A wise school invests in its staff.

We know that the quality of teaching makes the single most important difference in the quality of your child's education so we need to ensure that we support our teachers at Albert Park College in their endeavor to be the very best.

We can learn from the top performing school systems in the world, such as Finland and Singapore, which are characterized by a continuous focus on professional development.

At Albert Park College we value a culture of excellence and we are open to new methods of teaching and learning. We foster innovation and change and provide regular opportunities to develop an understanding of the best way to teach so that our teachers just keep getting better.

We invest in our teachers because it is their work, their commitment that delivers results. They need to feel valued and supported and one of the best ways to demonstrate our commitment to them is to provide challenging, thought provoking and stimulating professional development.

The best professional development encourages an air of excitement and curiosity while opening up their minds to new and innovative ideas. It must speak directly to them, build on their skills and challenge them to think in new and interesting ways.

To grow, develop and be successful we need to nurture a vibrant learning culture. Great teachers are invariably great learners. They have the same thirst for knowledge and new ideas that our students have and we have to keep that hunger for knowledge alive.

Hayley Schirmer - eLearning Co-ordinator

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The next most important step is to take that great set of ideas and ensure that they are consistently applied across the college. Everyone needs to understand why we value this idea and we must ensure that every student gets the full benefit.

Everyone needs to fully understand why a common approach to teaching and learning is so important. On-going professional development - targeted and consistently applied across the school - is a powerful way to deliver outstanding results for our students. That is why professional development is so highly valued at Albert Park College.

Every week we dedicate two hours to staff development and this focus is reinforced by our annual two day teaching and learning conference.

This year we held the conference at Healesville, a picturesque setting in which we discussed the best ways to maximize student achievement. We developed skills to differentiate student learning - making sure that our lessons target each and every individual in the classroom.

We want challenging, higher order thinking tasks to be part of every lesson we teach. We also explored the best way to transform the way we teach technology so expect some outstanding digital work from our students in 2014.

The conference keynote speaker was Wayne Craig. Wayne has recently been awarded the Order of Australia for his service to Education and he provided an inspirational insight into the best ways to deliver outstanding results in a school.

Another feature of the conference were the workshops led by teachers of Albert Park College. What stood out was our increasing ability to showcase the high-end skills of our teachers. We have in our midst highly skilled and innovative educators. It points to a great future for Albert Park College.

Steve Cook  Foundation Principal
MULTICULTURAL DAY

Multicultural Day began for me with a lesson on Indigenous Art and Culture. Using only traditional resources, we created some inventive works of art. We were very fortunate to have a visiting indigenous elder who taught us about their culture and entertained us with Dreamtime stories.

Lunchtime was my favourite part of the day. The central courtyard was transformed into a multicultural carnival. It was brimming with a flurry of colours, a variety of exotic foods and a cacophony of sounds. With so many things going on in the courtyard, what caught my attention the most was the Hare Krishna music and chanting. It felt like we had been transported into another world.

Next, we tried our hands at the ancient Japanese art of Origami and I discovered just how incredible folded paper can really look. Soon we were surrounded by penguins, ducks and even a few paper planes.

We finished the day with European handball. My team came an overall second which was a pretty good way to finish off Multicultural Day.

My most memorable impression were these words shared by our visiting indigenous elder that “it is important to note how diverse our country is and to acknowledge the heritage of this land we live in and its history.”

Tom Spillane  7MM
VAUDEVILLE - STUDENT REFLECTIONS

“Vaudeville was a great success! It was a wonderful experience for everyone who was involved with the production. After days of solid rehearsal all cast and crew gave two shows that completely dazzled the audience. There was a wide variety of talent such as singing, music, acting and dancing. The whole vaudeville experience was so much fun, and we can’t wait until next year’s performance! We would like to thank Ms Brown, Ms Kilpatrick and Mr Buckingham for making Vaudeville such a special experience for all of us!”

“My favourite moment in Vaudeville was when we were all on stage for the finale of the second show and we were all so happy and buzzing with excitement because of the show. You could just look around and you knew everybody was thinking the same thing!”

“Well I loved being on stage because usually I’m not that confident!”

“My favourite moment was the finale because everyone got to sing together.”

“My favourite moment was when I saw my parents watching me in the audience!”
APC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014

Albert Park College held its Annual Carnival event at the Lakeside Stadium Albert Park on Friday 16th June 2012. Parents and students arrived and settled into the stands on a blustery morning and the sports staff kicked things off with the hurdles as the first events.

Words of encouragement were chanted out for the athletes from the excited crowd. Meanwhile, the students participating gathered at the marshalling areas for further preparation, nervous but ready for the challenge.

The school sports house areas of Flannery, Freeman and Winton were adorned with big banners and flags. Mascots of each team appeared like colourful cartoon characters and against the very windy backdrop the day started. Students had trained long and hard for this day and were excited to show their athletic skills.

Challenging events were held throughout the course of the day such as the exciting 100 metre race, shot put and the tug of war. After the athletes showed their skills on the track and field, the relays were held. The staff race being won by Flannery streaking away like a green flash.

At the end of the day the final announcements were called and all athletes waited in anticipation. As the cheering of the crowds settled Winton were announced as champions of the day.

A big congratulations to all athletes and staff that made the day such a success.

- Mr Kyeran Clutton - Head of Sport
The bitter wind pinched at my skin as I walked through the athletics gate on Friday, 16th of August. Dressed head to toe in blue, I was prepared to do Winton proud. Hundreds of kids in the stands watch as everyone takes their seats on the white bleachers, ready for the day to begin by the teacher’s signal. As we’re welcomed to the event, students smile, breathing in the fresh air of the grounds, and teachers smile, glad to be out of the classroom for a day. As the day kicks off to a quick start, I take a swig of my drink bottle and head off to the running track. About to begin my first event-100 meters- I’m excited to compete, but nervous because there are so many awesome sprinters in my age group. We all take our places at the yellow line, crouch and bow our heads waiting for the gun to tell us to go. What seemed like 5 minutes later, Mr. Popjoy announced the words we’d all be anticipating: On your marks! Get set! GO! And boy, we were off. My legs felt numb from the speed of stride I was taking. Tiredness seemed to take over my body and I slightly slowed my pace. The race seemed to be over in three seconds flat. Sophia dominated the field. Monique took the place of second, Fran scored third, and me, well I got fifth. I thought I could’ve placed better, but I had some tough competition and tried my best, that was really all that mattered. After my first quick competition, I rested for quite a while. I chilled with my friends, cheered on my house and had too many laughs to count. The rest of the day, I raced in 200 meters, came third, and threw a shot put, but that didn’t feel quite as adequate after watching the boys throw 8 metres and more. It was coming towards the end of the day, and the announcement was made that Winton had finally won the athletics carnival! Feelings of happiness and pride overtook by body as I jumped up and screamed congratulations to my house. As if I wasn’t ecstatic enough, Barney tells me after, “You placed third in 200 meters, imagine if those were the points that pushed Winton to come first.” needless to say, it was a productive and accomplishng athletics carnival, and it was a nice getting a day just for sport. I look forward to next year’s one, and seeing Winton dominate the field again and again!

Melanie Erceg 9KC
SPORTING CONGRATULATIONS!

In July this year, Year 9 students Samuel Stewart and Brayden Martin went to Adelaide to compete in the State Kurt De-Fris Ice Hockey Tournament. Playing in the Under 15s Victorian team, the boys came home victorious, winning gold for the state. Sam was also awarded the title of Most Valuable Player, a fantastic recognition of his skills and contribution to his team. We congratulate Sam and Brayden on their outstanding commitment and effort in their chosen sport, and we look forward to their continued success as they move into the Under 18s team in 2014!

GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE TRAINING

To prepare for the GVBR students, parents and teachers have been doing training rides together on the weekends. On Sunday 25th of August a group of riders met at Southern Cross Station and took the train down to South Geelong to ride the rail trail to Queenscliff. The bike trail follows the old railway line all the way to Queenscliff through some beautiful bush, especially as all the wattle trees were in bloom. The ride was good, and according to Wells 'easier than the Yarra Trail' as it was less hilly. We rode the nearly 40kms to Queenscliff, had lunch and turned back, on the ride back stopping at Drysdale Station to enjoy the swings. The ride was enjoyed by all.

If you are interested in joining the next ride on 15th September email apcgvbr@gmail.com

Mr Coffield-Feith
YEAR 8 BASKETBALL - DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Both year 8 Basketball boys and girls teams won the grand finals of the Beachside Division tournament on Thursday 15th August at Waverley Basketball Stadium.

Both teams showed the hard training had paid off as they both went unbeaten through the whole tournament reaching the grand finals.

**BOYS**
- v Cheltenham  Win 49 - 9
- v Elwood     Win 12 - 11
- v Liebler Yavneh  Win 46 - 0
- v Malvern Central Win 40 - 15
- v VCD        Win 40 - 15
- SEMI FINAL v Malvern  Won 45 - 15
- GRAND FINAL v Elwood  Won 16 - 7

**GIRLS**
- v Cheltenham  Win 36 - 4
- v Mentone    Win 55 - 1
- v Liebler Yavneh  Win 51 - 6
- v Malvern Central Win 47 - 0
- SEMI FINAL v Mentone  Won 42 - 0
- GRAND FINAL v Cheltenham  Won 38 - 4

Fantastic effort. Congratulations to all the players and good luck in the next round.
APC STUDENT REPRESENTS VICTORIA

Jeremy Scott (7KM) was one of 10 boys chosen from 2000 applicants to represent Victoria in the Australian School Sports 12 years and under National Championships held at the WA State Basketball Centre in Perth between 17 to 23 August.

They travelled over with the 12 and under girls and the 18 and under girls and boys teams.

The 12 and under boys had a very successful tournament finishing undefeated on top of the ladder and remained undefeated throughout the final series to take out the championship.

The Grand Final was against a very talented SA but Victoria's greater height and strength proved too much on the day. Unfortunately the 12 and under girls were defeated in their Grand Final during overtime by two points and came runners up.

All in all a great experience for the boys playing against the top basketball players in the country.

The photo is the starting jump ball between Victoria and defending champions and arch rivals NSW.
NEW CALEDONIA TRIP

For the first time in Albert Park College’s history a group of sixteen, Year 8 and 9 students traveled over the South Pacific Ocean to the shores of New Caledonia. With the company of our beloved French teacher, Miss Alison Patience and our Foundation Principal Mr Steve Cook, we left Australia for an entire week of new experiences, learning and enjoyment. For many of us it was the first time traveling over seas and was slightly daunting, but Miss Patience made sure that it was stress free. We attended the local French school during the days. The lessons were taught by locals and it was certainly challenging considering they had a tendency to only speak in French. Not only did we have to answer their questions, first we had to translate what they were talking about. Our trip was not just all work. We got the chance to visit some amazing places including Phare Amedee, a small island that is home to many animals, coral reefs and sea-life. One bush was found to be home to more than twenty snakes! Unfortunately the day was a rainy one and many of us got unintentionally wet, this pattern held until our last few days in New Caledonia when the weather turned bright and hot. It was truly an amazing way to kick-start Albert Park College’s overseas expeditions. This trip sets the standard for all future trips and it was all thanks to the hard work and planning done by Miss Patience. Thank you from all of us for gifting us with the wonderful trip.

By Emma Younger 9JW
IN MEMORY

This month the APC community was deeply saddened by the passing of one of our foundation parents, Isobel Karin. Isobel touched the lives of many in our community and will be sadly missed.

Foundation parent Babs Fairchild reflects on her memories of Isobel:

“My family met Isobel at the first APC family gathering back in 2010. She had a beautiful smile and a friendly welcome for everyone. We were all keen to see our children settle in and for the school to excel. She loved to see her children active in everything from dance, music, physical challenges and activity to school work. Her love for her family and care for those around her carried on in her interaction with the school. Every foundation parent will remember her at some APC event or other. We will miss her in so many ways and our hearts go out to her family who have lost so much with her passing. Hold on to the good times, remember those beautiful laughs and hugs, carry her spirit in your heart and move into the future she wanted you to have.”

Donations to Cancer Council Victoria can be made at:
http://www.cancervic.org.au

In support of this cause, Anne Stout and Zoe Ord will be running the Melbourne Half Marathon on October 13, 2013.

If you’d like to support them to raise funds for Cancer Council Victoria, please go to:
PARTNERSHIPS PROGRESS
— ENSURING APPROPRIATE PARTNERS

APC is developing partnerships with a wide range of community, government, philanthropic and commercial organisations to help support our innovative programs and projects. In doing this, we are conscious of the need to ensure that all our partners are ethical and consistent with our values—a positive culture, community respect, fairness, a culture of excellence and environmental sustainability. There are government guidelines to govern who we engage with. In addition, we have developed our own guidelines to ensure that we only partner with suitable organisations.

We are also developing guidelines to ensure that the school and local business communities are not overwhelmed with fundraising activities, and that we use our efforts effectively.

If you are interested in helping us build partnerships with supportive organisations, please contact Mark Sheppard on mark.shep@optusnet.com.au.
ARTS DAY, 2013

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Does any one have any of the following items that they would be willing to donate for us to use on Arts Day, 2013?

We are looking for:

- Embroidery Cotton
- Small canvas boards, or canvas pads of paper
- Easily bendable wire, and/or wire cutters
- Electrical Tape

Please contact Annie Barton or Eleanor Voterakis at school if you do!

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ADOLESCENTS AND THEIR DIGITAL WORLD

On Thursday evening August 23rd, Albert Park College held a ‘Social Media and Cyber Safety’ presentation run by four Year nine students - Julia Aruci, Luke Patitsas, Charles Denison and myself. We constructed a keynote presentation filled with information on social networking sites from Facebook to Instagram. We discussed how we as young teenagers, just entering the digital world, use social media, and the precautions we take. Parents and guardians who attended the talk asked a wide range of questions, from their concerns about privacy issues to how to run certain apps.

As adolescents growing up in a world where nearly everything is or involves technology, we all found it quite easy to chat to our audience about our opinions and personal experiences that we have had over the years.

Though the gathering for our social media talk was small, we all really enjoyed it and we hope to have laid down the foundation for future student-run presentations at Albert Park College.

Molly Houghton 9JW

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CAMBODIA

From the 2nd - 15th of September a group of 15 Year 9s will be visiting Cambodia. During this expedition students will be helping locals to build a house and will working in an orphanage.

You can follow their adventures by visiting www.apccambodiadiscussion.blogspot.com.au
Vocal Soiree
A Celebration of Song

DATE
Wed 20th November

TIME
7pm

VENUE
Albert Park College
The Drama Space

For further information contact -
nadinebrown@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au

World Challenge
Malaysia

Parent Presentation

Date:
Monday 9th September

Time:
6.30 PM

Location:
The Drama Centre

Are you in?

www.worldchallenge.com.au
NEXT ART SHOW GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 11th September at 7pm, APC reception
All welcome!

ART ENTRIES
Albert Park College is now preparing for its Third Art Show to be held on 25, 26 & 27 October 2013. It is a celebration of all things creative!

Professionally curated by Trudy Rice local artist and President of the Firestation Print Studio with Lesley Melody, Award winning Melbourne Artist. The exhibition will contain an impressive array of art produced by both established professionals and amateur local artists, including the talented students of Albert Park College.

The work will be hand selected by a professional panel.

25% of all sales go directly to the school with the remainder going to the artist.

For terms and conditions and online entry please create a login here:
https://intranet.albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au:8443/artshow/#clientlogin

OPENING NIGHT TICKETS
To purchase your ticket to the Art Show 2013 Opening Night 25th October go to:
http://www.trybooking.com/DIFU
REGISTER NOW FOR HANGOUT FOR THE HOMELESS

TICKETS $60 PER FAMILY
HTTP://WWW.MYCAUSE.COM.AU/EVENTS/HANGOUT

WHAT
Family Sleepout on 21 September 2013

The first charity sleepout for families in Australia. Families will learn about youth homelessness & join forces to raise funds for our partner for this event, Kids Under Cover.

Families can register for the sleepout via the mycause website. They can then ask their friends and family to sponsor them to sleep out.

Activities on the night will include family focused workshops, activities and engaging guest speakers aimed at children. Dinner and a light breakfast will be provided. Suits kids 6 years plus.

WHEN
Sat 21 September 2013 at 5pm – Sun 22 September 8am

WHERE
Generously hosted by The Edge, Federation Square

WHY
• There are over 105,000 homeless Australians
• 42% are under 25 years of age
• 21% (or 21,940 people) are children & young people aged 12 to 18
• Because we can and should

DID YOU KNOW?
• KIP can open your children’s eyes to the notion of giving and helping other kids in need
• KIP exposes your children to local communities in need and empowers them to make a difference

KIDS IN PHILANTHROPY
Kids in Philanthropy is a not-for-profit sub-fund of the Sydney Community Foundation. It focuses on building social awareness, social conscience & a practice of giving, in kids for kids.

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL amanda.miller@me.com or
https://www.facebook.com/Hangoutoutforthehomeless

For more information on Kids Under Cover visit
www.kuc.org.au

WWW.KIP.ORG.AU