PRINCIPAL’S SAY

The Annual Art Show has developed into the most significant event on the school calendar. It is a very symbolic event for Albert Park College. It builds on our school motto to lead create and inspire and actively promotes our commitment to both the performing and visual arts.

It is a celebration of our students creativity and self expression and sends a clear message that we are a school that celebrates the importance of the arts and culture.

There was a buzz of excitement at the opening as over 400 guests gathered to admire 270 original works of art in the art exhibition space. Albert Park College students acted as guides and hosts while others served food that they had prepared throughout the day for our guests.

As dusk fell the music began and the crowd settled in to enjoy the spectacle. The ambience of the night was captured brilliantly by photographer Michael Blamey and is showcased on the following link:

https://picasaweb.google.com/114216945544110417704/ArtShow?authkey=Gv1sRgCNrwrwHR_5OFcg

It was the beginning of four days of artistic highlights including a weekend of arts based workshops and fine food and wine. The Albert Park Rotary Club continued their fine tradition of a massive book sale ensuring that the weekend also promoted a love of the liberal arts.

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We are passionate advocates of the study of art as it unlocks our imagination and stirs us to pause, think and reflect. At Albert Park College we seek to awaken the aesthetic curiosity in every student and we push our students to fully appreciate the performing and visual arts.

One aspect of the show that I love is the way in which it incorporates the work of practicing artists embedded in the local community with the emerging artistic talents of the students at Albert Park College. I am looking forward to a time as the school grows when there is a plethora of student work inspired by the works of artists in our community.

It is a perfect example of generations of artists working together to showcase the very best art this community has to offer. It is also a powerful expression of how much this community values the arts.

Thank you to the team of parents who made this event come to life led by: Trudy Rice, Lisa Thornley, Suzanne Playfoot, Jules Brooks, Lesley Melody, Ian Scott and Gerri Barr. I would like to pay tribute to their drive, energy and creativity.

It was Pablo Picasso who said: “Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once one grows up.” In this community, we have found the answer to this challenge.

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal
In March of this year, Year 7 and Year 8 students from Albert Park College nervously went head to head in the first round of the Debating Association of Victoria – a competition reserved for Year 9 students. This month, four students from APC competed in the Grand Final of this competition.

To get to the final, students had to defeat some incredibly polished opponents including Westbourne Grammar School, St Kevin’s College, Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School, Xavier College and Camberwell Grammar School. Over 400 schools in the state competed in the competition and our students were the only students from the state system to make it into the finals.

Albert Park College was fortunate enough to host the Grand Final on Monday October 22nd in the school’s Drama Centre. Our students competed against the only other undefeated team in the competition from Wesley College. In a fierce contest our students argued that Australia should adopt a Constitutional Bill of Rights. In a split decision Albert Park College was defeated by a margin of only one point. This was a reflection of just how close the debate was. Of the three adjudicators who judged the debate, one awarded the debate to Albert Park College and two to Wesley College.

The final was viewed by an audience of over 75 people – many of those there to support our

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debaters. All would agree that our students were impressive. They were incredibly thorough in their preparations and polished in their delivery. The spoke with gusto and stilled their nerves in a very cohesive and intelligent team approach.

Although they were not victorious in their final debate our students’ efforts were absolutely incredible. Not only were our students twelve months younger than their opponents, but in their first season they remained undefeated until the grand final. In every debate a student from APC was awarded best speaker including in the Grand Final when Richa Dudh ani and Luke Ptsasis were both nominated by adjudicators.

With the season now at an end an enormous thank you must go out to Skanda Coffield-Feith, the team’s coach, and the school’s debating coordinator Kathryn Riosa without whom students’ success would not have been possible.

While the Senior School Competition has now drawn to a close the final round of the of the Junior Schools Program is scheduled to take place on Wednesday October 31st at Brunswick Secondary College.

Earlier this term APC students competed in the second round of the Junior School Program. Students were required to debate the topic that energy drinks ought to be banned. Both of APC’s teams were victorious defeating their opponents from Antoine College. APC1, who argued the affirmative case won by an impressive margin of four points while APC2, who were allocated the negative side of the case won by an outstanding margin of nine points, an outright victory and enormous margin in debating terms. A speaker from both teams was also awarded best speaker on the night.

Auditions and applications for the 2013 programs will be available to students in November of this year. Interested students should check their emails and the Debating Page on the Inspire Page of the College portal.

RESULTS – SENIOR SCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION GRAND FINAL

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PEDAL PRIX

On the 13th of October, seven cyclists, three food technicians, a film crew and a mechanic, competed in the 2012 six hour Pedal Prix. The day started at midday, and went to 6:00pm that evening. Sadly, it was a somewhat dreary day with a light, non-stop rain, but that did not hold us back.

Oscar was the very first rider, and due to our lack of experience and confidence in the bike, we were behind all the other bikes to begin with. As the day went on and we began to become familiar with the bike, our changeovers took only seconds, and we were speeding around corners and overtaking other bikes. The competition ended with a sprint to the finish line. There were 68 bikes racing, and our team came 47th. And, in our division we came 4th out of five.

A huge thank you goes out to our sponsors Jason Bird with the company ‘Huskytape’ (www.huskytape.com.au), and Jane Burns for sourcing the signage and getting us onboard with Huskytape. I would also like to thank ‘Signwave’ from South Melbourne (www.signwave.com.au), Scott Nicholson and the anonymous family who contributed the bike to us. We had an amazing day, and without these donations and sponsors, it would not have been possible.

Congratulations to Oscar Shrowder, Cameron Mullis, Angus Burns, Lachlan Newsome, Simone Varney, Chelsea Saw, Jada Ross, Miriam Wilkins, Laura Hegarty, Oscar Walsh and Charles Denison for their amazing help and riding in the 2012 six hour Pedal Prix.

By Molly Houghton 8JW
AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL @ APC

Best & Fairest in 2012
Lochie Rennie (Yr 8) & Louis Gleeson (Yr 7)
who both led by example, trained hard and demonstrated
great skill, commitment, pace and courage.

Year 7 House Football Champions
Flannery

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As we know, the AFL season concluded about a month ago and I thought it was a great moment to reflect on the Australian Football season that we had here at Albert Park College. I was also keen to make everyone aware of the connection we have with the 2012 AFL premiers, the Sydney Swans!

In April this year, the Sydney Swans become a major sponsor of Australian Football here at APC and proceeded to donate 24 jumpers, shorts and socks for our use. They have also promised to visit the school next year and support football at the school as much as possible in the future and are thrilled to have a connection with a school where they were originally from.

At APC, we offer football in Term 2 and both the Year 7s and the Year 8s trained weekly and developed their football skills during those sessions. Additionally, both year groups played well in their respective matches against other schools; however, our first win still eludes us. I am sure that we will have a win next year though!

Players in both year groups impressed this season and special mentions go to Daniel Marks, Max Mitchell-Russell, Hugo Kohler Dick, Buzz Miljoen, Brayden Martin and Lochie Rennie in Year 8. Additionally, Louis Gleeson, Joe Koz, Jacob Spiropoulos, Zephyr Howson, Oliver Marks, Blaise Bajram and Jemima Broadhead in Year 7.

We also hosted three players from the Collingwood Football Club one afternoon, which was a wonderful opportunity for our Year 7s to meet and learn from current AFL players.

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This year also saw the introduction of ‘Monday Night Football’, where a number of very keen students players met after school and played matches against each other, which again assisted them to improve their skills and fitness levels.

I would also like to thank Dante Brown and Steve Broadhead for their assistance throughout the season: at training, Monday Night Football and at the matches. Overall, it was great to see so many players enjoying their football and improving during the season and I am looking forward to assisting players develop even more next year!

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 campground 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
BIKE SAFETY

One of the great aspects of being a student at Albert Park College is the way so many students can ride or walk to school. I love the sight of our students cycling through the streets of Albert Park. However, we need to ensure that all students travel safely to school. This is a gentle reminder that we expect all students to wear a bicycle helmet at all times- because we care about your safety.

Research indicates that bike helmets greatly reduce the risk of head injuries, which are the major cause of injuries for bike riders. I have also been advised that there is a significant fine for riders who do not wear a helmet- recently raised to $176.00 and that there will be a blitz on riders who do not wear a helmet over the coming weeks. If you do not currently own a helmet- don’t despair- as our canteen has a good supply in stock at a cost of $5.00 per helmet.


REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Please keep us informed of your child’s absence by using our new email address:

attendance@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Has your child outgrown their uniform? If so we would gladly accept any pieces of donated uniform that you no longer need.
WANTED

We still need a few more parents to join two of the three parent / teacher acts. The more we have the better really but ideally I need another six to ten parents! Both acts require a very small amount of rehearsal and will be lots of fun. You do not need to have performance experience just a willingness to participate. There will be a 1 hour rehearsal on Wednesday 7th November in the drama room following the APC families meeting at 7pm. If you are coming to the APC families meeting you could join in! The second and final rehearsal will be on Friday 9th November between 6 and 8pm. Of course you will also be required for the show on Thursday 15th November.

Don’t hesitate to contact Debra Batton by email on debrabatton@gmail.com if you would like to know more about the acts.
Thanks for your support

Babs Fairchild
Rider and cancer survivor
Participant # 761406-0

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