PRINCIPAL’S SAY

“FROM LITTLE THINGS BIG THINGS GROW.”

Paul Kelly

Camps program

In early December 2011 our foundation students strapped on their backpacks and hiked for four days along the great southwest walk. A humble beginning for what has become a signature program for Albert Park College.

In three short years the camps program has grown across three year levels with camps running in Victoria, New South Wales, Asia and the Pacific. This newsletter highlights the growth of the program and the life changing adventures that our students experience when they embark on the camps.

From day one the camps program has been driven by three core principles: leadership, appreciation of the environment and the development of our students as global citizens.

The camps program is designed to build on the schools focus on leadership; building their confidence to work in teams, challenging them by placing them in environments outside the familiar and encouraging them to take increasing responsibility for themselves and their fellow students.

All camps have a strong focus on the natural environment and by immersing them in the natural world we hope to build on their love and appreciation of nature. In most cases, the camps are centred on a water-based theme, building on Albert Park College’s location between the lake and the sea.

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A core value of the College is to develop our students as global citizens. As they move through the College they are able to take part in camps that awaken their awareness of diverse cultures and places. There is a particular focus on trips to Asia to better prepare our students for the rise of the Asian century.

At Year 7 and 8 the students learn the important skills you need to survive in the Australian bush. Each student masters the art of erecting a tent, packing a rucksack, campfire cooking and learn how to look after themselves in the natural environment.

Although both camps are based on the coast the Year 8 camp has a distinctive water-based theme with a focus on white water rafting and canoeing. Every year we increase the challenge and complexity of the experience.

By Year 9 the year level camps are integrated into the Da Vinci Project. Students spend up to two weeks immersed in new cultures and challenging environments while they explore the theme of an arts based exploration of the environment.

These camps grow into serious expeditions ranging from the Light to Light walk in Ben Boyd National Park to a two week surf camp commencing at historic Tathra in southern NSW. Students work with local artists and use the experience as inspiration for the art work they produce in the Da Vinci Project.

Students also have the opportunity to travel to Asia. This year we partnered with World Challenge in sending students on a turtle conservation project in Malaysia.

A second group travelled to an orphanage in Malaysia where they constructed a new home and worked within the orphanage - a real tribute to the caring and considerate nature of the students at Albert Park College.

The French department made its first foray overseas with a study camp in New Caledonia, combining the study of French with an exploration of the third largest barrier reef in the world.

In 2014 we will be travelling to France and will be establishing a sister school relationship which will enable a strong cultural relationship to blossom between France and Australia.

In the senior years, we will return to year level camps and we are currently exploring a range of options including an arts and environmental exploration of Tasmania featuring a visit to Mona and the Bay of Fires as well as a trip to Africa with World Challenge.

We will continue to run camps that challenge our students view of the world and provide them with experiences which will leave them more grounded, wiser and more aware of how they can contribute to the world around them.

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal
WORLD CHALLENGE - MALAYSIA TRIP

In the final weeks of Term 3, 17 Year 9 students traveled to Malaysia alongside Mr Wallace Smith. The leaders from the company World Challenge, James and Ginny, organised the entire trip. World Challenge is a world wide corporation that gives high school students the chance to travel to unknown countries.

The trip was different than many others, because it wasn’t led by the teachers but by the students themselves. We had the opportunity to organise the expedition by ourselves. We had to take into account our group budget to pay for travel, and food and accommodation.

We had to plan the itinerary to organise travel and choose which attractions we wanted to go to and where we wanted to eat. It was difficult at times and took a team effort, but at the end of the two weeks we were able to work on our assigned roles (food, accommodation, health etc.) without too much trouble. I thought it was great that we had to work to have a good time and didn’t have everything handed to us.

World Challenge expeditions are separated into several parts including the project, which we spent almost a whole week on. The aim of the project is to help the country we visit so that we leave it better than when we arrived. Our project was based on an island called Perhentian Island where we helped with the conservation project that protected the reef and all creatures in it, especially the sea turtles. It was our job to check on the nests in the hatchery, help secure them, and patrol the beaches for turtles and poachers. September is slightly out of season for turtles to lay their eggs, however, we were hopeful to see some hatchlings, so we were all shocked when on the first night of patrols three turtles came onto the beach. We got the opportunity to see the turtles and handle the eggs, both in the hatchery and when digging the eggs up from the beach. The trekking in the Cameron Highlands was also a highlight, with the cooler weather and beautiful scenery of the rainforest it was one of the most amazing places I have ever seen. We experienced so many different things from culture to food. It is definitely going to be one of the best parts of our secondary school career.

Emma Younger 9JW
CAMBODIA EXPEDITION

In September, 15 students and 3 teachers went to Cambodia on an expedition to build houses and develop programs for kids. We travelled through many parts of Cambodia, but stayed mainly in a small village called Soksan Village in the Komphong Thom province. While we were there we taught at Soksan International School, we went fishing and we built houses. One of the main highlights of the trip was listening to the amazing stories that we were told, which would be impossible to believe if you had not heard it for yourself. We learnt all about the history of Cambodia, and the monstrosity that was the Khmer Rouge and how corrupt the country still is. The kids were all gorgeous and their love of school and their enthusiasm for learning English was contagious, to say the least. While we were there we learnt the impact of education (or lack of education) and the importance of attending school for the kids living in Cambodia, as it provides them with a chance of a future.

Grace Kelly 9CO
YEAR 9 WILDERNESS EXPEDITION

BEN BOYD NATIONAL PARK - LIGHT TO LIGHT WALK

An early morning train to Traralgon, jump on the V-Line bus, a quick stop off at Cann River for some hot chips, and on to Eden. This was the beginnings to a fantastic, fun, relaxing and interesting coastal hike through Ben Boyd National Park. On the trip were seven Year 9 boys, Mr. Gillespie and Sven the Coastlife instructor (not Swedish!). The hike, known as the Light to Light walk, hugs the coastline between historic Boyds Tower and Green Cape Lightstation. The walk is dotted with history, including how the early settlers whaled just off the coast with nothing but a small wooden boat, a harpoon and some strong rope. Sven knew everything about the whaling and other local history, the flora and fauna, and also a lot of first aid and natural medicine found in the bush - we really enjoyed his story-telling. Probably the most memorable were some of the ‘ghost stories’ told around the fire which had some of the boys too scared to go to the toilet. The views were amazing and ever-changing, and as soon as you got used to the heathland it would morph into either forest, to tea-tree groves, or to sheer rock platforms. One of the highlights of the trip was stopping for lunch and having a swim in the freezing waterhole on the tip of the rocky coast. Another was the beautiful food we either cooked for ourselves or had cooked for us over the fire. We finished off the hike at Green Cape Light Station where we finally caught a glimpse of a humpback whale swimming south, as well as a fur-seal swimming amongst the rocks.

Eddie Gillespie - Leadership Coordinator

From left: Mr. Gillespie, Jake Manning, Nick Matton, Shahd Sideek, Tom Fan, Josh Mann, Pris Scott, Ed Carruthers.
YEAR 9 SURF EXPEDITION

On September 19th, 32 Year 9 students met up at Southern Cross Station and were about to leave Melbourne for 9 days. They were going on a trip of a lifetime to southern New South Wales. Surfing, stand up paddle boarding, camping, beautiful beaches and sun. Every student had a great time with all that was thrown at them and even more. The weather wasn’t the best and it cancelled a lot of the surfing activities but we made up for it with card games and drawing. We stayed a few days in Tathra and a few days in Bournda National Park. In Tathra, we camped in tents next to the beach and did lots of survival work, fitness and surfing. We had a local artist come in and teach us about water colours and we painted the beach from an old pier. At Bournda, we stayed at a national park in field research huts that were provided by the local government. With a fire always smoldering, we battled the rain and enjoyed some great camp food, and hit the water for stand up paddle boarding and kayaking activities. We could not surf there because a swell brought in waves that were too big and there were jellyfish everywhere but that didn’t stop us from going down to the beach and enjoying the sand and water. In all, the trip was an amazing experience and it was worth the wait, especially for Mr. Jackson and his Trip-Skip and Double Reverse in UNO.

Gene Kuzmenko 9CO

THANK YOU

Congratulations to Anne Stout and Zoe Ord for completing the Melbourne Half Marathon on October 13.

They raised $1750 for Cancer Council Victoria; many thanks to all those who supported this great cause.
On Monday 21st October APC sent 7 Futsal teams to compete in the annual Beachside Tournament.

We had great success yet again, winning the Year 8 Girls tournament and the Year 7 Boys tournament very convincingly.

The Year 8 girls are a well oiled machine after winning last years tournament, working well together, distributing the ball beautifully and striking the ball with precision as they shot at goal. As the defending champions from last year they proved to be the toughest team at the competition. The girls won all matches by large margins, and dominated the competition. Outstanding performances came from Zamda Hassani, scoring 12 goals, and Laura Hegarty, scoring 7 goals, throughout the tournament.

In the Year 7 Boys tournament there were two pools for the round robin and a grand final to finish. Our boys cruised through the first few games, topping their pool and going straight into the grand final. They played hard, victory in sight, and managed a huge win of 10-3, making them the tournament champions. Special mention goes to Chris Galgano who played exceptionally well throughout the tournament.

APC also had good performances from the Year 8 and 9 boys teams, who played with great spirit and achieving well in their pools.

Congratulations to all our students on a successful day of competition.
On Friday 11th October the APC Athletics qualifiers went to the SMR Finals to compete in their respective events. The competition was fierce and the level of each event had certainly risen from the previous round.

To our delight we had success in the U13 Javelin field event, with Camryn Edwards recording a personal best throw and achieving a bronze medal. This is the first time APC has ever placed at this event, congratulations Camryn!

Shortly after this our rapid U13 relay team took their places on the track to fight it out for a place. They qualified 3rd and were certainly a medal hope. The boys performed brilliantly, Ari Parmanand gave the boys a swift start, Andrew Occleshaw ran steady across the back straight, Daniel Thomson hurdles a fallen competitor after his change over to get us back into 3rd place and Albert Alvarez, APC’s fastest man, bought home the team to achieve a silver medal. Congratulations to the Year 7 boys on this wonderful performance.

This year we were lucky enough to have 11 competitors qualify for an event on this day. They included:

- Anya Scoble-Hansen - U14 Shot Put
- Camryn Edwards - U13 Javelin
- Alex Tillack - U14 Triple Jump
- Bahati Hassani - U13 400m
- Zahir Hag - U14 800m
- Lachlan Rennie - U15 Hurdles
- Ari Parmanand - U13 Triple Jump/Relay
- Daniel Thomson - U13 Relay
- Andrew Occleshaw - U13 Relay
- Albert Alvarez - U13 Relay

Congratulations to all competitors who attended this event, they all performed well and represented APC to a very high standard.

*Sue-Ellen Godde*
ALBERT PARK COLLEGE HOCKEY OUT IN FORCE AGAIN!

The Year 7 Albert Park College hockey teams to took the field again on Tuesday 15th October, representing the school at the preliminary finals level of competition.

The boys team featured a couple more new faces and an exciting line up put in a very promising performance against an experienced McKinnon High School team. Although the boys were eventually defeated, they played some very stylish hockey and should be extremely proud of their achievements in the competition. Tom Foley continued his excellent transformation from cricket wicketkeeper to hockey goalkeeper and the experienced heads of player of the match Daniel Lew and captain Felix Harvey led all of our new players to great performances. A great effort from the boys, well done!

The girls took on an organised looking Brighton High School team that fancied their chances against a rookie Albert Park College girls hockey team. Despite this being the first girls hockey team from the college, a convincing win a few weeks ago was followed up by a stunning 3-0 victory. Bella Tolhurst demonstrated her predatory instincts in front of goal before player of the match Kate Lewis rifled in a shot from the top of the ‘D’ for the second. Ciara Sullivan put the icing on the cake with a top-draw deflected finish that flew into the roof of the net. Captain Sophie Crandall put in another commanding performance in midfield as the girls hockey team continued to impress. Well done to the girls and good luck as they move into the SMR finals for the next round of fixtures.

Matthew Styles
ROUND THE BAY IN A DAY RIDE 2013

On the 20th of October, 21 people from the Albert Park College community, embarked on a 100km journey to Frankstone and back. They had to face hills, a terrible headwind and the crazy heat, but in spite of all of this, they came back alive from this awesome accomplishment.

Everyone is and should be very proud of themselves. It was a great day and we hope more people will be inspired to do something like this for good causes.

By Wells McDonald and Kate Lewis
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

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PARENT SOCIAL EVENING

GYM FUNDRAISER

Join APC Families at the Vincent Hotel on Thursday 21 November

Proceeds raised will help resource our Gymnasium

Cost: $35 per head
This includes finger food, $6 house wine and lucky door prizes

Location:
Vincent Hotel, 111 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park

To make payment please contact APC Reception by Friday 8th November
CAMS VICTORIAN STATE CIRCUIT RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

On the weekend of the 25th - 27th October, Conor Nicholson competed in the CAMS Victorian State Circuit Racing Championship held at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit. Conor was racing in the Formula Vee category which can reach a top speed of 200 Kph at this track. A Formula Vee is an open wheel racing car that you can drive from the age of 14 to adult. The race meeting was only Conor’s second time he had raced his car and he recorded the 3rd fastest lap for the weekend only 0.8 second behind the next fastest.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION COSTUME ITEMS NEEDED

The School Production is on December the 5th and as we draw closer to the date we are finalising costumes.

We would be extremely grateful if the Drama department could loan or be donated any of the following items:

- Cream/Brown/Grey button up shirts
- Vests (Knitted and Non-Knitted)
- Blazer/Jackets
- Chimney Sweeper Caps / Golfer Caps
- Long Maxi Dresses
- Maxi Skirts
- Silky/Pixie Like Dresses

Random Items: (I’ll Try my Luck!)
- Donkey Antlers/Head
- Lion Head
- Robin Hood look alike outfit
- Elf Ears...

Please contact Victoria Kilpatrick, 8695 9000 or victoriakilpatrick@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au
PARTNERSHIPS PROGRESS — TOWARDS ZERO CARBON

APC is one of 10 schools in Australia trialling a new program called “The Carbon Challenge.” The Carbon Challenge, developed by the not-for-profit group Sustainable Australia, invites schools to become carbon neutral through a variety of strategies from reducing our energy footprint to inviting families and the broader community to reduce their carbon footprint.

Our naturally-lit and ventilated building, shading systems, and light and movement-sensitive lighting system gives us a head start in minimising our environmental impact. The next step is a roof-mounted solar panel system and energy monitoring system which can be used as a learning and teaching resource.

The APC Partnerships team has won a $10,000 grant from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to contribute to the energy efficiency of the school. We are exploring partnerships with other organisations to help us achieve our sustainability goals.

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

DEAR APC FAMILIES,

In November, Albert Park College is running a Christmas tree fundraising drive to raise money to install solar panels on its 2,650 sqm roof space with real time monitoring system.

This is in keeping with Albert Park College’s commitment to environmental sustainability by leading the way in developing a sustainable built environment for schools and to create a world class environmental education program.

Albert Park College’s aim is to be 100% carbon zero. To achieve carbon zero, the College needs to install approximately 100kW solar panels over the next 3 years. The first year cost for a 30kW system is budgeted at approximately $48,000. To date, the College has received $10,000 grant money to get the ball rolling.

We need your help and support to raise the remaining $38,000.

From each of the Christmas tree ordered, the College will be receiving $15 profit per tree.

Included in this Newsletter is the order form for Christmas trees with 3 different sizes - 5ft tree (1.6m) = $55.00; 6ft tree (1.8m) = $65.00 and 7ft tree (2.1m) = $75.00.

Kindly return your form to reception or via email to the College: albert.park.co@edumail.vic.gov.au by the 14th November 2013.

Once all the forms have been received, the College will advise you of the dates and times for pick up from the College.

Thank you for your support. We are grateful for your involvement in helping us fundraise for Albert Park College’s solar panels.
Fundraising for:

Instructions

1. Complete the order form and collect the money or provide credit card details for payment
2. Return this sheet with payment to your school or group
3. Your school/group will advise the date, times and location for pickup
4. Pickup your tree/s and take home to decorate!

Answers to some common questions

Are the trees in pots or cut?
The trees are real (grown in Victoria) and cut.

How do I care for my tree?
To keep it fresh and long-lasting, we recommend you keep it in a container of water with a teaspoon of sugar.

Are stands included with the trees?
No. However, stands are available at places like Kmart for very reasonable prices.

Can my friends and family order trees?
Yes! We can only deliver to your school/group location, however, so they would need to be able to collect it from there.

3 sizes available!

Thank you for your involvement in this fundraiser. Your organisation appreciates your contribution and support.
# Real Christmas Trees Order Form

**Primary contact info**

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November at Gasworks Arts Park is completely jam packed with an assortment of free festivals and art exhibitions. First off is the free Gasworks Spring Music Festival, which runs on Sunday September 17 and Sunday 24 November. This free and all ages run of shows will feature live performances from Australian music legends Archie Roach and Rebecca Barnard, with special guests Benny Walker and Raa Thomas. Gasworks’ resident café Priscilla Jones will be providing the onsite catering at both events, so come down and enjoy some free live music with your friends and family. Also, from 11 November – 1 December in the galleries, Gasworks resident artists combine their creative forces to present Structure; a group exhibition featuring work from all sixteen of Gasworks studio artists. Featuring visual arts, sculpture, ceramics and more, Structure provides audiences with a rare glimpse at just some of the many incredible works created by the talented artists who reside at Gasworks Arts Park. Definitely worth checking out if you’re an art lover.

That’s all from us this month at Gasworks – we can’t wait to see you around the precinct!

**Archie Roach**
**Date:** 17 November  
**Price:** Free Entry  
Archie Roach is one of Australia’s most beloved indigenous singer/songwriters, whose songs captured the hearts of the nation. Supported by Benny Walker.  
From 2pm.

**Rebecca Barnard**
**Dates:** 24 November  
**Price:** Free Entry  
Rebecca Barnard is best known for leading role in the band Rebecca’s Empire and as a presenter on Triple J. Supported by Rav Thomas. From 2pm.

**Structure**
**Dates:** 11 November to 1 December  
**Price:** Free Entry  
Don’t miss this remarkable group exhibition by Gasworks’ 16 resident artists, revealing the thriving artistic community that resides at Gasworks.

**BOOKINGS & MORE INFO:** [WWW.GASWORKS.ORG.AU](http://WWW.GASWORKS.ORG.AU) OR (03) 9699 3253
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