IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 8th October
First day of Term 4

Saturday 13th October
Pedal Prix

19th - 21st October
APC Art Show

Wednesday 30th October
New Caledonia Tour
Parent Evening

Thursday 15th November
Vandeville Evening

23rd - 25th November
APC Families’ Camp

PRINCIPAL’S SAY

Many people have visited the Napoleon: Revolution to Empire exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria but few have had the privilege of being introduced to the exhibition by Ted Gott, Senior Curator of International Art.

That is where fifty parents and friends of Albert Park College found ourselves on Wednesday night as Ted shared his passion and knowledge of the Napoleonic era. Ted drove home to us the connection between the early French explorers and the mapping and discovery of Australia. His talk was followed by an exclusive viewing of the dazzling exhibition. The combination of historical objects and some iconic works of art made this a very impressive event.

It drove home to me how adept our school has become at grabbing hold of the wonderful opportunities that present themselves to a school that is willing to build strong partnerships in our community.

It has also been a big ten weeks for the performing arts. Thirty of our students have just completed the most creative and innovative project of their lives. Students across Year 7 and 8 have created and performed from scratch their own original opera. This innovative project was led by the WotOpera organization and it was a fabulous collaboration between our students and the team from WotOpera.

Go to the link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k19-PCH1s0g to see for yourself how our students met the challenge of producing this highly original piece of work.

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Equally impressive have been the performances of our school debating teams with the team highlighted in this newsletter now ranked as one of the top four teams in the state. This is even more significant when you consider that they are a full year younger than their rivals in the competition. We are looking forward to the final series in term four.

I am very proud that this edition highlights the recent multicultural day held at the school. It gave us a forum to celebrate the diverse cultures in the school and an opportunity to send a clear message that as a school we value all cultures and the wonderful richness that multiculturalism brings to our society. It highlights a key value of the school which is to develop the whole person and enables us to drive home the rights and responsibilities of being a young leader in our society today.

It is timely to remind you of the tide of creativity that is rolling in for term four. The Annual Art Show is our showcase event for the year. It speaks to our passion for the visual arts and will showcase both professional and student work. This year practicing artists will work alongside our students and the show has been extended to include gourmet food and drinks.

A new initiative is the Vaudeville night. It is the official end of year event for 2012 and will be a celebration of the more quirky talents of the College. It will celebrate creativity and in keeping with the College philosophy will invite all members of our community to take part. I am looking forward to what our parents have to offer at this event.

Finally, I would like to invite all the families out there to consider taking part in the fifth APC Families Camp which will be held at Marysville between the 23-25 of November. This camp is for all our new 2013 families, and current families of the school-everyone is welcome.

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal
APC MUSIC NEWS

The last few months have been so full of music at APC it’s been hard to catch our breath to report on what’s been happening- so here are just a few of the highlights.

VOYAGES
In late June on a Sunday afternoon the APC Big Band, Choir and Dance group played magnificently for an audience of over 500 people at St Kilda Town Hall at the Multicultural Concert ‘Voyages’, which also included many professional and community artists and Arts groups. The organizers were ‘over the moon’ in response to our contribution to this event which was supported by the City of Port Phillip ‘Cultural Development Fund’.

Term 2 also included a joint musical concert performance with Albert Park Primary School. Students from both schools performed for each other during an inspirational morning at APC.

WOT OPERA
In Term 3 nearly 30 of our students took part in the nationally acclaimed ‘Wot Opera’ program where, assisted by professional musicians and composers, our students wrote, rehearsed and performed their own opera. This was a groundbreaking process for our students to work in such a highly collaborative manner on a major Arts project. The program culminated in a stunning performance along side three other schools, including Melbourne High and Kilbreda College. Click here for a video of our students talking about the experience:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kI9-PCH1s0g

PIANO RECITAL
This week we staged the first Albert Park College Piano Recital with wonderful performances by around 20 students. The Big Band and other small groups also performed at the Albert Park Primary music day. The College Choir and new ‘Soul’ Band is set and ready for the end of term assembly at the Gasworks.

In Term 4 many of the music students of APC can once again look forward to working with the Australian National Academy of Music, which we hope will again culminate in a special performance. Stand by for more news.

Finally, we are all looking forward to the APC Art show in October, which will provide performance opportunities for many of our new pop groups and ensembles, including the String Ensemble and the Advanced Music Class, to perform for the very first time.
APC DAV DEBATING PROGRAM

On the 12th of September the Junior School Debating Team 2 had their first debate arguing that ‘that the Olympic Games are more trouble than they are worth.’ They argued well, winning a convincing victory against Antonine College.

On the same night the Senior School Team 2 competed in the Quarterfinals against Xavier College, arguing the negative for the topic ‘that military service should automatically qualify migrants for Australian citizenship.’ The debate was well argued on both sides, with two of the three adjudicators awarding APC the debate. This qualifies APC 2, made up of Georgia, Anthea, Luke and Richa, for the Semi-Finals in October – making them one of the top four teams in Victoria. Please come along to support our students for the next debate on October 10.
As a very Multicultural School, we thought it would be great to celebrate the many cultures that we have here and extended an invite out to students and families to be involved in our inaugural ‘Multicultural Day’ at Albert Park College.

The response was wonderful and we saw numerous cultures represented on the day, particularly India, Italy, South Africa and France. However, prior to the day, all classes chose a particular country to represent and we saw numerous staff and students dress up in clothes and colors that we identify with countries such as Brazil, Mexico, Spain, Italy and Nepal, amongst many others.

At lunchtime, the courtyard was full of staff and students enjoying French crepes, Italian Treats as well as a smorgasbord of Indian food that had been provided to us by the local Hare Krishna Temple, which was delicious and plentiful.

The Hare Krishna Temples’ involvement did not finish there though! They were also singing and dancing throughout lunchtime, they also had face-painting, henna-art, garland making, traditional costume dress-ups as well as offering students the chance to play carrom board, an ancient board game played across India. Additionally, we had Bocce, Volleyball, Badminton, Oragami and European Handball and many other activities that were happening around the school.

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After lunch, we all gathered in the Drama Room and heard a very interesting talk that the Albert Park Rotary Club had kindly organised for us. However, it was ‘Mr. Fantastic’ from Africa who really stole the show. His drumming performance was outstanding, energetic and captivating! It involved everyone and was enjoyed by everyone and thanks again to the Music Department for arranging that.

In the last period of the day, students were involved once again in an array of activities that included Meditation and Yoga, Italian Folk Dancing, Garland Making, African Drumming and Dancing, Bollywood Dancing and Singing and much, much more!

Special thanks go to NalaExley and YogitaJagannathan, Vince Di Mitrio, Adrianna Di Benedetto, Veronique Ferrand (great crepes!), and numerous other members of the Hare Krishna temple, as well as parents who assisted us and students that helped organise activities. Additionally, teachers like Mr O’Sullivan and Mr. Rodd.
Mr. Cook should also be thanked for allowing the day to happen and for his eloquent speech about why we should celebrate the Cultural Diversity we have here at school and that we here in Australia.

I would also like to congratulate the students and all the staff who embraced the day, got dressed up, danced, sung, played, made, ate and supported Multicultural Day.

I look forward to the day being even bigger and better next year and continuing on for many years to come with even more cultures being involved. Another great APC tradition has begun.

Mr. Wallace Smith

Best dressed students:
Jacob Spiropoulos (7LO), Mia Ganci & Sami March (8AB), Angus Burns (7CF)

Best dressed class: 7LO

Best Dressed Teachers: Ms. Godde & Mr. Wallace Smith
APC FAMILIES’ CAMP 23, 24 & 25 NOVEMBER 2012 MARYSVILLE

**What**  A weekend away with other families, camping or in a cabin, in the lovely mountain town of Marysville 100 minutes from home.

**Why**  To help kids through their transition to their new school. So APC families can get to know one another. Because a strong school community will make for a stronger, safer school. Because it’s fun going to nice places with the kids, and it’s fun meeting new people. This is the fifth APC Families camp, and they’ve been great for the kids and great for families.

**Where**  Marysville Holiday Park, which straddles the Steavenson River in the middle of town.

**When**  Friday 23, Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 November 2012 (arrive either Fri night or Sat morning)

MARYSVILLE

Marysville is a pretty little mountain town a convenient 100km and 100 minutes from the school, surrounded by tall forest and invigorating walks. The campground is fresh and new, rebuilt since the devastating fires.

The camp ground straddles a clear, drinkable mountain stream. You have a choice of cabins or powered and unpowered sites. Camping is made easier with electric BBQs, a camp kitchen, a function room if it rains, and a children’s playground.

We’ll nominate a site or cabin as our base, arrange some activities on Saturday afternoon, and on Saturday night enjoy a group BBQ from 5pm. We’ll have a stream, a nice town, and the sites of the Yarra Ranges; it’s impossible to not have fun.

**HOW TO BOOK**

1. Check out your accommodation options at http://www.marysvillecaravanpark.com.au
2. Call the park on 5963 3247 and book your own cabin or camp site. Tell them you’re from APC.
3. Let Clair Turner (9534 3899) know that you’re going, to record the numbers.
4. Book soon to get accommodation within the camp ground.

**WHAT TO BRING**

Bring all your own camping stuff and food. If you have them, bring games and toys for the water, walking gear, wood for the camp fire, and warm coats for the evening. Chairs are good.

**CONTEXT**

The Marysville Camp is a voluntary activity of individual families. It is not arranged by the staff of Albert Park College, is not part of the school curriculum, and is not compulsory. The concept is simple; each family takes responsibility for all its own affairs, including its accommodation, food and activities, like a normal family holiday. The camp is for our new 2013 families, and current families of the school – everyone is welcome.

You may contact Clair Turner (a parent) on 9534 3899 for more information about the Marysville Camp.

For more information about other APC Families events contact apc.families@gmail.com
STUDENTS TAKE THE LEAD IN DESIGNING NEW SCHOOL BAG

With a small group of students I was asked to be involved in the design of a new APC school bag with Crumpler.

Our first meeting consisted of a discussion of what we, students, wanted in a school bag. We decided that it should be a simple clean design that complemented our uniform. The bag should hold our iPad, lunchbox, sport gear and maybe an old fashioned book or two. Crumpler gave us a number of templates for an appropriate bag shape and we all went home and spent some time designing the graphics and colours for our new bag.

I created six designs using the APC ‘A’ and school colours. I wanted to use the A because it is a bold letter and it works well on its own. I changed the scale of the A, the angle it was on and the background colours in my designs. In the end there was one I preferred. All the designs were submitted and eventually one of mine was chosen.

Crumpler made a sample using my design. Once we had a bag that we could touch and turn around and put on our backs we were able to make some important changes. The light blue panel seemed too bright in a life size bag so it became grey. Crumpler also added a water bottle holder - vital for the parched student. I made sure I could fit my lunchbox, sport gear and iPad in there with a little extra room for some books just in case!

The new APC school bag was born.

Daniel Marks
Year 8

The new APC School bag is now available for purchase from the Uniform Shop.

Introductory offer for current Year 7 and 8 students (Term 4 2012 only): $75.
From 2013: $85.

The APC school bag is a mandatory School uniform item for all students.

From 2013 the new APC school bag or APC satchel is the only school bag to be used by students.
Pedal Prix is a group cycling event in a streamlined recumbent bike that races around a track circuit for 6 hours or more, with some overnight races running for 24 hours. Each team rotates eight riders, supported by team mechanics, team caterers, pit lane crew, sponsors, prize money and lots more.

It’s big! Check out a 24 hour inter-schools Pedal Prix event at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPyi9E1YyyM&feature= reimfu or google Pedal Prix.

Thank you to Daniel Bird and his family (Husky Tape) for contributing sponsorship to the APC Pedal Prix ‘Dream Tream’. If you would like to be a sponsor and have your business logo included on the Pedal Prix or you would simply like to donate to this wonderful project, please contact Brett Gilbert on 8695 9000 or gilbert.brett.b@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Thank you to ALL THE PARENTS WHO HAVE DONATED COSTUMES AND PROPS TO HELP BUILD THE PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT SO FAR.

As we have had such an amazing number of costumes donated to the school, we are now looking for coat-hangers to ensure the longevity of these wonderful items. Also, if anyone has wigs that they would like to donate (especially clown wigs) we would love to hear from you.

If you have something in mind or would like to donate to the school, can you please see the ladies at reception or email Trevor Buckingham via-

buckingham.trevor.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

铅 Create Inspire
ART CLUB

Every Wednesday afternoon this term, a group of dedicated students have been meeting for an hour after school with Ms Barton and a parent helper to develop and create an artwork for the Art Show in October.

If any other parents would like to offer their help either discussing ideas with students, or expertise in a specific area or medium, please contact Annie Barton at school.

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR THE ‘RECLAIMED JEWELS WORKSHOP’

Do you have any of the following:
- beads
- broken jewellery
- buttons
- doilies
- miscellaneous jewellery-making materials

If so Robyn Varney would love to hear from you! She can be contacted on either 0408 280264 or robvar2003@yahoo.com.au to arrange collection.

APC TV APPEARANCE

Kristopher Dervenis of 7SG was recently filmed for the Channel 10 TV show ‘Scope’. This fun and informative entertainment show helps to explain everyday science to kids. Kristopher assisted with a rust experiment that will air in the IRON episode at 4pm on Thursday 18th October.

Check it out!
TWO ‘INSPIRE’ ACTIVITIES @ APC

As many of you are aware, APC has an Inspire program which runs both at lunchtimes and after school. This is where students have the opportunity to participate in an array of different activities and clubs, ranging from a Photography Club to a Running Club. The two activities that we will focus on this month are AUSLAN & World Trivia.

AUSLAN

During first term this year, our Year 8 cricket team played a match against the Victorian College of the Deaf and I have never been more proud of our students. The match was played in great spirits and players from both teams thoroughly enjoyed the game.

Upon reflection, Brandon Eagle and I spoke about organizing an extra-curricular activity at school – AUSLAN, which stands for the Australia Sign Language.

To my delight, I discovered that Ms. Barton’s partner (Mr. B) was proficient at AUSLAN and was happy to volunteers and come in every Friday and assist Brandon and I run the activity at lunchtime.

The activity that has been running for almost two terms has been a great introduction to AUSLAN and is one of the many great ‘inspire’ programs being offered at lunchtimes and after school. We have learnt everything from how to count, the alphabet, sports, food,

We have two great goals for this group of students that are studying AUSLAN.

1. In term four, we are hoping to start developing an APC AUSLAN iPad application.

2. We are also hoping to invite students and teachers from the VCD to visit the school in term four to play an indoor cricket match and build on the relationship we started with them in March this year.

Thanks go out to Mr. B and to Brandon Eagle who assist the students and three staff members learning AUSLAN. I would also like to extend the invitation to other students and staff at APC to join us on Fridays, it really has been a wonderful experience for all of us involved in this program and we would be more than happy to help you learn the basics.

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WORLD TRIVIA! ANOTHER GREAT ACTIVITY AT APC!

The World Trivia activity continues to attract an array of students from both year levels. Fortnightly, 20 questions are posted onto the World Trivia website. The questions vary and are from a range of topics such as Geography, History, Languages, Sport, Music, Art, Culture and General Knowledge. Questions about local issues and the APC school community are also included from time to time.

Students are allowed to use the internet, speak to parents, teachers and/ or each other to find out the answers. Parents are more than welcome to get involved as well. Be sure to ask your son or daughter about the activity!

A big ‘Thanks’ to the Canteen who sponsored the competition for the first four weeks and offered prizes for the winners. I will discuss with Mr. Gilbert about sponsoring the prizes from now on!

Mr. Wallace Smith

APC ART SHOW CAKE STALL

We will be holding a cake stall at the APC Art Show on Saturday and Sunday, the 20/21st October.

We will be selling whole cakes, plates of slices, muffins, cup cakes, biscuits and meringues.

We hope to have baskets full of honey joys and chocolate crackles to sell individually for $1.00 each as they are a favourite amongst the children.

Please no cakes with cream or cream cheese as they can melt easily.

It is best to start baking the week before the show, when plastic plates, bags and ingredient labels will be available at the office. We will also be sending packs of plates and labels home with the children.

This stall can only be a success with your baking efforts. We will also need help to sell our goods on show days.

Regards, Sabine
0403 786 798
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.
Albert Park College is calling for all parents, family members and friends who believe they have a special talent, and would like to perform along side students in the end of year Vaudevillian inspired production night.

We are looking for a wide range of short performances (30 sec. to 5 mins.) including acts of circus tricks, acting, pet performances and joke telling. Pretty much you name it and we want to see it!

There will be a dress rehearsal on the 14th of Nov and the show is on the 15th of Nov in the beautiful Memo Hall in St. Kilda.

If you have an act in mind or know someone who has an amazing talent, please email Debra Batton prior to Thursday the 20th September. via-debrabatton@gmail.com

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