PRINCIPAL’S SAY

ARTS AND CREATIVITY

At Albert Park College we are passionate about the arts. Our Annual Art Show is the centerpiece of the arts calendar but sitting behind it is a highly creative arts program ranging from the traditional forms of painting and drawing to emerging art forms built around the high level use of multimedia.

Albert Park College was designed to showcase art. As part of the design brief we directed our design team to create a space resembling a large scale art installation space. The school itself is a living gallery, purpose built to showcase works of art. The polished concrete floors and the graphic design elements all serve to highlight the buildings’ potential to display a wide range of art.

Our vision has been to populate the building with original works of art in order to create a living gallery that will both inspire and provoke deep thought and discussion among our students and broader school community. We envisage a school in which we are able to hang over three hundred works of art ranging from student work to professional works contributed by our school community.

Each floor of the building will feature an artistic theme. Imagine a floor dedicated to indigenous art or a space dedicated to graphic art. Primarily, we are seeking Australian works of art, young, contemporary, affordable art that will resonate with our students. Works across a range of mediums will include works on paper, prints,
sculpture and multimedia. Most of all we are seeking art that will generate ideas and inspire debate.

Already we have some notable pieces of art in place, notably from our inaugural artist in residence, sculptor John Meade, but we feel that now is the time to rapidly expand our collection.

Therefore we have established the Albert Park College art library. The aim of the art library is two fold. First, to encourage the creativity and talent of our students and to recognise their talent by hanging their significant works throughout the building.

Second, we are seeking to expand our collection by working with our community. We are actively seeking artwork to either be donated or placed on loan at the school. All works will be meticulously catalogued and the generosity of our supporters acknowledged alongside the work.

This will lead to further development of our arts program. Artists in residence will find a permanent place in the life of the school. Permanent and temporary exhibitions will be continually refreshed and regular gallery openings will become a permanent feature of the school year. We will be able to fully support emerging artists at APC.

I have a vision of a school filled with incredible, beautiful art. A building that reflects the artistic sensibility of this community. An art collection that provokes discussion and wonderment from all who visit the site. A place of inspiration for all who inhabit the building. We will feature exemplary works of art that will serve to inspire the creative talents of the students at Albert Park College.

Currently, we are seeking your support. Do you have a piece that you could contribute to the school or do you have a strategy that would enable us to build our collection? With your support we can make this vision a reality.

Finally, I would like to invite all members of the Albert Park Community to visit the College on our Annual Open Day. We consider the Open Day to be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the very impressive range of programs on offer at the College. It is an occasion that has as much appeal for our existing families as parents who are considering coming to Albert Park College in the future. It is a day in which we open our doors and welcome in our community. I look forward to seeing you there.

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal
You are most welcome to attend our open day, join a guided tour, peruse displays and talk to our staff and students.

Foundation Principal Presentation: 4.00pm and 6.00pm

In 2014 Albert Park College will provide a Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program for Year 7 students who have exceptional academic ability. This program offers students the opportunity to undertake challenging learning experiences that are tailored to meet the needs of students of outstanding academic achievement.

Enquiries regarding the program should be directed to the college on 8695 9000.

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HOST A FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENT

In August this year, Albert Park College will welcome an exchange student from France. This student will be here for 10 months. We’re calling out for a family to host this student for his entire stay - or for a few families to share the responsibility by each hosting him for a few months.

Hosting gives families the opportunity to learn about another culture while promoting our Australian lifestyle. It’s also a perfect way to make new friends!

The exchange student would immerse himself in your daily routine. This means he would go to school with you and participate in any extra curricular activities you do such as sport.

The exchange program is being organised by Nacel Australia. They are looking for compassionate families who have an interest in other cultures and would like to host an exchange student to help develop the student's English skills.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student please contact Alison Patience by either calling the school or emailing: patience.alison.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

AU REVIOIR OCEANE PLESSIS!

Dear Mr Cook,

I would like to thank you a lot for hosting me as a student in Albert Park College. I had a fantastic time and met lovely people, students and teachers.

The school is very different to mine back in France. It offers a lot more choices, electives, which I really enjoyed, especially Food and Textiles. I think the relationship between teachers and students is great, unfortunately it’s not the same in France because the teachers are much stricter.

Using iPads and all the new technology has been very different and interesting along my stay. It’s a very good and innovative idea to work on. I wish we had this in my old school where all the teachers were trying to get a video projector for use in the classroom – quite funny comparing this to the technology of Albert Park College.

If you ask me what the highlight of my stay here was, I would definitely say the school camp and the end of Year 8, which was great, and also making the skirt in Textiles.

I would encourage all students to do this experience if they have the opportunity. You get to know the lifestyle of a country other than yours, a different culture and maybe a different language.

I’m leaving on Monday, and I am quite sad to leave the school, my friends, my host family and Australia. I am going to miss everyone so much, and hope to come back here very soon!

Thank you so much again to you, the principal, and all the teachers and students who have been lovely to me.

Kind regards,

Oceane Plessis (9JW)
Thank you to everyone who attended our first Art Show meeting at the end of term 1.

We have a fabulous team on board for our 2013 show and its sure to be a fabulous success.

Dates are set for:
- Opening Night   Friday 25th October - 7pm - 11pm
- Family Day/Night  Saturday 26th October - 12pm - 8pm
- Art show & Rotary Book Fair
  Sunday 27th October - 10am - 3pm

Tasks that we would really appreciate assistance with are:
- Artists to exhibit (entry forms available by early June)
- Advertising
- Getting posters & invitations out to the community
- Sales staff
- Cash to assist with our prize money
- Donations for our Silent Auction
- Budding photographers to create a paparazzi feel on opening night
- A red carpet for the entrance (we usually pay to hire this)
- Parent helpers to assist our students in the kitchen
- Bar staff for opening night & saturday Family Day/Night
- Sausage Sizzle assistance
- & Cake baking

Please call on 0410 596 415 or email apcollegeartshow@gmail.com if you can provide any of the above assistance. Every little job filled, makes the task that much more enjoyable.

Warm wishes

Trudy Rice, Convenor/Curator
WANT TO JOIN THE APC CONCERT BAND?

Concert Band has made a flying start to the year.

Continually growing in size as well as skills, the ensemble has been diligently rehearsing Thursday mornings at 8am in the music room. There are still many spaces available, so if you play a brass or woodwind instrument you are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

WAR HORSE

On Wednesday the 6th of March, 41 students attended the State Theatre to watch the sensational production of War Horse. Students were enthralled by the glamour of the theatre and were moved to tears by the plays absorbing storyline. On behalf of the College, I would like to thank Natasha Herbert for providing this opportunity for our students.

Victoria Kilpatrick
INQUIRY AND EMPATHY: HISTORICAL VALUES AS SEEN FROM A STUDENT TEACHER

As a pre-service or student Humanities teacher, I am fortunate to be placed at Albert Park College. In this article I want to mention one particular factor which I noticed on my first day (and every day since). It is the emphasis on historical inquiry and empathy in the Humanities Department, which both the staff and the curriculum teach every day.

I thought you, the wider school community, should be aware and feel proud of the APC students who are asking sophisticated questions that demonstrate both understanding and motivation for their learning. This is historical inquiry.

Yes, history has plenty of basic factual evidence which provides answers. However, what I find to be more interesting are the questions without clear ‘right’ answers. Why were women excluded from the first democracies and how has this changed modern history? (Ancient Greece and Rome, Year 7) What power did the Catholic Church have during Medieval Europe, and did this improve peoples lives? (Medieval Europe, Year 8) Why has Gallipoli shaped Australian identity? Is it still relevant? (World War One, Year 9)

You can feel proud that every APC student that I’ve come into contact with has demonstrated historical empathy. For example, the Vikings weren’t necessarily bloodthirsty monsters, but were responding with the last option they had due to restricted trade options. (Vikings, Year 8) Soldiers weren’t the only ones suffering during the Great War, mothers and sisters made enormous sacrifices on the home front. (World War One, Year 9)

Historical inquiry and empathy are at the forefront of the new Australian Curriculum and of academic discussion, and it’s exciting to observe and teach in a school where these principles are not simply valued, but taught and learned in classrooms.

Thanks for having me APC, it’s been an unforgettable experience.

Chloe Tayler
University of Melbourne Teacher Candidate
Master of Teaching
History and Humanities
DIVING

Emma Madgwick competed in the district and regional levels for APC, winning both and qualifying for the Victorian Schools State Championships in the U13 category. She has now competed in that competition and was the champion for Victoria in her age group. The next level is to compete for Victoria at the Nationals. We wish her the best of luck!

TEENNES

Samuel Proudlove, Hamish Ramsay, Nick Thexton and Johnny Wilson represented APC at the Preliminary rounds of the Victorian Schools Tennis Competition. They played well, and were victors in one of the doubles matches, however ended up as runners up against Dandenong. Congratulations goes to the boys for making it this far, and also to Felix Harvey who was a member of the team at the district tournament.

HOCKEY

Congratulations goes to Sophie Crandall who was successful at the Victorian Schools State Hockey trials last week. She was accepted and now moves onto the next stage. We wish her well in the team and upcoming matches.
SWIMMING

Paris Wright achieved a 1st in the 50m Freestyle at the southern metropolitan finals and competed at the Victorian Schools State Championship, achieving a 5th placing in her race. She performed very well and represented APC in great spirit. Congratulations goes to her on her success.

Oscar Paulke, Kurtis Macaulay, Hamish Ramsay and Fraser Jackson competed at the southern Metropolitan finals with varied success. Oscar Paulke gained a bronze in the 50m Backstroke, and the relay team consisting of all four boys also gained a bronze in the 4 x 50m freestyle race. Congratulations to all six students who attended this event, APC came away with many successes and all team members came back with a medal! Congratulations!

NETBALL GALA DAY

On the 8th of March, two of our Year Eight students took a leadership role in supporting the Albert Park Primary School Netball Gala Day. Students are to be commended on their participation and contribution to their local community.

*Victoria Kilpatrick*

“It was a great experience for us and gave us great leadership roles for the young kids at the school. We had a lot of fun being role models for them and enjoyed their company. Over all the day was great, we met new people and had the most amazing time.”

*From Mattie Gouman 8VK and Shanon Ristow 8EG*
REGIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Christian Sterjov (8KD) recently represented the College at the Regional Secondary Schools Senior and Junior Golf Championship.

“It was a very muddy, windy, rainy, day but the course was in a playable condition. The course is very hilly and very slippery I didn’t start the day well but I made a good comeback on some holes. My score was 94 off the stick. It was nice playing in a group and representing the College. Some days are good, some are bad – my one was bad but at least I tried my best for the school”

Good effort Christian!

A NOTE FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

“Students must be prepared for all weathers and expect sports lessons to be as normal, even if it is raining! Bring a towel and a change of uniform for after your sports lesson.” Thanks!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

HOW CAN I HELP?

We have chosen to complete all fundraising online, which means there is no paperwork and no cash. Students will ask for sponsors by sending out emails to family and friends. You can help your child raise above and beyond their personal fundraising target by helping them fill in the email addresses of any potential sponsors.

The more you raise, the more you win. Check out the amazing prizes on offer at https://jrfh.tsacorporation.com/JRFH_Form/Thank%20You%20Prizes%20Poster.pdf

Albert Park College is joining the Jump Rope for Heart fundraising program. All Year 7 students will sign-up and complete the program as part of their Leadership Fitness classes. However, all students are invited to join in and help the college raise funds for the Heart Foundation. To join the cause, log onto Log on to: www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart and follow the directions!
Albert Park College opened its doors in January 2011 and we have had a wonderful first two ‘and a bit’ years. We now have almost 500 students and the school continues to develop in 2013. Over the past few years at APC, we have embarked on a number of programs, activities and events; however, there is one event that I am very proud to be associated. As we are a multicultural school, last year we decided to celebrate this and invited students, families, teachers and the community to be involved in our inaugural ‘Multicultural Day’. The day was a great success and we had numerous cultures represented, particularly India, Italy and France.

On the day, both students and teachers enjoyed a range of activities such as Bollywood and Italian Folk dancing, we learnt African drumming, ate French crepes, made garlands, sang and played games such as carom-board and European Handball. Students also learnt origami, meditated, did a yoga session and even dressed-up in traditional Indian costumes. Additionally, there was face painting, henna-art and more! We also heard from a special guest speaker.

We are hoping to make the day even bigger and better this year and if you have any ideas or would like to be involved in some capacity, please contact Matt Styles or myself as soon as possible to organise your activity. The date of our ‘Multicultural Day’ is Friday the 26th of July, 2013. Thank you and we do hope to hear from you soon!

Mr Wallace Smith
jameswallacesmith@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au
matthewstyles@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au
**APC FAMILIES EVENTS IN 2013**

We’ve had a great start to 2013, and our schedule of activities is crystallizing. Here’s the plan so far:

- **Our Trivia Night** is on 21 June. It’s coordinated by Vince Di Mitrio & Emma Barbero, who are calling for help making the fun. Email Vince on vindim07@gmail.com.

- **Our Parents Connect team** is meeting monthly and developing some great initiatives for helping us all learn how to be better participants in our children’s education. Stay tuned for the dates of parent education evenings on social media (presented by students), living with teenagers, and other ideas. Contact Cynthia Calva cynthia_calva@mac.com to join in.

- **Our Partnerships and Grants Team** is meeting monthly at 8am before work, email Mark mark.shep@optusnet.com.au if you can contribute, it’s a collaborative and productive way to be a part of the school.

- **Our fundraising social night** at Stavros Tavern is being coordinated by Robyn May (date to be set).

- **The parents and students Snow Camp in late August/early September** is being progressed by Tim Walsh and his small team of snow lovers. If you ski save up some leave, as this is a four days’ of quality time skiing with your child, great fun, and relatively inexpensive.

- **The Great Victorian Bike Ride** (for parents and students) in late November is led by Cate Hewitson and her peloton. Last year’s was a hit for both parents and students, a week of healthy activities with your child, quite achievable for riders at most levels.

- **Multicultural Day** (parents invited) on 26 July calls for everyone with pride in their heritage to help make it even bigger than last year, more details to follow.

- **Our great big fabulous Art Show** is confirmed for 25-27 October, curated by Trudy Rice (apcollegeartshow@gmail.com), who seeking people for lots of creative jobs.

- **Our Families Camp** is confirmed for 16 November in Marysville (coordinated by Clair Turner apc.clairsturner@gmail.com).

- **Our Vaudeville Night at Memo** is on again, more details to follow.

- **Turn up for a casual coffee at our cool school café** on the last Friday of each month, and come to an evening meeting to find out more.

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There are three ways to be part of your child’s education through APC Families:
You can communicate the values to your children that education matters, by getting involved in school life or leading initiatives which are good for our school and which inspire others.
You can ensure all our children are surrounded by a protective community through their teenage years by getting to know your child’s friends’ families, simply by coming along to APC Families events.
You can help the school achieve the things you want to see, by initiating or helping with fundraising initiatives or by giving money to the school.

APC Families meeting dates:
At the school on Wednesdays at 7pm on
22 May, 19 June, 21 August, 18 September, 16 October, 20 November.

APC Families is:
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Your child will have a better education if you are part of it
The APC Partnerships Team is helping to implement the Green School Program, which aims to provide students with an understanding of the process of food production ‘from the paddock to the plate’, through hands-on experience of growing plants. The project got off the ground at the beginning of the year with the installation of raised vegie planters outside the kitchens, thanks to funding from the Coles Junior Landcare program. Our latest partner is the Garden of Eden, which has donated 6 apple trees. The next stage of the project is a vertical garden and ‘green’ outside the library.

The team is also seeking partners to support the Artists in Residence program, multi-media infrastructure, solar panels, drama space fit-out, additional bike parking and the art acquisition program.

If you are interested in helping us build partnerships with supportive organisations, please contact Mark Sheppard on mark.shep@optusnet.com.au.

Albert Park College would like to thank The Garden of Eden Nursery for their generous donation of six apple trees last month. These will help contribute to the realisation of the APC greening strategy.
Chess is the world’s most popular mind sport! It is not only fun to play but has many educational benefits. Chess has been shown to develop numerical skills, problem solving, pattern visualisation, memory, creativity, concentration and confidence.

Whether you would like to play chess as a hobby or represent APC at Interschool Chess Competitions, you will learn many techniques to improve your play. Lessons include strategy, tactics, psychological preparation, chess mythology and stories, and of course, playing plenty of chess! Trophies are presented to the top players at the end of every Term.

**DAY:** Monday Lunchtimes

**DATES:** 22nd April – 17th June

**COST:** $90 ($10 per week)

**TEACHER:** George Zaprudsky. George has been playing top level tournament chess for 25 years and has been teaching chess for 10 years. He is the winner of State and National Junior titles Contact: george@zedchess.com.au.

All students are welcome to try out the Chess Academy in the first week and there will be no charge if you decide not to sign up for the Term.

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**ALBERT PARK COLLEGE CHESS ACADEMY – TERM 2, 2013**

Please return with payment to the school office or to the chess teacher by the second week of chess classes in a clearly marked envelope. (Cheques are payable to zedChess).

Name: _______________________________  Age: ___  Parent Name: _______________________________

Phone/s: _______________________________  Email: _______________________________

Payment By:  [ ] Cash  [ ] Cheque (Payable to zedChess)  [ ] Direct Debit*

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If paying by Direct Debit please ensure that you have paid prior to returning this form. Thank you.
The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship sense – the emotional connection between our children and us is never severed.

In a practical, physical way we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us.

Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more!

We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time.

Recently I gave my 22 year old son a job that I had been doing for a while. He lives in North America and I had taken on the job of being the connector between him and one of his sisters, who lives in the UK. It had been my job to pass messages on between the two via telephone and emails. I would update each of them about how the other sibling was going.

Frustrated being the go-between I made sure he had contact details and let him know that it was his job, not my job, to connect with his sister.

We easily take on children’s responsibilities

It is easy as parents to take on the jobs and responsibilities that really should belong to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and clean up after them rather than give these jobs over to them.

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

And as I discovered, it is easy to still do the basics of life for adult-aged children.

TIP NO. 1 for developing independence:

Be clear about who owns jobs or tasks in your family and never take on a child’s job, or part of a task, unless there is extenuating circumstances such as illness.

A mother I met recently is very clear on who does what in her home. It is her job to wash the clothes of her early teenage children but it is their job to place them in the washing basket. She doesn’t check bedrooms as it is not her job to place kids’ clothes in the washing basket.

Okay, I can hear your thought processes. Sounds good but what happens if kids don’t give a toss and they don’t mind being dirty?

Good point. In this case, this mum has a son who is, to say the least, fairly slack in the area of hygiene. But she didn’t become overly fussed about that.

She certainly didn’t get fussed when he played a game of football in the wet, muddy jumper that lay in his sports bag for a week. And she happily showed him how to work the washing machine when he wanted his favourite shirt (that he forgot to put in the washing basket) to be washed for a special night out.

TIP NO. 2 for developing independence:

Never be more worried about a child’s job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs.

This mum remained very clear that it was her job to wash the clothes but not to place them in the washing basket. She would remind kids about washing night, but never nag them to put clothes in the basket. She knows that as soon as she keeps reminding them, it becomes HER job rather than her children’s job to put the washing in the clothes basket.

The school holidays provides a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It’s also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extracurricular activities.

Here’s my challenge for you: Think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he or she can do for him or herself. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less not more for your kids.

If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more toward REDUNDANCY.

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www.parentingideas.com.au
Dear Principal,

Workout World would like to help you in raising funds to put towards purchasing gym equipment for your school by donating your choice of an Avanti HG2000 Home Gym or Avanti AT480 Treadmill both valued at $2500 to be raffled off. Ticket books will be provided by Workout World.

With such extreme levels of childhood obesity ever increasing, it is important that we try to slow this down and the best ways to tackle this problem is firstly getting children to eat properly which has been achieved by the school canteen healthy eating programme, the second way is to exercise. The school gymnasium gives children the opportunity to learn how to exercise properly at a young age so hopefully they can continue this throughout their childhood and adult lives.

Don't let your school miss out on this great opportunity, call us now to organize.

APC Sport Fundraiser!

Workout world has kindly donated either a Avanti Treadmill or Avanti Multigym, valued at $2500. The APC sport department will be raffling off this wonderful prize in an effort to gain more gym equipment for our school fitness room.

Students will be asked to collect a raffle booklet if they would like to help the school with this fundraiser and we will be drawing the raffle at the end of the term.

Tickets are $5.00 each, with all proceeds going to the APC Sports department and the school fitness room.

Please encourage your child to collect a booklet and help raise some money for sport!
ART SHOW
ALBERT PARK COLLEGE

Annual curated Art Exhibition
Preview Night 25 October 2013
Tickets available online from September
Free admission to public 26 and 27 October

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Invitation to artists for 2 & 3 dimensional works
Work selected by committee
Entries $10. Closes 20 September 2013
Curators – Trudy Rice & Lesley Melody
Enquiries – 0410 596 415 or apcollegeartshow@gmail.com

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