# ALBERT PARK COLLEGE



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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### Friday 29th June

Morning Coffee at College Cafe 8.30pm - All welcome

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Last day of Term 2 School concludes at 2.10pm

#### **Monday 16th July**

First day of Term 3 School starts at 8.50am

#### **Monday 6th August**

Curriculum Day Student free day

#### **Friday 24th August**

APC Trivia Night 6.30 pm - 10.00pm

# PRINCIPAL'S SAY

### **TOWARDS A YEAR 9 PRECINCT**

You may have noticed already, but children are getting more precocious, and adolescence is developing earlier. Not long ago, the rebellious year tended to be year-10; now it's typically a year earlier. And the hard campaign to get high year-12 results used to start in year 12 itself; now it all begins in year-10. This all makes year-9 the right year to focus on the difficult process of growing up.

At Albert Park College we've been thinking through some ideas about how best to address students' needs in this important year for them. And we've come up with an idea that addresses another important issue that has recently been on everyone's mind: enrolment pressures and the school's zone. The proposal we are looking at is to reduce strain on the school's facilities by creating a dedicated year-9 campus within walking distance of our existing site. This idea of a dedicated campus for year-9s will be one familiar to any of you who have looked at the prospectuses of the more expensive non-government schools. We think our children deserve it too.

A number of spaces are being discussed with the City of Port Philip and other bodies, and we are hopeful of securing somewhere suitable. More importantly, we've been thinking about what our year-9s will do at this new campus. We want it to reflect the school's themes of 'lead, create and inspire', and to be based on the school's emphases on civic leadership, artistic creativity and care for the planet. So we are now creating a unique year-9 program that teaches the arts through the sciences, with a big emphasis on environmental issues.





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Perhaps the best analogy is with a short university degree with joint majors in arts and science. Students will be required to engage in hard study of science through the examination of an important environmental issue, and then express their findings through an artistic creation. This might be by way of a song, a musical or concert, a poem, a novella, a series of paintings, a documentary or dramatic film. To keep it exciting, we intend to make year-9 a year of special excursions and camps – or, more accurately, a year of expeditions to observe environmental change, see first-hand how fragile our environment is, and what we have to lose if we don't protect it. We expect this to take time to build up, but eventually see these expeditions encompassing from the local park to dramatic land- and sea-scapes in Australia and potentially overseas. For instance, with the Great Barrier Reef under such threat, our students should sail on it, know it and understand what to do about it.

It's my firm view that science and the arts shouldn't be seen as opposite cultures, but as complimentary ones. When Sir Joseph Banks came to Australia on Captain Cook's ship Endeavour, he brought with him the artist Sydney Parkinson to paint and draw it. And when he wanted to highlight the danger of global warming, Al Gore made a movie An Inconvenient Truth. In this way, through the arts we can teach students the crucial role played by creativity in spreading knowledge and inspiring people to act on just causes.

I believe this sort of year-9 program is a perfect fit for our school, and one that will mesh with another exciting project we are progressing at present, and which I will have more to say about in the future: a specialist Climate Education Centre at Albert Park College.

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In our Humanities classes this term we have been studying the Renaissance. We have looked at many of the inventions that were created, some of the famous people, the art that was produced and the patrons who paid for the art. To complement our studies SEAL classes 7CF and 7KR went to the National Gallery of Victoria to explore some of the amazing artwork of the Renaissance. With two very helpful and knowledgable guides, we looked at a wide range of different pieces which went from furniture to sculptures. Through the paintings we learnt many things about the life in the Renaissance. We talked through the techniques that the painters used and what materials they used, what the meaning behind the paints were and the differences between ones made at one point in time and another point in time. We all enjoyed ourselves a lot and have learnt much from the experience.

TOM BARNES 7CF AND ALEXANDER SCOTT 7CF



### SALMON FEAST

During May, students studying Food were fortunate for cook with fresh Tasmanian farmed Atlantic Salmon. The lesson was designed to introduce students to salmon and learn how to prepare and cook this beautiful fish.

We also looked at the nutritional properties, sustainable fishing practises and how salmon is being farmed in Tasmania.

Tassal generously donated the Year 8 Food classes 8 kilos of salmon, which meant every one of our students studying year 8 Food was able to learnt how prepare, cook and taste fresh Atlantic Salmon.

Students also got to experience cutting their piece from the fillet and had to remove the pin bones themselves. Most of the students were hesitant in trying this fish and some did not want to even touch it. But by the end of the lesson almost all of our students enjoyed the experience. Some declaring it was the best meal they have ever cooked and eaten and others who were reluctant to try were enjoying every mouthful.

Well done Year 8 Food students for your maturity in trying new food products this term. This of course would not be possible with out the very generous donation from Tassal.









# ALBERT PARK COLLEGE AND GRAHAM LOCKWOOD

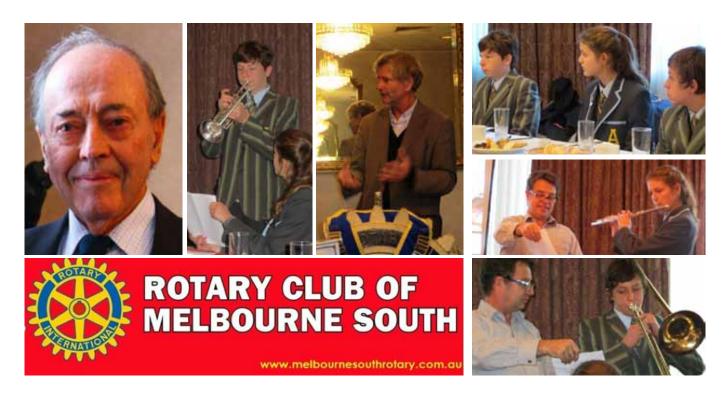
Graham Lockwood has given 23 years of service to Rotary. He retired as an active member. Rotary Club of Melbourne South. (RCMS) in 2011. The club was delighted to award Graham "Service Above Self" recognition. He was charged with using the \$1,000 donation as he chose....he chose our local Secondary College.

Albert Park College opened 15 months ago. It has joined a small, growing group of metropolitan government secondary colleges whose reputations as good schools are making them wildly popular.

A partnership with The Australian National Academy of Music is an enrichment program fostered at the school. Students are offered musical instrument tuition. The cost of instrument hire and tuition costs are difficult challenges for some families. Graham's instruction regarding the donation will allow the school to assist students with subsidies.

We were delighted to welcome The School Principal Steven Cook, Music Coordinator Andrew Swainston and talented students Aislinge Samuel, Gene Kuzmenko & Josh Rennie to our lunch time meeting, and thoroughly enjoyed their presentation.

And our relationship with the school continues.....RCMS assisted students 5 months ago with a donation of \$13,000. This funded what Steven calls an "electronic pencil box": an iPad. The injection of money allowed a loan to families...purchasing 40 ipads. This repayment over the school year will allow the same type of loan next year, and the next year, and on it will go.



# YEAR 7 INTER SCHOOLS NETBALL - APC SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGION CHAMPIONS!

On Friday 22nd June APC took two netball teams to Dandenong for the Southern Metropolitan Regional tournament. The A team won all matches against Chelthenham A, Chelthenahm C, Glen Eira, and Mentone Girls SC. Each match was won convincingly, with stand out performances by Annie Gaze, Shanon Ristow, Zamda Hassani, Elly Tew and Georgie Pippis. The APC A team will now compete in the next round.

The APC B team had narrow losses in the first two games against Mentone and Cheltenham, however came back to win against Elwood A and Glen Eira B, and placing 3rd in their pool overall. Stand out performances came from Aurora Berisa, Mattie Gouman and Lily Harnath.

**A Team:** Annie Gaze (captain), Sonya Rokhlina, Camryn Edwards, Georgie Pippis, Zamda Hassani, Shanon Ristow, Jada Kooyman-Hardge, Tyra Palmer, Staci Barr, Miriam Wilkins and Elly Tew.

**B Team:** Mattie Gouman (captain), Aurora Berisa, Savannah Koz, Milla Austin, Lily Harnath, Liliane Bobadilla, Talia Tambouras, Katinka Samuel, Ella Green, Jada Ross and Jana Wardrop.





# YEAR 7 INTER SCHOOLS BOYS BADMINTON

On Friday 22nd June APC took 2 boys teams to compete in the southern Metropolitan Regional Tournament. Both teams played very well and placed first in their pools. APC A and APC B then played the final, with APC A coming out on top. Well done to all players, and to the four boys who were crowned champions of the tournament. They consisted of Josh Kempin, Juan Carlos, Ethan and Jesse Spithill.

They will compete in the next round in the coming weeks.



## **BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS' PROJECT**

Nine APC students participated in the Brigidine Asylum Seekers' Project as part of Refugee Week. Students went to St Kilda Town Hall where they spoke directly with asylum seekers, posed questions about the issue of detention centres and the experiences of people who are forced to escape their own country. It was a fantastic experience for our students, who gained a valuable insight into the reasons, consequences and process of seeking asylum in Australia. This is the first chance APC students have had to explore and raise awareness of this issue; hopefully there will be similar opportunities in the future.

# MARIA BABELJA CURRICULUM CO-ORDINATOR



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## **DEBATING NEWS**

This month students participating in the Interschool Debating Competition through the DAV competed in the fourth round of the Senior Schools Program. Our teams had to argue that Australia should ban schooling.

Both teams were assigned the affirmative side of the case and voraciously argued in favour of the public school system. Unfortunately the round saw APC experience its first loss with APC#1 losing by one point to their opponents from Emmanuel College. APC#2 won their fourth consecutive debate against their opponents from Mt St. Joseph's Girls' College. Their margin of 5 points was indicative of an outright win in debating terms. Impressively all three speakers from APC#2 were awarded joint best speaker for the debate.

In round 5 of the competition APC#2 will now pair off against another undefeated team in the competition for a place in the finals.

The final debate for the season is on the topic that we should tax fatty food. The debate is scheduled for Wednesday August 1st at Williamstown High School. It would be great to see you there supporting our students.

ROUND 4 RESULTS			
APC#1 lost to Emmanuel College by 1 point	APC#2 defeated Mt. Saint Joseph's Girls' School by 5 points		
Molly Houghton	Georgia Ketels		
Josh Mann	Luke Patitsas		
Naomi Omenihu	Richa Dudhani		
Anthea Hull			
Simone Varney			



## **WORLD MS DAY**

On Wednesday May 30th APC commemorated World MS Day. World MS Day is celebrated globally in an effort to raise awareness around Multiple Sclerosis.

Ella Green from 7KR coordinated the event at the College. On the day students at the College wore red accessories ranging from hats, socks, hair berets and even ties. This was in conjunction in with this year's campaign slogan which was 'kiss goodbye' to MS. Students at the College pledged their support to curing the illness through the adornment of red accessories.

Students were also asked to bring a gold coin donation on the day. This year, Albert Park College raised \$150 for MS Australia. This money will go towards finding a cure for what at the moment is an incurable and incredibly debilitating disease.

#### **MS The Facts**

MS is the most common neurological disease affecting young Australian adults. Over 21,000 Australians have MS and most people are diagnosed between the ages of 20 to 40. MS affects three times as many women as men.

MS is the result of damage to myelin – a protective sheath surrounding nerve fibres of the central nervous system. When myelin is damaged this interferes with messages between the brain and other parts of the body.

The symptoms of MS are different for each person. Sometimes they even vary within the same person. For some people, MS is characterised by periods of relapse and remission while for others it has a progressive pattern. For everyone it makes life unpredictable.

All donations made on the Kiss Goodbye to MS website go towards preventing and treating the symptoms of multiple sclerosis, as well as providing support and services for people with MS.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

IMS Australia accepts donations all year. Their website contains information about how you can contribute towards kissing goodbye to MS.

http://www.kissgoodbyetoms.org/

### **MS MEGA SWIM**

APC Student Xavier Da Costa is taking part in the 2012 Bayside 24 Hour Mega Swim on the 7th and 8th July in order to raise funds for people affected by multiple sclerosis. He will be swimming for 24 hours and hoping to raise \$500.00.

If you wish to donate please do via the website on http://events.megaswim.com/?xavierdacosta



It was so great to see so many of you out this morning celebrating the Biggest Morning Tea.

This year we have raised

\$456.00

to the Australian Cancer Council!

A big thank you to all the

APC Hospitality Team for arriving at
7am to cook over 300 muffins and the Cafe for
supporting this event!

Well Done!

### **VOUCHERS**

Dear Parents and Carers

Coles has launched their annual Sports for Schoolsprogram, Woolworths their Earn and Learn program, and we are excited to announce that Albert Park College will be participating in both!

Vouchers are available in all Coles stores from 13 June to 14 August and we ask that you get involved to help collect vouchers for our school. Woolworths will distribute stickers from now until 22nd July and you can drop these in our designated box at South Melbourne Safeway or bring them to the College for collection.

Last year we collected over 11,000 Coles vouchers with just one year level and received an assortment of sporting equipment. We also received some art resources from the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Our aim isto double our targets in 2012 but we need your help!

Students can return vouchers and stickers to their class tutorial captain or drop them in the boxes in Reception.

Thankyou

Student Forum team









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#### **RACV Great Vic Getaway**

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### Fri 30 November-Sun 2 December 2012 Yarragon to Phillip Island

Starting from the spectacular Grand Ridge Road, this three-day journey takes you through the mountain country and along the coastline to Phillip Island.



**Great Vic Getaway (4 Days – 208km)** Starting with the spectacular Grand Ridge Road, this three-day supported ride takes you through the mountain country and along the coastline to Phillip Island.

The Great Victorian Bike Ride is run by Bicycle Network Victoria. The community spirit, carnival atmosphere and sense of achievement make this a most memorable life experience for all involved. This is an exciting opportunity for students to develop physical fitness and safe cycling skills, build self-confidence and teamwork in an atmosphere of great enjoyment.



# GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE

## 4 Day Adventure Challenge

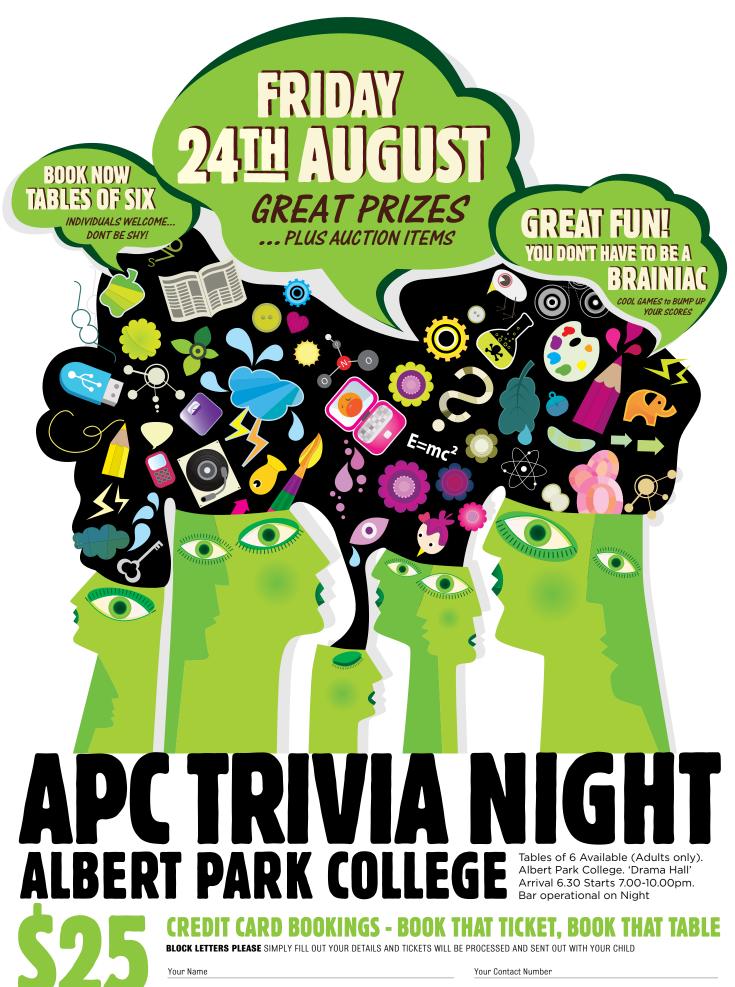
We will depart as a group Thursday afternoon for Yarragon, and return Sunday evening, riding Friday (to Mirboo North 60km), Saturday (to San Remo 108km) and Sunday (to Phillip Island 40km). Bicycle Network Victoria will carry all our gear from camp to camp, follow the ride with a "sag wagon" to pick up stragglers, arrange first aid and other support, and provide three meals per day. All we need to carry is snack food for each day's ride. Although very many year seven and eight students successfully complete the ride each year, the ride is strenuous. Riders should have a bicycle in good condition and have prepared themselves with some training rides in advance.

Each cyclist will bring their own gear (bicycle, sleeping bag, tent to share, clothes, games and treats). We can coordinate tent sharing in advance.

Places are limited to around 20 students, so it's first in best dressed. In addition we invite interested parents/carers to come and join the fun for some quality time with their child.

We are calling for volunteer parents (not coming on the ride) to carry students and tow a trailer of bikes to Yarragon on Thursday, and carry students and tow a trailer of bikes back from Phillip island on Sunday, for which they will receive compensation for costs.

The ride is an endorsed Albert Park College camp led by teachers, assisted by parents/carers.



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Name on Card:

Your Name		Your Contact Number
Book Table (6 tickets)	Book 1-5 Total Cost \$	Students name at APC for ticket delivery
Visa Mastercard		Expiry Date /

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