Dear Parents and Guardians

Farewell to the Year 12’s 2013

Last week we bid farewell to the Year 12 class of 2013 as they finished formal classes and completed their school education.

We celebrated this significant occasion with the students and their parents at the Awards Night, followed by a whole school assembly last Wednesday morning.

And we couldn’t have been more proud of them as a group, not only for their individual and collective achievements and contributions to the St Albans Secondary College community, but also for the positive way in which they celebrated the end of their school days: they enjoyed themselves at the various events organised by the school, and behaved at all times in a manner that was respectful of themselves, each other, and the wider school community.

On behalf of all of our staff, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate them for the many things they have given to our school over the past six years:- their unity and support for each other as a group, participation in sports & MAC, their beautiful art and music, their academic achievements, leadership & mentoring of younger students, their community involvement.

We are filled with hope and optimism for them, and for the positive futures they will surely create.

Special thanks and congratulations also to our College Captains, Mariah Magri & Johnny Radas, and Vice Captains, Kushani Hewage & Victoria Obieglo, for their outstanding leadership this year. It has been a privilege to work with you; to the Senior School team, Ms Julie Bird, Ms Melissa D’Amico, Mr Robert Krysinski and Ms Anna Woods, and the Careers / MIP’s team, Mr Jon Kortuem, Ms Cathy Armstrong and Ms Colleen Lynch, for the exceptional support and guidance you have given the Year 12 students.

And to our very dedicated teaching staff for their expertise and commitment to the success of each of their students.

We wish each of the Year 12’s all the very best for their futures and, for the VCE students, good luck for the coming exams.

Year 12 Awards Night

The Year 12 Awards Night, held at the Clocktower Centre in Moonee Ponds on 22 October, celebrates the academic, leadership and citizenship achievements of our graduating VCE and VCAL students.

Parents, staff & community members joined the Senior School team to present the Graduation Certificates to the Year 12’s and to recognise outstanding achievements at the subject and whole school level.

Our guest speaker for the evening, Mr Ben Cryan, had us spellbound as he recounted his remarkable story of survival and personal courage. His central message of accepting challenges, refusing to give up hope, and the importance of family and friends resonated with all of us and was particularly significant for the Year 12’s as they face the transition from school to further study or work.

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St ALBANS SECONDARY COLLEGE

Calendar - 2013

October

Mon 28
- Various Yr 7 Boys Basketball – all day
- Yr 9G PE Rollerblading Sunshine P5&6

Tue 29
- Yr 9 Advance SCOPE Highpoint Industries – Maribyrnong
- Yr 8H Strathbogie Camp
- 4 x Yr 8 Boys Western Zone in Geelong Finals Table Tennis – 8.15am – 3.30pm
- Yr 10 Politics Melbourne Tour – all day

Wed 30
- Yr 12 VCCA Written Exams Commence
- Yr 8H Strathbogie Camp

Thu 31
- Yr 9B PE Rollerblading Sunshine P1&2

November

Fri 1
- FRIDAY DETENTION
- Yr 8 Walk at Brimbank Park – all day
- Yr 9A PE Rollerblading Sunshine P1&2
- Yr 9D PE Rollerblading Sunshine P5&6
- Yr 9E PE AMF Bowling P5&6
- Yr 9C PE AMF Bowling P1&2
- 11 VCAL Mt Macedon Walk Prep – Brimbank Park P5&6

Mon 4
- Yr 9G PE Rollerblading Sunshine P5&6

Tue 5
- MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wed 6
- Yr 8 Forensics GTAC – all day
- Yr 8C Strathbogie Camp
- Yr 10MSB Bowling P1&2

Thu 7
- Yr 8C Strathbogie Camp
- Yr 9B PE Rollerblading Sunshine P1&2

Fri 8
- Assemblies
- Yr 8C Strathbogie Camp
- Yr 10 PE & Science activities Bowling Centre Watergardens P3-4
- Yr 11 VCAL activities Bowling Centre Watergardens P5-6
- Yr 9A PE Rollerblading Sunshine P1&2
- Yr 9D PE Rollerblading Sunshine P5&6
- Yr 9E PE AMF Bowling P5&6
- Yr 9C PE AMF Bowling P1&2
- 11 VCAL Mt Macedon Walk Prep – SASC & surrounds P5&6
- Yr 8 Volleyball WMR Finals at Leisure-time Centre Norlane – all day

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Year 12 Awards Night continued

Very special congratulations to the subject award winners, and to the following students on their awards:

Helen Pho - VCE Academic Excellence Award
Bonsa Dawe - VCAL Excellence Award
Kushani Hewage - Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Thank you to School Captains, Mariah Magri & Johnny Radas, for their excellent valedictory speech on behalf of their Year 12's, to all the staff, parents, school councillors and community members who celebrated with the students, & to everyone involved for such a wonderful Awards Night.

Cr Lewinski commented on the wonderful achievements of the students and the school in winning several awards that he had personally attended. He spoke of ‘the pride he felt in witnessing the achievements of remarkable, enthusiastic and inspiring young people from his constituency’ before calling the students up to receive their individual awards.

The school wishes to thank the City of Brimbank and congratulate the recipients of the Brimbank Achievement Awards, from Year 12 Tuan Pham, Stephanie Lemu, Kevin Tran, and from Year 11 Adhieu Kuir. We also wish to acknowledge the work and guidance provided to our award winners by their teachers Mr D’Aglas and Mr Bowden.

See Kevin Tran’s full report of the night on page 6.

Fashion Awards

Winning the schools’ section of the Australian Fashion Awards 2013 brought with it many rewards for our fashion students. This year, our students created history in winning the award for the fourth consecutive time. Since the award commenced in 1995, no school has ever achieved four consecutive wins.

In recognition of this milestone, Cr Peter Lewinski and Mr John Watson, the Chair of Panel of Administrators for Brimbank City Council, conferred a City of Brimbank Achievement Award upon our top designers. The awards were given to students at a special presentation in the Keilor Municipal Buildings on Wednesday October 9.

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Facilities News

Hospitality Centre

Our beautiful new Hospitality Centre is almost ready for opening. It will be so exciting to have a high quality facility like this, not only for VET Hospitality and Food Technology classes, but also for school functions and events such as Youth Day.

Library Upgrade

You may also have noticed that work is well underway on a major upgrade to our library. In many ways, the library should be the centrepiece of a school, and the works we have planned will certainly create a vibrant hub for students and staff. Stage 1 involves relocating the Careers / MIP's office to the eastern (carpark) end of the building into a newly built area, and reorganising the other offices internally.

The plans include a VCE Study Centre, renovation of the library space, and a new entrance to the library opposite the D Wing.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to our two new dads on staff. Mr Sean Ryan and wife Tania welcomed the arrival of Patrick Nicholas on Friday 20 September, and on Saturday 21 September Mr Simon Garaj and wife Angela celebrated the birth of Adam Martin.

The mums, dads and babies are all doing very well.
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Grade 6 Transition News
Term 4 is such an important time in preparing for a positive transition experience for our new Year 7 students and their families. Our Transition Coordinator, Ms Marlene Cassar, has planned a range of events to ensure that each child’s transition is well supported and enjoyable.

Big Day In
Last Monday & Tuesday 21 & 22 October, Grade 6 students from 27 primary schools took part in the Big Day In. The event focuses on supporting Grade 6 students to make new friends, get to know our staff, and to feel comfortable in their secondary school. Thank you to Marlene and our Wellbeing Team for organising a fun filled program of games & activities, and to our Junior School student leaders for making the Grade 6’s feel so welcome.

Learning Profiles
Another important aspect of a successful transition is ensuring that we have all the necessary information about each child’s learning needs and strengths to get them off to the best possible start in Year 7.

Marlene has already been working closely with the primary schools to gather this information, and throughout this term we will arrange interviews with families & students as needed, and give every family the opportunity to meet with us before the end of the year.

Orientation Day
Orientation Day for all Grade 6 students will be held on Tuesday 10 December. I look forward to welcoming & meeting our new families.

NAPLAN 2013 - Great results
Parents of Year 7 & 9 students received an individual report of their child’s NAPLAN results at the end of last term.

Once again we were very pleased with the results which were above national benchmarks in all of the 5 areas tested - Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuality, and Numeracy.

More importantly, the growth shown by our students in each of these areas as they moved from Year 7 to Year 9 was outstanding, and higher than the rate of growth at the state level.

The work that our teachers are doing is making a real difference to student achievement in literacy and numeracy.

School Assembly
Last week we held our second Whole School Assembly, its purpose for us to come together as a school community to farewell the Year 12 students and to recognise their contribution to St Albans Secondary College.

School Captains, Mariah & Johnny spoke on behalf of the Year 12’s, Brendan Nguyen & Christine Nghiem of Year 7 wished them well from the Junior School and Demi Tran & Nikolina Arnaut accepted the challenge of leadership on behalf of the Year 11 students.

At this assembly, we also recognise some other important achievements. Congratulations to the following award and scholarship winners:

Leadership & Citizenship Awards
The following students were presented with certificates and a $200 scholarship:

Leadership Awards:
Quiajah Beazley-Folomu - Year 7
Brigitte Thomas - Year 10

Citizenship Awards:
Jack Ty - Year 8
Tristan Luong - Year 9
Christie Vo - Year 11
Tanya Maturi - Year 11

Roger Martin Science Award & Scholarship:

ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Scholarships
Certificates and scholarships were presented to Brigitte Thomas of Year 10 and Mariah Magri of Year 12 by Warrant Officer Sharon Jansen of the Australian Defence Forces.
Report Writing Day
Teaching staff will be writing Semester 2 reports for students in Years 7 to 11 on Friday 29 November. There will be no classes on this day.

Students need to be making sure that they are aware of final assessment requirements for each of their subjects, and that all work is submitted by the required date.

House Cup
The inaugural House Cup was presented to Blue House for first prize in the 2013 House competition.

Student Recognition Prize
At this assembly we also award two Student Recognition Prizes. These prizes recognise students who have:

- had 100% attendance for the year
- behaved & worked positively all year
- been punctual to school & to classes

Congratulations to Lucy Zhang of Year 9 and to Alan Binuya of Year 10 who each took home an iPad.

St Albans Canteen Wins 5 Star Accreditation
A new initiative, by the body that governs school canteens in Victoria ASCA, designed to recognise the best canteens in Victoria has resulted in our school canteen being awarded a rare 5 Star Accreditation. The award acknowledges canteens that have a healthy eating menu, have their staff all trained in approved food handling practices, and can show that their procedures and policies deliver a safe and hygienic workplace.

Our congratulations to Maree Wilke, our Canteen Manager, and her hard working staﬀ members Mirella Mamic and Milka Zelko for their dedication and commitment to providing this excellent service to our school community. They have introduced a canteen service that provides freshly prepared, high quality food every day and a menu that meets the requirements of the governments Healthy Eating Policy.

This 5 Star Accreditation is not only a credit to their hard work, but also an assurance for parents that their children are getting food that is good for them from a safe, clean and well run canteen.

St Albans Secondary College Alumni Association

All 2013 Year 12 students are invited to join the St Albans Secondary College Alumni Association

If you would like to stay connected to the school, simply provide your details in the Alumni section of the St Albans Secondary College website at www.stalbans.sc.vic.edu.au.

By joining the Alumni, you will receive invitations to reunions and events as well as be having the opportunity to contribute back to the school.
What's been happening at SASC... Newspapers
**Fashion Awards**

This year's Australian Fashion Awards were crazy. We went into the awards as the defending champions. This was a lot of pressure, as we are the only school to have won the award three consecutive times since it started. There were over two hundred schools entrées.

In preparation for the award Stephanie Nguyen taught our models how to walk in heals.

Tuan Pham had seven garments, Stephanie Lemus and I had five garments and Jessica Tulloch and Adhieu Kuir had four garments each. The other designers only had one or two to worry about.

It was Friday the thirteenth as we assembled in the Art room to wait for our 8:15 am bus. Mr D’Agias kept joking about it being Friday the 13th. He was right; a few things did go horribly wrong.

Firstly, the bus was waiting at the wrong school. When we got to the venue there were no changing rooms left and we had to change in a foyer beside the kitchen. Fortunately there were toilets there for the models to use as changing cubicles.

Secondly, there were a number of garment malfunctions with broken zippers and popped buttons. While Mr Bowden organised hair and makeup for models, we helped set up the cloths racks and got our models into their garments. Both the teachers had sewing kits with everything needed to do running repairs. Mr Bowden had to fix Jessica Tulloch’s jammed zipper and replace a broken zipper.

Year 10 designer My and year 11 designer Dianna had to rehem their gown due to last minute changes of footwear. Mr D’Agias stitched the pearl buttons on my long gown while I was at the calico judging.

The panel of judges was intimidating. This year the judging panel consisted of one lecturer from RMIT, Designer Robert Dean- the winner of Melbourne Fashion Week’s gown of the year and the Victorian manager of Spot Light.

They asked us where we got our inspiration and technical construction questions. The pressure was really on to remember our vocabulary. I though we sounded pretty good and Heather Marcus the organiser of the event told our teachers that the judges were impressed by our technical knowledge.

We worked from the minute we arrived till 3pm, when we had to relocate everything up stairs everything before we left.

In the evening, Ms Hodgson came out of retirement to drive the school bus for us. We left school at 6 pm and models went straight into hair and makeup the second we arrived. Behind the scenes was insane but the public got to see a great runway show.

What they did not see was how amazing our models were. The models had to negotiate a flight of stairs and a runway in killer heals. Each parade ended with models climbing back up the stairs. Three finalists would then parade back down the stairs and runway to collect the awards for their designers. Each time we won a section the models would have to exit the venue and run around the building, up two flights of stairs and quickly change to go down the staircase and runway for their next gown. Victoria Obiego managed this even with her bad knee.

Some of our models got to parade in the TAFE and professional sections of the parade. Victoria got to model seven garments for various designers. Chloe Brasse got to parade Cocktail in the open design section and Robert Dean reassigned his Melbourne Fashion Week garment from his professional model to Akoi Arok.

Akoi and Victoria looked amazing in the finale gowns at the end of the show.

What a great night. We were all exhausted. To make it even more special was the last award of the night, the Schools’ Cup. Heather Marcus explained the significance of the cup and then announced the winning school for 2013 - St Albans Secondary College. OMG!

**Kevin Tran**

**Year 12 VET Fashion Student**
What’s been happening at SASC

Year 9 Outdoor Education Kayak Experience

Late term 3 the Year 9 Outdoor Ed class was lucky enough to go on an inner city Kayaking experience along the Yarra River.

It was a cold and wet morning but that certainly didn’t dampen the excitement from the group, it is a rare opportunity indeed to be able to see the sights of Melbourne form a kayak. Early showers were soon forgotten as we got into the water and the rain ceased. Stating at the rowing sheds opposite federation square the group was led down the Yarra, passing such icons as Flinders st station, Crown Entertainment Complex, Polly Woodside and South Wharf. We made our way all the way to the Bolte Bridge, at which point we hooked around into the Docklands and stopped for lunch. At this stage everyone was beginning to feel the effects of the constant paddling and battle against the current and the stop for refuelling was well earned. After hitting the water again it was time to head back to the rowing sheds, this was a bit easier as we were going with the current this time.

Everyone made it back to the sheds without going into the water (except for two students who will remain anonymous) and in great spirits. This was truly a once in a lifetime experience and an excellent (a very different) way to see the beautiful city of Melbourne.

Brendan McFarland
Health & Physical Education Learning Area Co-ordinator
What’s been happening at SASC…. Continued

Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls Volleyball Report

The Year 8 Boys have qualified for the Western Metro Finals by winning the Keilor Division Championships. Led by Tim and Mario the boys got better with each game defeating the fancied Copperfield and Keilor Downs College’s to take out the title. Not to be outdone, the girls were also crowned Champions. The girls did not lose a match all day and were deserved champions.

Both teams will now meet the best Volleyball teams in the West of Melbourne to try to qualify for the State Finals.

Year 8 Boys

Timoci Wakobaka
Mario Salima
Duwayne Kara
Taani Taufeulungaki
Guilliano Hammal
Sang Le
Luckie Nguyen
Brayden Loizou
Matthew Le
Ryan Tran
Kurt Vieriuesel
Justin Souphanh –Chan
Brayson Le
Tony Nguyen
Andy Nguyen
Mollalegh Kasegn
Chris Stavropoulos
Justin Atonio

Year 8 Girls

Vivian Dang
Maria Mathieu
Alysia Albarraun
Imogen Nund Dam
Achol Kuir
Moira Oro
Leata Anau
Victoria Sua’ Falo

A Night with the Stars & Planets

The annual ‘Starry Starry Night’ activity was held on a cool but clear evening last term on Thursday September 12th. After a complimentary BBQ the students, parents and staff gathered on the roof of the 3 storey building to explore the heavens. Using telescopes supplied by the school and Mrs Jenny Crocker those in attendance gazed up into the sky to see what could be found.

Under the guidance of our resident astronomer Mr Sjaak Dejong and his good friend Lynn, from the Royal Astrological Society of Australia, we were able to clearly see the surface of the moon and stunning images of the planet Saturn.

Craters, both small and large, were scattered across the moon telltale signs of numerous meteor strikes over millions of years. The images of Saturn were so clear they literally took your breath away. The rings were so clear you felt that you should be able to reach out and touch it.

All too soon the clouds began to restrict our view and we reluctantly packed up for the night but not before we had all marveled at the marvels in the night sky.

This event has been going for 5 years now and the number of interested just keeps growing. This year was our most successful event yet so I can’t wait for next year to continue the adventure.

Thank you to all the people who participated in the night – a special thank you to Mr DeJong and Lynne for their expert guidance and comments about everything astrological.

A great night was had by all.

Mr Ian Crocker
Assistant Principal
What’s been happening at SASC…. Continued

Kids Teaching Kids Week

Year 9 ADVANCE students participated in the Kids Teaching Kids (KTK) Week as part of their Community Service for the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award (DUKES). Kids Teaching Kids (KTK) Week proudly sponsored by Target is a free, national, inquiry based, peer teaching program that uses the environment as a theme for learning. The local event held at Westvale Community Centre was organised by Anna Vella, the Sustainability Leader from Copperfield Secondary College and Stephanie Kuisma, the Brimbank City Council Environmental Education Officer.

Our students presented workshops on International Year of Water Co-operation and enjoyed learning about sustainability from the participating schools.

Ms Marion Mortimer
Advance Coordinator

LOTE Week

Despite the unusually cold weather, LOTE Week was still lots of fun and much gelati, pizza and croissants were consumed by students and staff. As usual, classes partook in the yearly LOTE Quiz where the guessed the language: Burmese or Thai? Dutch or Danish and we all sang along to Schnappi das kleine Krokodil. The Japanese department had tongues wagging in the annual Tongue Twister competition and students tried their hand at some calligraphy. Apart from the celebrations, this is a time for us to think about how our language is important to our identity and sense of belonging to a community and how much fun it is to be able to say things and express ourselves in different ways.

Ms Patricia Herr
LOTE Coordinator
What’s been happening at SASC…. Continued

Mathematical Methods Enrichment Program 2013

A group of students who demonstrated the potential to improve their study scores with extra input were chosen from across the 2 classes. They attended classes after school between 3.30 and 5.00 p.m. on a number of Mondays. As can be seen from the photographs, the students engaged intensively with the material provided. I congratulate them for their commitment in an already busy schedule. I also enjoyed taking the classes and seeing their camaraderie.

Ms Leonie McGannon
Maths Methods Teacher

VU Science

Want to know more about DNA?
Community-based education students, Lauren Mowat, Brendan Shelton and Abbey White from Victoria University (VU) recently introduced our Year 11 Biology students to molecular biology. Students enjoyed building the DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) double helix model and isolating fruit DNA. It was interesting to learn how gel electrophoresis and thin layer chromatography are used for gene and drug identification in forensic science and medicine.

We sincerely thank Nick Athanasiou from VU, Footscray Campus for offering this exciting and educational science program to secondary school students. It was great.

Marion Mortimer
VCE Biology Teacher
What’s been happening at SASC…. Continued

2013 Year 12 Celebration Day
What’s been happening at SASC.... Continued

Year 12 Awards Night
Junior School Report

Welcome Back to Term 4, a very busy term for staff and students alike.

Year 8 Camps have commenced at Strathbogie and 8E and 8D have attended so far. Thanks to Mr DeGabriele, Mr Traianou, Ms. Lee, Ms. Younis, and Trish, who spent three delightful days with students on Camp. From all reports everyone had a great time. The camp provides a wonderful opportunity for students to forge strong relationships with their classmates and teachers. Other Year 8 classes have camps booked in throughout Term 4. Thanks to Mr Micallef for his ongoing support and organisation of these camps.

Year 8 Students have attended a session called “Tagged”, where they learnt about Cyber Safety with Well-Being.

Last term finished on a fantastic note for students in Year 8 who competed in inter-class competitions on the last Friday. Thanks to all staff who assisted. The overall winner of the Bean Bag Tournament competition was 8C. Thanks to Ms. Phyland for running such an enthusiastic competition.

Friday November 1st is the annual Brimbank Walk. This is a compulsory event for all Year 8 students to attend. Students will hike approximately 10 Kms to the park and back to school with a lunch provided by Junior School. Inter class competitions will be run by PE staff and house points will be allocated for winning class members.

Brendan Nguyen (7B) and Christine Nghiem (7B) both made a farewell speech to the Year 12 students at the Whole School Assembly. Thank you to you both for your representation. We are proud of your effort.

LATENESS

Just a reminder that students who are late to school in the morning will be required to attend after school detention. After 4 lates students will be required to attend a detention for 2 hours in full school uniform with a member of Principal Class. It has been pleasing to see the number of late students has dropped significantly.

TERM 3: YEAR 7 ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

During term 3, students in Year 7 were encouraged to improve their class attendance with a weekly competition between all class groups. Attendance data was analysed each week, with students who provided medical certificates exempt from the count. As the weeks passed fewer students presented with unexplained absences. Weekly prizes were handed out with some classes having 100% attendance over consecutive weeks. The final count had class data counted and averaged out over the seven weeks the competition ran. (See graph below).

Congratulations to 7G who were out right winners with 90% class attendance over the duration of the competition. They enjoyed a pizza lunch as their prize. Keep up the great attendance year 7. Thank you to Ms. Gough for monitoring the results and organising the luncheon.

### Year Level Coordinators 2013

**Junior Sub School: T: 9356 4066**

- Mr Les Chapman - Sub School Leader 7E, 8I, 8J
- Ms Lauren Honeycombe - Assistant Sub School Leader 7A, 8A, 8E
- Mr Louie Traianou - Sub School Coordinator 7B, 7D, 8B, 8D
- Ms Laura Gough - Sub School Coordinator 7C, 7G, 8C, 8G
- Ms Di Phyland - Sub School Coordinator 7F, 7H, 8F, 8H
- Ms Micki Minogue - Sub School Assistant

**Middle Sub School: T: 9356 4088**

- Ms Janet McKenzie - Sub School Leader 9A, 10D
- Ms Becky Annetts - Assistant Sub School Leader 9B, 9C, 10C
- Mr Sean Ryan - Sub School Coordinator 9E, 9G, 10A
- Ms Louise Bryant - Sub School Coordinator 9D, 9E, 10B
- Ms Nermina Fetahovic - Sub School Assistant

**Senior Sub School: T: 9356 4099**

- Ms Julie Bird - Sub School Leader 11B (H-M), 12B (H-M)
- Ms Melissa D'Amico - Assistant Sub School Leader 11C (N-S), 12C (N-S)
- Ms Anna Woods - Sub School Coordinator 11A (A-G), 12A (A-G), 11 VCAL
- Mr Robert Krysinski - Sub School Coordinator 11D (T-Z), 12D (T-Z), 12 VCAL
- Ms Rosemary Bambery - Sub School Assistant

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News from our Sub Schools....
Junior School Continued

**CAMP DATES**

- 8I    22-24 OCT
- 8H    29-31 OCT
- 8C    6-8 NOV
- 8A    12-14 NOV
- 8B    20-22 NOV
- 8J    26-28 NOV
- 8G    4-6 DEC
- 8F    11-13 DEC

**TALENT IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Over two days in Term 3, a large number of Junior School students competed in the Junior School Talent Quest. Five Year 11 VCAL students advertised and judged the competition that was strongly contested by all competitors. The winners of the Quest were:

- Shirley Yao (7A) in first place playing beautiful compositions on keyboard.
- Victoria Su’Afalo (8B) in close second place entertaining the crowd with her impressive vocals.
- Harley Hill (8B) in a well-earned third place who engaged the crowd with his exciting rap.

Congratulations to all participants. We have a very talented Junior School and remember that with these talents, you can go a long way!

- Natalie Markovic
- Madison Rogers
- Amaani Muhuseen
- Sandy Truong
- Quynh Mai
- YEAR 11 VCAL

**STUDENT PROFILE - Rachel Pinto (7A)**

On the 15th September, Rachel competed in the Royal South Street Society singing competition held in Ballarat. She was the first performer in Division 2 of the Contemporary Section.

Rachel sang “Who’s Loving You” by Michael Jackson. All competitors were called onto the stage and Rachel was announced as First Place, receiving a medal. An extremely exciting result for Rachel!! She had a great experience and a fantastic day. Well done and Congratulations Rachel.

Lauren Honeycombe
Assistant Junior Sub School Leader
Middle School Report

It was lovely to see all the smiles at SASC at the start of Term 4. I was on long service leave for Term 3 and it really did strike me just how friendly our students are when I returned this term. This term is already off to a flying start and it seems that students have returned positively and are looking forward to what lies ahead. Term 4 is very busy with many opportunities and some challenges. It is important that students are organised and that they keep on top of their work. We also want them to take the opportunities that are presented to them and participate in all aspects of school life.

Year 10
On Tuesday the 19th of November we will be holding the Beacon Pledge. This is a highly enjoyable event in the year 10 calendar. Ms Bryant and the Beacon Ambassadors are carefully planning this event and it is bound to be very motivating. We are lucky enough to have secured Tom Hafey as our guest speaker for the afternoon.

The exams begin on 20th of November which is in week 7. Year 10 students should already be preparing for these exams. On Friday 25th of October students will participate in a study skills program run by Elevate. This is an informative session which is run by university students. Our students will be guided through effective study habits and tips. At home you can help your child by making sure that they have a quiet place to study and a good routine for the remainder of the school year. It is important that they get plenty of sleep and switch off all technology before going to bed.

After the exams students will participate in VCE/VCAL orientation which is compulsory for all students.

The year 10 Formal to be held on the 6th of December is causing a great deal of excitement amongst the students and the planning committee along with Ms Annetts are very busy organising the event. Of course this is a highlight of the calendar for year 10 students.

Year 9
This is also a busy term for year 9 students. Many excursions have been organised and the term will finish with what is perhaps the highlight of year 9, City Experience. This will be held in weeks 9 and 10 and information will come home outlining the program. It is compulsory for all students and forms part of their assessment for Humanities. Parents are treated to an expo night where they can have a look at the projects the students have undertaken whilst in the city. A great deal of planning goes into the organisation of City Experience and it provides wonderful opportunities for the students to learn in a very practical way.

On the 12th of November students involved in Goals will have their closing ceremony and parents are very welcome to attend this.

Year 9 students will also have final tests/exams in their core subjects. These will be held during week 7 in the students’ regular classes. It is important that students keep up to date with all their work and begin to revise notes from classes in order to prepare for these tests. It will be a busy week for them and some students will also have year 10 exams.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Middle School Team for their excellent work during Term 3. Ms Becky Annetts was acting sub school leader and Ms Louise Bryant acting assistant sub-school leader and both did a superb job. Thank you also to Mr Sean Ryan and Ms Sandy Fraser for their support and proficiency in their roles as level coordinators.

Janet McKenzie
Middle Sub School Leader
Senior School Report

At this time in the school year we are leading up to final examinations for our Year 11 and Year 12 students. Year 12 classes finish on Tuesday 22nd October and we will host our annual Year 12 Awards Night at the Clock Tower that evening. The Year 12 Exams begin on Wednesday 30th October - with English being their first exam - and conclude on Friday 22nd November. Our Year 11 classes go through until Friday 8th November and their exam period extends from Tuesday 12th until Thursday 21st November. Year 11 VCE and VCAL students then undertake their Year 12 Orientation Program between Mon 25th and Thurs 28th November.

On Monday 16th October, the Year 12 students enjoyed a Pizza Lunch with their teachers in Nindethana. The lunch was a celebration of the students’ achievement in completing their Year 12 studies and provided them with a boost at this very demanding time of year. On Friday 18th October the Senior Team conducted a Year 12 Forum to seek student feedback on the extensive program of VCE Revision Lectures, Practice Exams, Enrichment Programs and afterschool classes. This valuable feedback will be used to inform our planning of activities for 2014.

A group of Year 11 students are continuing to attend the STRETCH program on Friday lunchtimes. STRETCH provides support with Study Skills Exam Preparation and Time Management. This week also saw the final session of our ABCN “Aspirations” Program for Year 11 students on Thursday 17th October. The Aspirations Program, which has been supported by staff at Goldman Sachs, has been a great success according to feedback from the sixteen students who participated in it. A selection of staff at Goldman Sachs have worked with our students to develop skills in team work, creative thinking, problem solving, interview skills, positive thinking and leadership. Mentoring programs of this nature aim to build on the principles of Positive Psychology. “Positive Psychology” promotes student wellbeing and psychological resilience. The view is that these qualities are developed by focusing on personal strengths rather than weaknesses and working with these strengths to improve all aspects of your life. Our students certainly believe that the program has given them valuable life skills, self-esteem and an increased positive outlook.

We encourage parents to read the VCAA VCE Exam Navigator to check on the dates and times of your child’s exams. Your child was issued with a hard copy of the Exam Navigator by the school last term, however you can also view this important document on the VCAA website at the following address: http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vcaanavigator_web.pdf

The VCAA VCE Exam Navigator also provides the information about what materials students are permitted to bring into each of their examinations. By reading this through with your child you can ensure that they attend their exams at the right time and with the right equipment.

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

ABCN Year 11 Aspirations
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
(to be held during the term)
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.

Parents & Friends Association

Our annual Christmas Raffle is up and running!!!

Tickets will again be available for purchase through class captains, the canteen and the general office. We again have been fortunate enough to have some great prizes on offer.

1st PRIZE
Amicro E Touch Tab IV 9.7" Tablet PC 8g memory & Expandable to 32g, Logitech iPod Doc Pure Fi Express Plus

2nd PRIZE
$50 Bunnings Voucher
Breville Stick Mixer with stainless steel blades
Salad spinner
Serving bowls &
A Jamie Oliver sample pack

3rd PRIZE
George Foreman indoor/outdoor BBQ grill

Your support of this school raffle is appreciated. All proceeds will be awarded to the school camp to assist in ongoing refurbishments.

For any further information about Parents and Friends please contact Maree Wilke on 9366 2555 between 8.30a.m and 2.30p.m

Ms Maree Wilke
Parents & Friends Coordinator

2013 Calendar Continued

11 November
• Various Yr 8 Boys & Girls Futsal – all day
• Yr 9G PE AMF Bowling P5&6
• Yr 9C PE Rollerblading Sunshine P1&2

12 November
• Yr 11 Exams start
• Yr 11VCAL classes continue
• Yr 9 GOALS Program – Closing Ceremony in Nindethana P1-4
• Yr 8A Strathbogie Camp –

13 November
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14 November
• Yr 8A Strathbogie Camp
• Various Yr 8 Boys & Girls Futsal – all day

15 November
• Yr 9A PE AMF Bowling P1&2
• Yr 9D PE AMF Bowling P5&6
• Yr 9E AMF Bowling P5&6
• 11 VCAL Mt Macedon Walk – all day