Dear Parents and Guardians

This time in Term 3 is a busy time as we begin the planning for 2014. This process begins with our Course Counselling process.

Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have been through a structured program to investigate career aspirations and tertiary course requirements to ensure their selections meet any prerequisites. Mr Kortuem, Ms Armstrong and the counselling teams were impressed with the preparation the students had put into this process. The subjects selected by the students will be used to develop the staffing needs and timetable for 2014.

This week saw the launch of a new program to the College, namely the ABCN’s Aspirations program. A number of Year 11 students have been selected to work with business mentors from Goldman Sachs to discuss career aspirations and pathways. I am sure these students will benefit greatly from this program.

I want to congratulate our sporting teams, namely badminton and soccer, for their success in reaching the Western Zone finals. Well done also to the Intermediate Girls Basketball team for their participation.

Congratulations also go to their coaches, and the Sports Coordinator, Mr Lakovski, for all their work in preparing the teams.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that Parent Teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday 3 September. We encourage all parents and guardians to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with their children’s teachers to discuss progress so far, and ways to improve.

It is also important that where possible students also attend the interviews so that they are part of the discussion.

Teachers have completed mid term progress reports, and where there are concerns Year Level Coordinators will have contacted parents.

Interview booking sheets are located in the school diary. Please ensure your child has made appointment time convenient to you. Also remember that there are no scheduled classes on this day.

Mobile Phones

It has come to our attention that students are using their mobile phones to contact guardians requesting to be picked up when ill. We would like to remind students and guardians that mobile phones are not to be used whilst at school. When students are ill they are to report to sick bay or to the coordinators office and a staff member will contact their guardian.

Mr Craig Jennings
Acting Principal
Celebrate Multiculturalism at St Albans Secondary College

As a response to the recent issues of racism and anti-refugee sentiment so sadly displayed in St Albans over the last month, the community of St Albans Secondary College would like to take the opportunity to celebrate the wonderful diversity and cooperation of people from different places and languages within our school. We want to remember that this is a successful school and place we are proud of because contributions of people from all around the world with diverse journeys and a myriad of inspirational stories.

At a time when there is division in our nation about the treatment of people who are arriving in Australia from other places and how they get here, we would like to remember their contributions and affirm that as a school we welcome refugees as a rich and vibrant part of our community. These people deserve to be treated with dignity, just like anyone else who comes to this country, regardless of how they arrived, and as we know have the potential to contribute greatly to our school, neighborhood, community and country.

Ms Naomi Thyer
Humanities Teacher
What’s been happening at SASC.... Continued

Badminton Report

Both our Year 8 Boys and Girls Badminton teams qualified for the Western Zone Finals played at Altona Badminton Centre earlier this term. The teams played to their strengths, challenging some of the best players in the wider western region of Melbourne. Unfortunately they were not able to progress through this stage. The students will continue to train and work hard to try to progress through this difficult stage next year.

**Year 8 Boys**
Dominic Lay
Yashray Sharma
Siddhart bindroo
Minh Truong
Tony Lam
Tony Nguyen

**Year 8 Girls**
Bethany Seitz
Manuela Soma
Tracey Le
Linda Nguyen

Soccer Report

Western Zoe Final: Wednesday 28 August at Maribyrnong Secondary College

Our Year 8 boys soccer team went a step further than our Badminton teams to make it all of the way to the Western Zone Final against Maribyrnong Sports Academy. The boys were extremely professional in defeating Williamstown High, Gisborne Secondary College and Strathmore Secondary College to qualify for the final. We wish them all the best in their endeavours to beat Maribyrnong and qualify for the State Finals.

**Squad**
1. Danny Nguyen 8D
2. Kacper Mostowski 7F
3. Enver Yilmaz
4. Melkamu Hayelom 7D
5. Bugali Zenawi 7E
6. Thomas Allis 7B
7. Anyang Alier 8E
8. Joseph Zaathang 8J
9. Paul Vo 8J
10. Gino Hammal 8I
11. Noah Akoak 8D
12. Nati Hayelom 8F
13. Aaron Phung 8B
14. John Holic 8I
15. Dwayne Kara 8H
16. Madol Madol 8J
17. Gasha Admassu 8A
18. Timon Ho 8B
19. Buku Khamis 7E
What’s been happening at SASC.... Continued

Intermediate Girls Basketball
12 August at Altona Sports Stadium

The morning started with a challenging game from Taylors Lakes. Our opponents were tall and fast, but the girls played a good game despite their loss.

We played our next game against Keilor Downs and the girls defence and communication was fantastic enabling them to work well as a team and win their second game.

Our third game was against Sunshine who had previously won both of their games by a large margin. The girls were focused going into the game and knew they would have to work hard to win. Throughout the first half there was only a one point difference between both schools. When the second half began the girls were consistent with the pressure they put on Sunshine, and in the end, despite their best efforts Sunshine won.

Our final game of the day was against VUSU-Brimbank, and with a new starting five the girls were feeling confident. They remained in front for the first half of the game showing strong and fast passing and excellent defence. They backed up the second half of the game just as strong and won.

Overall, the girls worked incredibly well and showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. The results of the day were:
- Taylors Lakes (29) V St Albans (14)
- Keilor Downs (10) V St Albans (18)
- Sunshine (24) V St Albans (19)
- VUSU-Brimbank (8) V St Albans (49)

The team consistent of:
- Kordeila Hollands-Paiti
- Harmony Hollands-Paiti
- Renae Maniapto
- Lanu Timoteo
- Czarina Estores
- Acham Yigletu
- Zlayni Koayen
- Kim Nguyen
- Phylippa Taeoli
- Jaymee Johnson
- Tuquyen Nguyen
- Sipusi Galu
What’s been happening at SASC…. Continued

LOTE Poetry and Speaking Competitions 2013

Congratulations to Demi Tran (year 11), Levina Dinh, Y-Van Lu, Cylene Magri, Djula Nusevic and William Zahra (year 10) and Samuel Massing Mayap, Alyssa Pedroso (year 9) for their outstanding performances at the French and Italian poetry competitions. These students as well as others from French, Italian and Japanese represented St Albans Secondary College at the State Finals Poetry and Speech competitions. Thank you to their teachers and all the best to our finalists!

Patricia Herr
LOTE Coordinator

Berthe Mouchette French Competition

By Alyssa Pedroso and Kerti Tran

On the 7th of June, a group of year 9 and 10 students participated in a French poetry competition held in St. Kilda. Each participant had to recite the French poem, ‘Le tigre silencieux’.

Upon arriving, we waited our turn to perform before a French judge. Despite being nervous, everyone performed well. Seven students were fortunate enough to make it to the finals.

- Samuel Massing Mayap (Year 9)
- Alyssa Pearl Pedroso (Year 9)
- Levina Dinh (Year 10)
- Y-Van Luu (Year 10)
- Djula Nusevic (Year 10)
- William Zahra (Year 10)
- Cylene Magri (Year 10)

All in all, we had a really good day. It was a great experience for us. It helped us build some confidence in speaking French.

Year 8 Maths Games Day

On Monday the 29th of July we went to Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School. We were involved in the ‘Year 8 Maths Games Day’ and were versing more than 50 schools. It was a great experience and fun. We learnt many things and found the activities challenging. We all thoroughly enjoyed our trip on the day.

Written by 8H

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Michael Do 8C, Gasha Admassu 8A, Ricky Tran 8C, Jessica Vo 8H, Luckie Nguyen 8C, Ms Kristy Le, Devangana Sharma 8H, Linda Nguyen 8H, Kara Bhinder 8H
What’s been happening at SASC…. Continued

Year 7 to 9 Students Writing Workshop
What’s been happening at SASC.... Continued

Year 9 to 10 Course Counselling
Junior School Report

Year 8 classes are enthusiastically competing in an inter class challenge with Ms. Phyland. Last Friday August 2nd 8F defeated 8G in the “bean Bag” tournament. The VCAL students are assisting well in the organising and refereeing of the match.

The Year 8 Walkathon will be held Friday November 1. Students will walk to Brimbank Park, enjoy a luncheon prepared by their teachers and then complete in House games. Students will receive a note shortly outlining the details and the contribution to cover costs. This is a fantastic day out for all involved and an event to look forward to in early Term 4.

The POLICE BAND will be performing at the school August 22nd for the students. We look forward to seeing these experienced and popular band members. The Performing Arts Centre will rock to some fantastic music by the 22 member crew.

7H Science students have been completing experimental tasks with Ms. Phyland in the new Science Centre. Year 7 students will attend Mt Macedon as part of their I.S. Studies. This is a compulsory excursion. Please ensure payments are made to the front office.

Year 8 Extension English are attending a writers Festival at ACMI on 27th August.

The first two weeks of the Junior School Class attendance competition was met with great success. Congratulations to 7G with 81% attendance in Week One and 7F with 98% attendance in Week Two. The class which best meets the attendance policy at the end of the semester will receive a luncheon provided by the Junior School.

Parent Teacher Interviews are being held on Tuesday September 3rd from 1.00 pm. Please ensure your child is making appointment times with their teacher. Class teachers are currently writing Progress reports to inform them of your child’s progress thus far.

Please ensure your child has warm uniform for these cold winter days. The uniform shop is open Monday and Thursday 12.15-1.30 pm. Please label your clothing.

Ms Lauren Honeycombe
Assistant Sub School Leader
Soluble or Insoluble

Today in Science, 7H conducted a bunch of experiments. The topic was soluble or insoluble and there were six substances to work with. We used Methylated Spirits (alcohol) and water, along with the six substances. Many people had different results but all in all, we got to try things we never did before in prac work.

That experiment lasted around 2 periods and at the end of it, we had to clean up. A rule that we learn is never put test results down the drain as it is dangerous.

There were two spills and test tubes that were broken. Another tip, when glass breaks, don’t move! Ms Phyland cleared up the break and nobody was injured.

In conclusion, we learnt our way around the lab and we had fun doing experiments.

By 7H - Science (Stefanie and Aliet)
Middle School Report

It has been a busy time for Middle School students over the last few weeks, with students attending appointments for course counseling. Each student met with a member of staff and discussed their subject choices and their future pathways.

Year 9 students involved in the ABCN GOALS program are now half way through the sessions and have made excellent progress in their communication and organization skills. On 13th August, students visited the Malthouse Theatre and worked alongside their mentors on a number of drama-based activities designed to build effective relationships through developing confidence.

On Friday 9th August, Year 9 students were treated to a drama performance organised by the Science department. The production titled ‘Wipeout’ provided a musical exploration of ideas related to sustainability and the impact that science has for us. Students enjoyed the interactive approach and many sang along to the songs.

The Year 9 RISE program concluded on Wednesday the 7th of August. A group of students travelled into the city every Wednesday for six weeks in order to read with mentors from Norton Rose Fulbright- a law firm on Bourke street, Melbourne. Photos below.

The intermediate boys’ and girls’ basketball teams competed on Monday 12th August, with a number of students in Years 9 and 10 representing the school. Thanks to the PE and Health department for their support and organisation of these students.

VCAL information sessions have been held for all Year 10 students who plan to follow a VCAL pathway into Year 11. Students had the opportunity to discuss potential vocational courses with the careers staff and this year’s Year 11 VCAL teachers, and are now in the process of applying to the different cluster schools to secure their places for 2014.

We are pleased to see so many students wearing the correct school uniform on a daily basis, but we remind parents that given the cold weather, it is important that students are dressed in appropriate school shoes and that only school jackets are worn.

Ms Becky Annetts
Acting Middle Sub School Leader

Year 10 ‘HeadSmart’

Over the last 5 weeks all Year 10 students have participated in a workshop called HeadSmart. The workshop has been facilitated by members of the Wellbeing Team in conjunction with Orygen Youth Health. Students were educated about depression and the impact this can have on someone’s life. Through an interactive presentation students learnt how to recognise the signs and symptoms of depression as well as where to seek help.

Depression can effect 1 in 4 young people and can be a serious mental illness if left untreated which is why each year all year 10 students at SASC participate in this workshop. Mental health services such as Orygen Youth Health tell us the earlier someone gets help the easier it is for them to get their life back on track and recover.

For further information about depression or other aspects of mental illness please visit the Orygen Youth Health website: www.oyh.org.au or one of the following websites; www.betterhealthchannel.vic.gov.au www.beyondblue.org.au www.reachout.com.au

Nicky Collins-Smith
Health Wellbeing & Engagement
Senior School Report

We are now halfway through Term 3, and have already had some exciting events with more to come. At the start of this term, the Senior School ran student forums for our Year 11 and 12 students. The purpose of these forums is to seek student feedback on a variety of aspects of school life, and to consider additional ways in which we can support the students to enhance their overall experience at the school. The feedback from these forums has been collated and we have had some very positive comments as well as information to plan further activities for the students.

The Year 12 Semester 1 Reports were mailed out to parents in Week 4 this Term. These reports are a useful tool to help parents, students and teachers take stock of how students are progressing; where their strengths are, and where there is further work to be done. We are here to help, so please call the school if you want to discuss your child’s progress with their teacher. Our next Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 8 this term on Tuesday 3rd September. We encourage all parents to come along and discuss their child’s progress in VCE or VCAL fully with the class teachers on that afternoon.

The Promotion Policy for Year 11 students can be viewed or downloaded from our website at the following address http://www.stalbanssc.vic.edu.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=64&Itemid=177

Please be advised that there will also be holiday classes for Year 12 VCE students in the September holidays. The full end-of-year VCAA exam timetable for Year 12 exams can be viewed on the VCAA website through the following link: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/timetable.aspx.

Enrichment programs have been running for Year 12 students in English, Specialist Mathematics, Health and Human Development, Business and Accounting. Our VCE Learning Coordinator, Mr Rob Krysinski, is currently organising sessions for the Year 12 students to “Meet the VCE Examiners”. Students will have found the opportunity to discuss the exams directly with the people who set them and mark them. These valuable sessions will run in Weeks 8, 9 and 10 this term, and cover Physics, Biology, Chemistry and History. We are also making enquiries for all other Year 12 subjects and will have more information on this shortly.

Forthcoming events for this term include our “Whole New World” assembly led by Ms Sonja Carras, which will run for Year 11 and 12 students in Week 6 on Wednesday 21st August, Periods 3 & 4. Sonja’s thought provoking presentation, which focuses on teenagers staying safe while partying, is always received with enthusiasm by students and staff alike. Other assemblies this term will focus on careers advice and on preparing students for their intensive period of study towards the end of the year.

Many thanks to the parents who contact us when their child is absent for any reason. This is of great assistance to the Year Level Coordinators, as we will call home regularly if there are any unexplained absences for your child. The Case Management process continues to monitor closely the attendance, achievement and individual needs of all our students. Please contact us on 9366. 2555 if you have any queries or concerns about the progress of your child.

Julie Bird
Senior Sub-School Leader
From the General Office

College Expectations – Punctuality, Attendance, Uniform

We greatly appreciate the support we receive from parents to make sure that your child attends school regularly & punctually, is in full uniform, and is well prepared for all classes with books and equipment.

Some important expectations are outlined below:

Being prepared for classes
It is expected that students have the required books & equipment for each subject, as well as a student diary to record homework & assignments.

If you need any assistance with ordering books, please contact the General Office.

Punctuality
Is expected at the start of each day & for all classes. Any student who is late more than 4 times will have a Friday detention from 3.20pm to 5.20pm. The first Friday detention will be held on Friday 22 February.

The consequences for lateness to school are as follows:
1st Late - Coordinator Interview with student
2nd Late - After School Detention 3.15pm - 3.45pm
3rd Late - After School Detention 3.15pm - 3.45pm
4th Late - Plus Friday detention 3.20pm - 5.20pm
Further Lateness - Parent Interview, Student Support Group established and/or suspension

Attendance
Students must have a minimum of 90% attendance in all classes at each year level.

Uniform
Full uniform must be worn to and from school, at school and on all school excursions, including interschool sports.

Please note:
- Only the 3 approved styles of school shoes are to be worn
- PE / Sports shoes must be lace up runners with non-marking soles
- Facial piercings are not to be worn at school
- Make-up is to be kept to a minimum.