

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 6th August

Curriculum Day
Student Free Day

Thursday 16th August

APC Athletics Carnival

Friday 24th August

APC Trivia Night
6.30pm - 10.00pm

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th August

Year 8 Snow Camp

Thursday 30th August

Year 8 Inter-School Sport

Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th September

Year 7 Snow Camp

PRINCIPAL'S SAY

CLIMATE EDUCATION CENTRE

Our vision – educating environmentally aware citizens

Great schools succeed because they embody the values of their communities. At Albert Park College, parents and local citizens want students to achieve academic excellence, to be highly creative in scientific, artistic and literary fields, and to become socially responsible community leaders. Our community cares passionately about the environment in particular—and wants its young people to understand what is happening to their planet and be equipped to take responsibility for protecting it. Our school has therefore made the environment a major theme of all its educational activities.

In our first 18 months we have achieved many of our initial environmental objectives, including planting indigenous foliage, involving students in the Youth Climate Coalition, attending a masterclass with David Suzuki and electing Environmental Captains to lead our combined efforts.



Auditorium Perspective



Our aim is now to advance this work by creating a new school centre – the **Climate Education Centre** – which will pioneer new methods of teaching about the environment, and which can be replicated in schools across the country. We believe it will also contribute to the absolutely vital task of improving the way scientists, political leaders and business people educate the public about urgent environmental issues. It is clear that in the face of aggressive campaigning by climate sceptics, more effective ways must be found of providing the leaders of tomorrow with an understanding of the science and the social implications of what is happening to their world. This must start in our schools by providing students with objective scientific knowledge and the confidence that they can act successfully upon it.

Climate Exhibition Perspective



AN ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING SPACE

The **Climate Education Centre** will use an area within our newly opened and highly innovative school complex to create a learning space that will be dedicated to the environment, and which will be open outside school hours to everyone.

Utilising our unmatched information technology infrastructure, our technological advantage as an Apple school, and our unique partnerships with the CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology, the Centre will stream live data from Australia and the world's leading climate websites. It will use information walls and exciting 3-D representations of that data to create a realistic representation of an ultra-modern climate science laboratory. Using the Centre's meeting rooms, lecture space and IT capacity to network with the public and other students across the world, it will have the feel of an ultra-modern 'environmental war room' where students will practice leadership and executive decision-making, hone their public speaking, and learn the arts of effective public campaigning.

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There will be hands-on activities relating to issues like recycling, renewable energy, sustainable architecture, and the marine environment (exploiting our enviable beach-side location on Port Philip Bay). In these ways the Centre will provide a place for students to bring together their knowledge of chemistry, physics, geography, mathematics, computer science, the humanities and design in a way that will keep them excited about education.

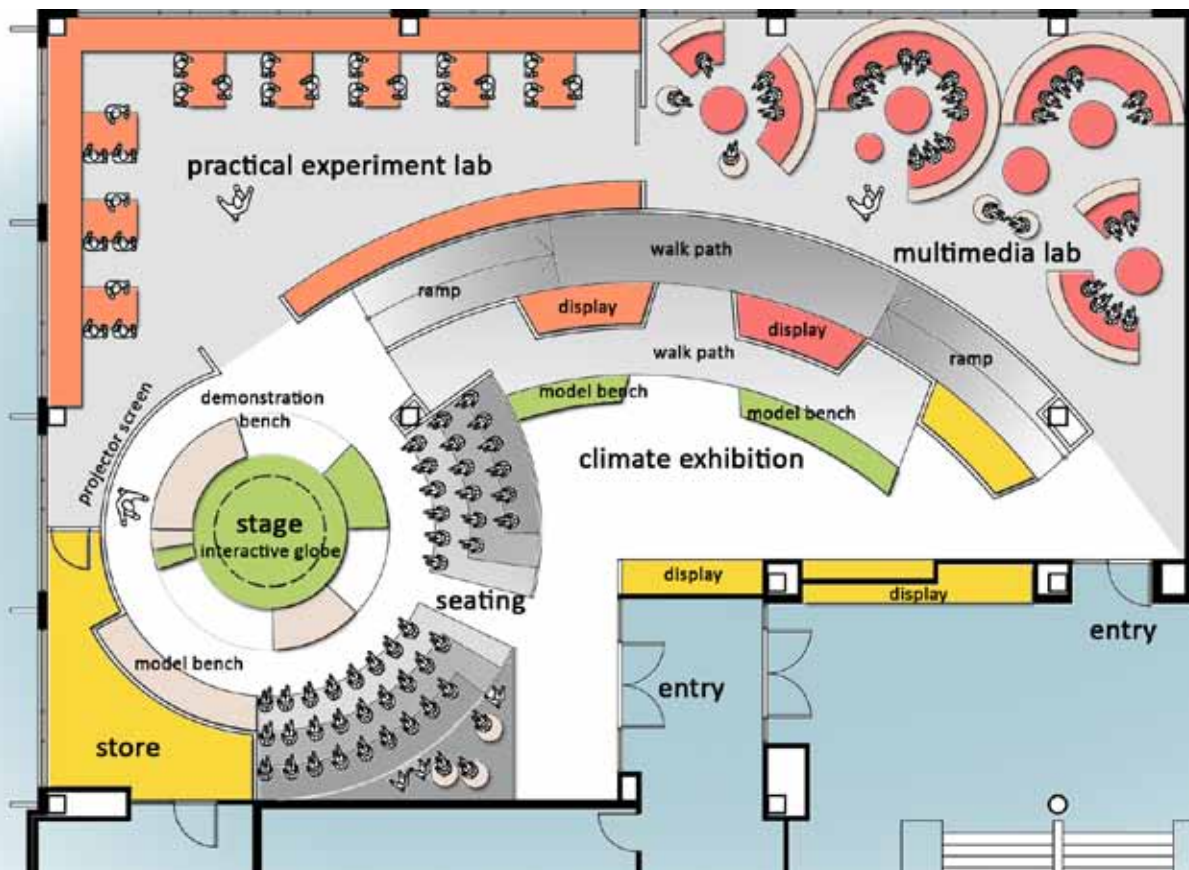
Importantly, the work of the Centre will be practical not theoretical, and the lessons learned about environmental curriculum and effective environmental teaching methods will be shared across the education system as well as with government, business and community organisations.

Using the umbilical cord of Melbourne's tram system, which brings the city to our school grounds, we want thousands of people to come to our Centre to see what can be achieved in environmental education.

In order to bring this incredible opportunity to life, we are actively seeking a number of corporate partners to provide financial and in kind support.

We intend the **Climate Education Centre** to be a high-profile facility that exists to benefit the entire community as well as Albert Park College and other schools across Australia and the world.

Steve Cook
Foundation Principal



Indicative floor plan


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APC STUDENTS IN STATE FINALS OF FRENCH COMPETITION!

Each year, the Alliance Française de Melbourne runs the “Berthe Mouchette Competition” attracting more than 16,000 competitors from schools around the state. We’re delighted to announce that seven of the thirty-seven Albert Park College students who competed in this year’s competition have successfully made it through to the state finals. Congratulations to Olivia Petrie, Gabriel Celine, Giorgia Brown, Claudio Neumann, Jana Wardrop, Eric Loong and Emma Rossignol on their outstanding achievement!

The competition required students to recite a French poem by heart before a judge. Competitors were assessed on their accent and intonation while reciting the poem. It was a nerve-racking experience for some as each student had to compete individually before the adjudicator.

French teacher, Ms Patience says, “We’re so proud of our students! Everyone who competed put in a lot of work memorizing the poems and finessing their accents. It’s a wonderful result to have so many students make it through to the state finals. The finals will be held 28 July and we will keep everyone posted on how we go.”



*Son regard est pareil au regard des statues,
Et, pour sa voix, lointaine, et calme, et grave, elle
a l'inflexion des voix chères qui se sont tues.*

Paul Verlaine

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FAREWELL MS WERSTUK



At the end of Term 2, APC students and staff farewelled Ms Alison Werstuk. Her dedication to her students, in particular 8AW, and enormous contribution to the school will be sincerely missed. Ali's students and colleagues wish her all the best in the future and hope she returns from Canada to visit us soon.

CYBERSAFETY

BRAINSTORM PRODUCTION PERFORMANCES

As part of the Tutorial program, students in both Years 7 & 8 study 'netiquette', appropriate ways of interacting and communicating in an online environment. As part of this program, Brainstorm Productions recently visited APC, performing 'Verbal Combat' (for Year 7) and 'Cyberia' (for Year 8). Each year we invite Brainstorm Productions to the college; their performances are an entertaining way to promote discussion around issues of cyberbullying, making it clear that harassment or unwanted behaviour is never acceptable. Brainstorm Productions have won the Frater Award for Best Feedback from Schools for a number of years and, once again, we found the program to be stimulating, educational and engaging.



ACMA EDUCATION

Continuing with the theme of safe and appropriate online behaviour, on June 27 our staff and parent community were involved in education sessions run by the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA). These sessions were extremely valuable in providing information about young people's experiences and behaviour online, as well as strategies to help us to provide support for those in our care when issues arise. We will continue to offer parents and carers the opportunity to take part in these programs, and we welcome your feedback on these events.

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APC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The APC Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 16th August. The carnival will be held at Melbourne's new premier athletics venue Lakeside Stadium, located on Albert Road, next to MSAC and Albert Park Lake.

All students are to meet at the stadium by 9:30am. The carnival is expected to finish by 2:30pm and students will be dismissed from the venue.

All students must wear appropriate running/athletic attire and are to be in house colours. Students are encouraged to be creative with their outfits, however must have suitable and safe running attire when competing in events. Students must also bring sunscreen, hat, and water bottle. Students may choose to bring their lunch or purchase food from the BBQ.

The carnival is a whole school event and all students will be participating in the events. Parents are most welcome to visit during the day or volunteer to help with events, scoring and BBQ duties. Interested parents can contact Eddie Gillespie on edwardgillespie@albertparkcollege.vic.edu.au.



APC Semester 1 reports have been available for download since the end of Term 2. If you are having difficulty with access please contact reception on 8695 9000

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DOING SOMETHING REAL

40 HOUR FAMINE @ APC

This year, on August 17-19, more than one hundred students from APC will participate in the 40 Hour Famine.

The 40 Hour Famine is organized annually by World Vision Australia and is the largest youth fundraiser in the country. Each year thousands of teens from around the country abstain from something important in their lives for 40 hours to raise awareness about global hunger.

Traditionally, because the program raises funds to combat hunger, participants have given up food in an effort to appreciate what it would like to go hungry like so many do. For some years now however participants have extended their sacrifices to things such as not talking, abstaining from using technology and not using furniture. A number of students at APC have already decided to make more than one sacrifice with many pledging to not use their iPad for 40 hours!

To raise money participants seek sponsorship from others to abstain from their nominated sacrifice.

The event officially runs from 8pm on Friday August 17 to noon on Sunday August 19 during which time participants must abstain from their nominated sacrifice.

This year the funds raised for the 40 Hour Famine will go towards children living in Ethiopia who are currently suffering from one of the longest draughts in history.

At APC, our student group have set themselves a fundraising target of \$2000.

All funds raised for the program must be handed to Reception by no later than August 30th.

All students interested in participating the program are encouraged to discuss their participation with a parent or carer first.

All students participating in the program are required to return a signed permission slip to school by no later than Friday August 3rd.



40 HOUR FAMINE

17-19 AUGUST 2012



40hourfamine.com.au

VERBAL COMBAT

On Tuesday July 24th Brainstorm Productions returned to APC where they entertained and educated our Year 7 students around issues of bullying and cyber safety.

This year's performance was delivered by two talented young actors, John and Bianca, both of whom use social media in their everyday lives. The show followed the fictional tale of Emily, the new girl at school, whose secretive and reserved behaviour prompted a negative response from her new classmates. Through Emily's story the performance explored the impact of cyber-bullying, verbal harassment, exclusion and vandalism.

One of the highlights for many students was the question and answer session which took place in the wake of the performance. During this time, students had the opportunity to discuss the issues raised in the performance and ask the actors themselves about some of their own experiences around bullying.

The program complimented students' current studies in their Tutorial Program. In their Tutorial session following the performance students talked further about the issues raised and shared their own feelings about the production, their experiences with bullying in primary school and how they felt about their time at APC.

Brainstorm Productions will return to APC in 2013 with their show Cyberia which the Year 8 cohort watched earlier this term.

Student's thoughts about verbal combat:

"It was really good. The actors were really talented and made you think about bullying and how the one nasty comment you might make to someone could be the fifth they have had that day" – James

"Their comments about Timeline on Facebook were very informative. I had no idea that everything I wrote on Facebook stayed there forever" – Iesha

"I like the way bullying is talked about at APC. Verbal Combat really showed how harmful bullying is" - Liam

WANTED

COSTUMES AND PROPS

TO HELP BUILD THE PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

APC is currently developing the Performing Arts Program, and to do so, we would greatly appreciate any themed costumes, group costumes or potential props that are suitable for Drama and Dance.

If you have something in mind or would like to donate to the school, can you please email Trevor Buckingham via -

buckingham.trevor.t@edumail.vic.gov.au



The next Art Show
Planning Meeting will be
held in the APC Conference
Room on Tuesday,
August 7 at 7pm.

All welcome!

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APC TRIVIA NIGHT 2012

We need your help and support!

Preparations for this year's trivia night are well on the way. We still need more items to include in our silent auction and to offer as prizes.

- Can you donate a prize?
- Are you available to help on the night?
- Do you have a Responsible Serving of Alcohol Certificate? If so we need you too.

Do you or your workplace offer goods or services of any kind?

Previous donations have included: accommodation at a holiday house, beauty pampering, babysitting, wine, books, home handyman supplies.

All money raised will help us offer better opportunities for all our students.

If you can help, or have any enquires, please contact Vince Di Mitrio on 0419335556 or vindim07@gmail.com

If you can help, please come to the next APC Events Planning meeting on Monday 13th August 7pm in the library.

REMINDER: KEEP COLLECTING THOSE VOUCHERS!



We still need your help. Last year we collected over 11,000 Coles vouchers - let's beat that total in 2012!

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

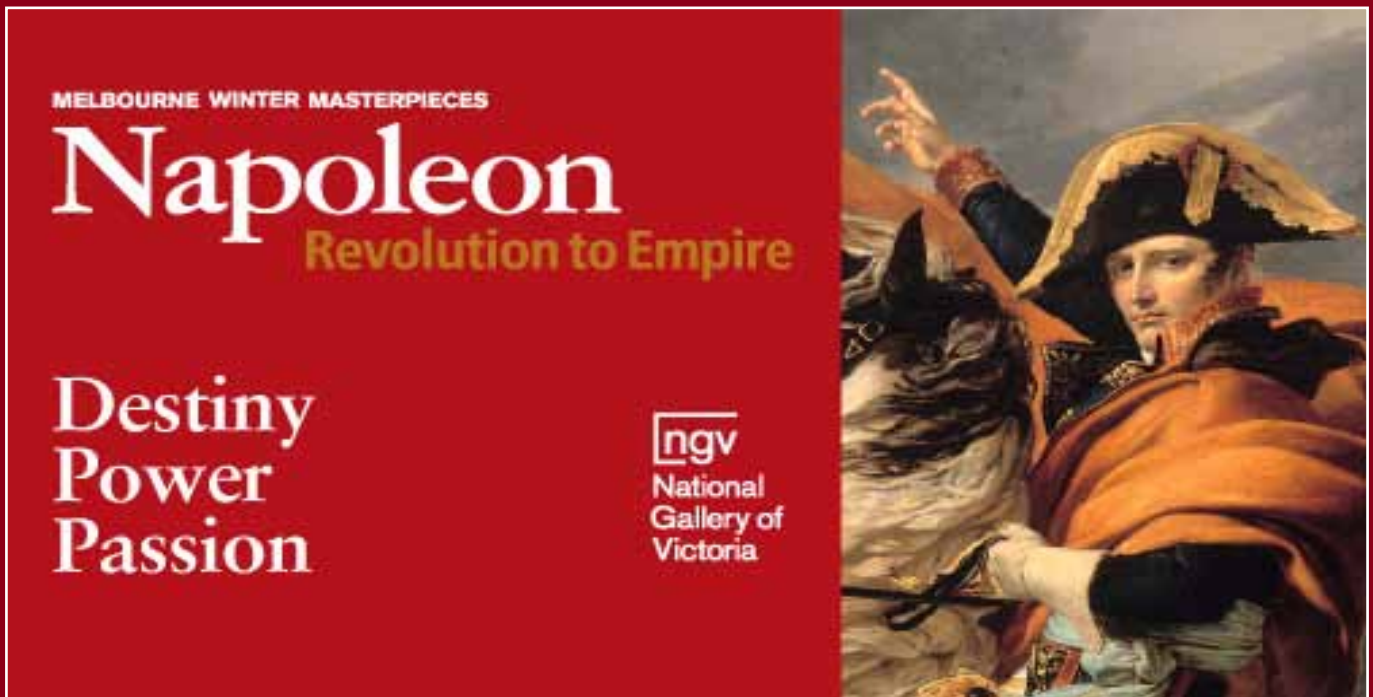
Thank you,

Student Forum team.



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EXCLUSIVE EVENT



Come and join us for an exclusive viewing of the dazzling
Napoleon: Revolution to Empire Exhibition

currently on show at the National Gallery of Victoria

<http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/napoleon>

**THIS TICKETED EVENT IS
LIMITED SO BOOK EARLY**

6 - 9pm Wednesday 19th September 2012

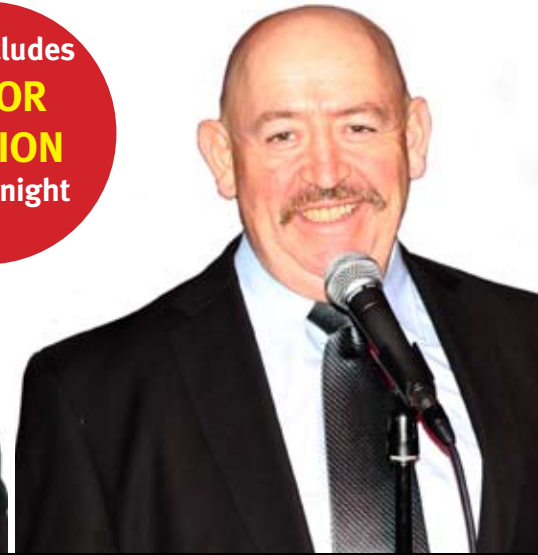
\$50 per ticket

Ticket includes exclusive talk by Dr. Ted Gott, Senior Curator:
International Art, entry into exhibition and glass of wine

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED
VIA APC RECEPTION BY 10TH AUGUST**



ST KILDA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



also includes
MAJOR AUCTION
on the night

Inaugural Comedy Night

@ The National Theatre

Cnr Carlisle & Barkly Streets, St Kilda



Trevor Marmalade - MC

Featuring:

- . Fiona O'Loughlin . Jeff Green
- . Brad Oakes . Elliot Goblet
- . Marty Fields . Dave Hughes

ADULTS ONLY
entertainment



Cost:

\$45 (Transaction Fees may apply)
\$50 on the night

Time:

7:30pm for
8:00pm start – **SHARP!**

Date:

Wednesday 8 August 2012

National Theatre Box Office

9525 4611 or book online:
<http://nationaltheatre.org.au>



Flooding in Port Phillip Community Workshops

The City of Port Phillip invites you to a workshop on flooding within the municipality.

Come along and hear from Council, Melbourne Water, and State Emergency Services (SES) staff about how the city experiences flooding; what you can do to prepare for and respond to future floods; and, what you can expect from various government agencies and associated bodies in times of severe weather.

These interactive workshops will provide residents with the opportunity to ask questions of experts from Council, Melbourne Water and SES in relation to their individual flooding concerns. Session sizes will be kept to a maximum of 30 people.

Venue: St Columba's School staff room, 24 Glen Huntly Road, Elwood

Dates: Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 August 2012

Times: session one 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm or session two 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

RSVP by Monday 13 August 2012 to rsvp@portphillip.vic.gov.au or 9209 6777. Please indicate your preferred workshop date and time, along with any access, hearing or interpretation requirements you may have.

Any questions? If you have any specific questions you would like us to consider prior to the workshops, please let us know when you RSVP.

For more information please visit www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/floods-storms.htm or call ASSIST on 9209 6777.