A CULTURE OF CREATIVITY

On November 14th the performing arts came of age with a spectacular evening of Vaudeville. The program featured a series of original and highly entertaining acts that celebrated the creative talents of the students, parents and dare I say it – teaching staff of Albert Park College.

Adding to the atmosphere was the fact that the event was held at the historic MeMo theatre in St Kilda. David Carruther’s regaled us with tales of its former life as a dance hall which opened in 1924, an era in which the citizens of Melbourne travelled by carriage to the fashionable beach resort of St Kilda.

The Carruther’s family generously donated MeMo for us to put on the show and the historic venue created an intimate atmosphere that brought out the very best in the performances throughout the night.

The vaudeville tradition encourages the broadest possible range of acts and the night featured an astonishing array of talent. Frankly, as the night unfolded, it left me with a sense of wonderment at the quality and range of performances. Dancers, jugglers, singers, comedians, actors, puppeteers and comedians all vied for star billing on the stage. I felt incredibly proud of our students as they bravely took to the stage in front of a packed house of guests.
The creative flair of professional theatre director Deb Batton shone throughout the performances with a dedicated team of APC staff and parents providing the vital support that a large scale event like this requires. It is a powerful example of how well a team of parents, teachers and students can work together to produce a wonderful experience for the students of Albert Park College.

Of course the vaudeville night told a bigger story. It spoke to our focus on the Arts. It highlighted our passion for developing young adults that can innovate and change and our commitment to provide an environment in which their creative talents can flourish. At Albert Park College we value creativity.

So another grand tradition has begun. Next year the Vaudeville night will be back bigger and better than ever. How creative are you? Perhaps it will be your opportunity to strut upon the stage. We are looking forward to showcasing a fresh array of talent on the stage at MeMo theatre in 2013.

This is the Christmas edition of the Albert Park College News so I would like to take the opportunity to wish you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. I would also like to thank you for your tremendous support throughout the year. Make the most of your holiday break and we look forward to another great year at Albert Park College in 2013.
MIND AND BODY DAY - YEAR 7

On Tuesday November 13th year seven students and their teachers arrived at school in the early hours of the morning ready for the 2012 Mind and Body Day. The day, dedicated to nourishing students’ minds and bodies, began with an early morning visit to the markets.

Just under 50 of our Year 7 students headed off to the Victorian Wholesale Market where they undertook a guided tour of the market on a mini train. Amongst the highlights were the various fruit and vegetables sellers who threw their wares at students as they buzzed around in the train.

The remainder of the cohort headed off to the Victoria Market on the tram. There, students completed a scavenger hunt task where they learnt about some of the Market’s history including that it was originally the site of Victoria’s cemetery. To this day the remains of 500 bodies still lie under the car park area.

After the market students returned to school for a breakfast of fresh fruit and pancakes before heading to the beach where they met their Tai Chi instructors. On the beach students performed a range of muscle relaxation and breathing exercises, in tranquil but chilly conditions, students relaxed their minds and bodies in the hour long session.

Upon their return to school students were involved in the Schools Market Fresh Presentation where representatives from the program came and spoke to students about good nutrition. The representatives brought with them samples from the Wholesale Market which students consumed as part of a taste testing session. Amongst the highlights were the fresh navel oranges and the spicy avocado dip whipped up by the representatives.

At midday, with full bellies, students headed home, many for an afternoon nap.

The day was a great success. The instructors from the Celestial Tai Chi College said that our students were the best participants they had worked with.

A lot of preparation went into the day and so thanks need to go to the following:

Sam and Bernard from our Cafe who not only provided breakfast on the day but made a generous donation to the program

Anne Stout and John Pobjoy for working with MarketFresh and overseeing the day

The Celestial Thai Chi College

All the teachers who made it in for the 5am start and accompanied students on the day
MIND AND BODY DAY - YEAR 8

On 13th of November Albert Park College participated in a Mind and Body day. One hundred students were involved in this fun and exciting program. It was an early start to the day as we had to meet at school at 6.00am. The day began with orienteering around Albert Park. We formed groups and began our journey to different destinations, until we returned back to the starting point. The trust the teachers had put in us to accomplish this task on our own, made it an enjoyable start to the day. Our next activity for the day was Tai Chi, at the beach! As this was my first Tai Chi lesson I didn’t realise how calm and relaxing the experience was. After completing these two activities we were very hungry and ready for a healthy breakfast! The breakfast that was waiting for us consisted of a variety of fruits, such as apples and oranges and warm, delicious pancakes. The next exercise that we were to commence was Pilates, this involved stretching and relaxing the mind. To complete the day we went trampling at Bounce! This was a definite work out and a great way to end the day!

Mikayla Parnis 8RB
THANKS!

Thanks to South Melbourne Community Chest, which has awarded the school a $2,000 grant to help us build up our stock of musical instruments.

The Community Chest has been providing financial support for welfare and other groups in the community for 60 years. It derives its income from an opportunity shop at 200 Bank St, South Melbourne (just near the Town Hall).

We can support Community Chest by donating clothing and other goods at the opportunity shop. If you do not work full-time, Community Chest is always looking for volunteers to assist in running the shop.

SEAL REGISTRATION

Registrations are now open for our Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program for Year 7 intake 2014.


The exam date is Saturday May 11, 2013.

ACCOUNT ENQUIRIES

For all account enquiries please email us on:

accounts@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

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

attendance@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au

Dear parents, as you are aware the Australian Curriculum commences next year, and with that comes a requirement for many new educational resources.

To avoid starting school without all the student needs, we strongly recommend you order before Christmas with our booklist supplier.
VAUDEVILLE 2012 – STUDENT REFLECTIONS

"I thought Vaudeville was really fun, because I got to perform in front of my friends and family. It was hard work but it paid off in the end. I think everyone came up with a really good performances”

Lillian Busby 8EG

"Vaudeville was so much fun, I made lots of new friends in Year 7 and 8. Working with all the parents and teachers was a great experience, and all the other students as well”

Zane Chapman 8JA

"It showed the many talents that the students at Albert Park College have. The support from non-performing students who came along anyway was fantastic. Vaudeville was great fun, the enthusiasm of the students made it even better”

Fran Tobar 8MB

"My Vaudeville experience was a memorable one. I think bringing a group of like minded performance enthusiasts together was a good one, on Miss Kilpatrick and Mr Buckingham's part (However utterly crazy at the same time). Throughout the rehearsal there were many times where a lot of us thought 'how on earth at we going to bring this together?' however it turned out rather well... ok let’s be honest it was amazing!”

Paris Scott 8JA

Although the preparation for the APC vaudeville night was quite hectic, the hard work really did pay off for everyone involved in the first school performance for APC. The atmosphere on the night was exhilarating and we were all very lucky to perform on such a historic beautiful stage. With the help of the MeMo, the hospitality team and all the teachers and parents, all of the performers had a great time and would not hesitate to do it all over again!

Eric Loong 8JA

Vaudeville was a great experience for all for all the performers and the audience. It gave us some responsibility to make our own act, rehearse it and make sure it was completed for the night. Vaudeville was great fun, I think we all had a fantastic time being able to get on stage and perform in front of an audience. I was a good taste of all of the talents that are here at APC. I enjoyed it a lot, it was incredibly fun to perform with my friends and getting up on stage was a thrill all in itself. I think it’s safe to say that we all had an amazing time, but it’s a bit sad how it’s over now, I can’t wait till next years performance.

Chloe Dimitrievitch 8TB
“Being in Vaudeville was amazing. The energy and talent that spun around the room kept us all energised for the performance. On the night everyone was really hyped up, and it was really fun and exciting”.

Aislinge Samuel 8JA

“I have thoroughly enjoyed Vaudeville, and I would love to thank all of the staff, parents and adults who helped put this show on. My favourite part of Vaudeville was when we performed, the adrenaline that you feel when you first walk on stage you are nervous, yet excited. And it was at that moment that reminded me why I was doing this show”

Dene Morris 7AK

“It was fun and enjoyable to make and learn a dance. It was a new experience to dance with a lot of friends. The finale with the Time Warp was a fun way to finish it”

Staci Barr 7CF

“Vaudeville was an awesome night! It was really enjoyable watching all the acts that Albert Park College’s talented young Year 7s and 8s worked hard at to put together. From everything I have heard, the audience really enjoyed watching at tabled and chairs, not in theatre seats. They say it was more comfortable.

As a performer, the rehearsals were enjoyable, and it was great to see all the acts. Backstage, my friend Celeste and I spent ages (and all the eye liner) working on my injury. Many people thought that it was real, and afterwards, it didn’t wash out properly, so others thought it was a real injury.

Overall, Vaudeville was a really enjoyable experience, and would definitely perform in next year’s performance!”

Anya Scoble-Hansen 7KR

“I enjoyed the vaudeville experience because I got to think about different ways of performing dance. Finding out about different talents that students in our school had was very interesting. I hope that we get to do another big performance as a whole school again soon”

Caitlyn Dunne 7CF

“Vaudeville was a great learning experience. It gave me a great insight as to how a full theatre production ran”

Barney Milner 8MB

The students, Miss Victoria Kilpatrick and I would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents and staff who volunteered their time, helped backstage and participated in the Vaudeville inspired production. A special thank you goes out to Debra Batton who rallied the troops and to David Carruthers who donated the MeMo Theatre for the night to occur.

Mr. Trevor Buckingham
YEAR 9 FRENCH NEW CALEDONIA TOUR

Plans are underway for our Year 9 trip French language and culture tour of New Caledonia.

At this stage, we are hoping to depart 16 July 2013. However, the dates are yet to be finalised. The trip is only open to students studying French in Year 9.

The aim of the excursion is to give our students an opportunity to immerse themselves in French culture and language. Likewise, they would have the opportunity to accelerate their language acquisition through communicating in French in everyday real world settings and through the immersion French language classes they would attend most mornings during the trip.

The destination of New Caledonia has been chosen for a number of reasons. Firstly, its relative proximity to Australia means reduces the cost of airfares. Secondly, it demonstrates to our students that the French language is a world language spoken in countries close to Australia.

If you are interested in your child attending this tour, a deposit of $257 per student will be required by 18 December 2012. Balance of payment will be due approximately 10 weeks before departure next year. If you missed the information night and would like more information about the upcoming trip, please contact Alison Patience.

Just a reminder that all school fees for 2013 are due by Tuesday 18th December.
**CHRISTMAS TREES**

*Parents – Your school will receive $5 for every Christmas Tree purchased*

- **6ft Tree**: $55 (inc GST)
- **Tree Stand**: $30 (inc GST)
- **Tree Set Up**: $10 (inc GST)

*Free Delivery (＆Pick Up - if needed) in local area.*
*Place your orders - Commencing 1st December 2012*

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40 HOUR FAMINE

This year more than twenty students from APC participated in the 40 Hour Famine.

The 40 Hour Famine is an initiative of World Vision and is the largest teen fundraising program in the world.

In an effort to raise funds and awareness around famine in Ethiopia students abstained from things such as food and furniture. Common sacrifices included not using furniture, abstaining from technology and refraining from talking.

From August 17th to Sunday August 19th, over a 40 hour period, students from the College abstained from their nominated sacrifices. In return for their efforts students collected sponsorship from friends and family.

This year students at APC set themselves a collective goal of raising $2000. Not only did students meet this goal, they exceeded it, raising in excess of $3000. In total APC raised $3222.00.

Students’ efforts were so impressive that they were acknowledged by World Vision through a High Achievers Award. This month a representative from world vision, Marnie Cuningham, presented the College with a High Achievers Award in recognition of our students’ amazing efforts. The College was one of only twenty recipients for this award.

All students who participated in the program will receive certificates of thanks and participation in the final end of year celebratory assembly.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the 40 Hour Famine 2012. You have made a real difference to people in need and your efforts have put poverty and hunger on the agenda.
APC STUDENT GOES INTERNATIONAL
This August, Cameron Esposito (7KC) travelled to England with the Victorian Elite Football Academy. During their tour they had the opportunity to play against both Premier League Academy and Professional sides in various divisions. They victoriously defeated the u13 sides of: Wigan 5/1, Burnley 5/2, Tranmere Rovers 6/2 and u14 side Preston 3/2. They lost to u14 sides Everton 2/6 and Acl Stanley 0/3. They were undefeated in their age group. Well done Cameron!
IPAD UPDATE

Which model iPad do I buy for the 2013 School Year?

The minimum model required is the Apple iPad 2 WI-FI unit with 16GB of memory (white or black) and is available for a retail price of approximately $429.00. Families are free to purchase any better model than this unit, such as the iPad with Retina Display, or units with more memory. Please note that the College is not recommending the iPad mini. Families will need to purchase the iPad 2 or iPad with retina display that both have a ‘9.7-inch’ (diagonal) sized display.

Please note that where students are returning to APC in 2013 and already own an iPad 1, there is no requirement that these iPads be upgraded or replaced if they are still in good physical condition and working order. However, please ensure that they have been fully updated with the latest software updates, that they are either being backed up to iCloud/iTunes and that the iPad has a cover or case in good condition.
HOW DID OUR STUDENTS GET TO AND FROM ALBERT PARK COLLEGE TODAY?

Did they make their own way by walking, cycling, boarding, scooting or taking public transport, or were they driven by car?

Was this their preferred way of travelling? If not, why not?

We want to encourage students to make their own way to and from school. This will help to:

• Reduce our carbon footprint
• Increase students’ independence and autonomy
• Build students’ understanding, awareness of and connectedness to the local community
• Reduce traffic congestion
• Increase physical activity levels

Which is why we are taking part in the City of Port Phillip’s School Travel Program.

By now you should have had a chance to participate by completing one of our student, parent or teacher electronic surveys. Thank you for your contribution. Each month, a 5-minute, Hands Up survey will provide us with valuable, regular snapshots of travel information from students. And Friday the 7th December is “Map My Way Day”, when we will be asking students to plot the routes they take to get to and from school.

This initial data will help us begin to understand what facilitates and what hinders our students using sustainable transport options. This is just the first step. You will be hearing from us regularly as we check in with you (the school community), map, audit, check in, communicate, implement strategies and negotiate changes and ...check in with you again.

Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to working with you as part of the APC community on this very exciting project. And of course, if you’re tempted to join us more actively, please let us know,

The APC Travel Plan team
Which includes: Lynda Moore, Yr 8 parent (moorerossignol@internode.on.net)
Mr Skanda Coffield-Feith (coffield-feith.alexanda.a@edumail.vic.gov.au)
Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of $250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of $200 and $300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis.

Contact: School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is 28 February 2013.
A big thank you!

Merry Christmas and a happy start to the new year. On behalf of all of us at Albert Park College, thank you for your support throughout the year and we look forward to great things ahead in 2013.