMo for us to put on the show, as one of ten fundraising events to be run at the theatre each year, with the aim of raising over $100,000 for local causes.

Deb’s being helped by Taren Meyn with stage design (and the imaginative flyer below) and Jules Brooks with stage management, and she really needs a production coordinator as soon as possible, plus others, so please step forward if you can. Acts are invited from students, staff and families and the show is not to be missed! Whether you want to hang from a trapeze, welcome people on the night or help promote the event, we need your help to ensure this is a really successful event.

Book Thursday 15 November in your diary now! To help, contact Deb Batton via email debrabatton@gmail.com or call her on 0412 945 142.
ATHLETICS DAY 2012

As the sun rose on Thursday 16th of August the students of APC got ready for their annual athletics day. The day at Lakeside Stadium started with the 100m sprints that showcased many speedy APC athletes.

Then came the field events where students were jumping and throwing with all their might. One by one, races were being won and as lunch came it was time for a game of tug of war. It was great!
ATHLETICS DAY 2012 (CONT.)

At lunch time the house with the most points in the track events was announced. Flannery had taken the lead in front of the other houses. As the day drew to a close the teacher’s 4x100m relay race had begun and we had Freeman taking 1st place, Winton in 2nd and Flannery for 3rd.

The students knew that Flannery had taken the lead after the track events but it seemed clear that Winton had dominated the field events. But was it enough to take the top spot of Flannery?

After an anxious wait the winner was announced in an assembly a few days after. Flannery had just done enough to hold the lead ahead of Winton for 2nd and Freeman taking 3rd place. It was an enjoyable day for all the students and teachers and we look forward to the athletics day next year.

Brandon Eagle 8JA
LOVE AND LOSS NGV EXCURSION

At the start of Term 3 students in 8MB and 8RB attended the National Gallery of Victoria to take part in a special workshop designed to complement their study of the themes of love and loss. Students wrote creatively in response to thought-provoking artworks and developed a deeper appreciation of these universal themes. The maturity, thoughtfulness and intelligence our students demonstrated on this excursion was a source of much pride to their English teachers, Miss Babelja and Miss Riosa, who have been teaching this theme using many different examples, from claymation films like Mary and Max, the death of Michael Jackson, lyrics of artists like Nina Simone and love letters written by famous individuals. We hope our students enjoyed their study of this unit and gained valuable insight into the meanings, functions and effects of love and loss in their own lives.

Miss Babelja and Miss Riosa
VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Tuesday 10th – Friday 13th July the Victorian Interschool Equestrian State Championships were held at Werribee National Park.

Nellie Playfoot represented Albert Park College. Nellie participated in all events and was the only competitor to do so.

The events included:

- Best Rider
- Smartest on Parade
- Handy Mount
- Novelties
- Dressage – 2 phased
- Inter-School Challenge – 3 phased
- Jumping – 4 phased

Nellie was ranked 10th in the State in Best Rider class. She scored 3rd in Novelties, 10th in Dressage Phase 1, 4th in Jumping Phase 1 and 8th in Jumping Equestrian Phase 4.

To achieve these remarkable results Nellie needed to be an early riser, starting her day at 4AM.

Congratulations to Nellie!
We are pretty close, however we still need:

- A builder to help setup panels
- Cake donations for the cake stall
- Sales Staff for opening night
- Wine sponsor
- CASH for prizes and produce.
- Bar Staff to work on Friday night at the opening
- Kitchen help (3 hour blocks) during Friday am/pm

Tickets for Opening Night & Workshops go online from early September: http://www.trybooking.com/22648

For enquiries or to offer assistance please contact

**Trudy Rice**
M 0410 596 415
E apcollegeartshow@gmail.com
The Victorian College Of The Arts Secondary School Presents

Tony Gould's

‘UNDER MILK WOOD’

Experience Dylan Thomas’ dream work, UNDER MILK WOOD, in a heightened musical setting. The Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School presents Tony Gould’s work for narrator, chamber orchestra and piano. Acclaimed actor John Stanton returns as narrator.

Gould’s evocative work tops the bill of this 35th Anniversary celebratory event which features award-winning soloists, choirs, ensembles, and dancers of The Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School.

‘What’s the test of a good concert? That at some point you are seriously surprised. This mob delivers surprise and joy in spades.’ — Paul Kelly

Gould Under Milk Wood
WEBER Invitation to the Dance
EDWARDS Prokofiev & Dragonfly Dance
WALKER The Asura
SCHONBERG Les Misérables Medley

Plus winners of the Austral Salon Soloist Award, Robert Salter Voice Award, and VCAGS Chamber Festival

Tony Gould, composer, pianist
John Stanton, narrator
Marco van Papela, conductor
Claire Preston, conductor
Musicians and Dancers of The Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School

Tickets $40 ($25 Concessions), Group Bookings $35 ($20 Schools)
Tickets on sale 30 July @ www.melbournerecital.com.au

VCA Victorian College of the Arts SECONDARY SCHOOL
Come and join us for an exclusive viewing of the dazzling Napoleon: Revolution to Empire Exhibition currently on show at the National Gallery of Victoria http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/napoleon

THIS TICKETED EVENT IS LIMITED SO BOOK EARLY

6 - 9pm Wednesday 19th September 2012
$50 per ticket

Ticket includes exclusive talk by Dr. Ted Gott, Senior Curator: International Art, entry into exhibition and glass of wine

Tickets can be purchased via APC Reception by 10th August
All registration forms must be lodged prior to commencement of camps with Australian Basketball Resources Pty. Ltd.

1. Registration Form

- Athlete’s Name: _______________________________      Address: _________________________________________________________
- Suburb: __________________  Postcode: _________  DOB: ____ / ____ / ______   Age: ______  Male  or Female (circle)
- Health Issues: ________________________________________     I authorize the person in charge to seek medical attention if necessary  
  __________________________________________  (parent/guardian signature) ______________________________ (parent/guardian name)
- Phone: ___________________   Email Address (please print):  _____________________________________
- Emergency Contact Name:________________________________________   Phone:  _____________________

How did you hear about MSAC Basketball Camps:  (please circle) FRIENDS   WEBSITE   FLYER    EMAIL   PAST CAMP   OTHER

2. Payment Options (please tick)

- EFT Details: BSB 033-057
  Acc 19 0360 Ref: Camp & date
  (ie Beg&Int 24&25 Sept)
- CHEQUE
  Please make cheques payable to Australian Basketball Resources

- CREDIT CARD

CREDIT CARD DETAILS (if applicable)

| Master Card | Visa | Bankcard | TOTAL AMOUNT $ | Card Number: _______ | Expiry Day: _______ / _______

Name on Card: ________________________     Signature: ______________________________

If returning by mail, please send to Australian Basketball Resources  PO BOX 2222, Ivanhoe East 3079
Payment by cheque, money order or credit card are to be mailed with entry form. Entry and payment can also be made online at www.msacbasketball.com.au
Please note that we must have the enrolment form before the camp.

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