Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you for all the support you have been giving your children, especially during the exam and test period. This time of the year it can be just as stressful for parents, and we appreciate very much the role you play with us in providing every child with the best opportunity for success.

Congratulations

On behalf of the whole school community, our very special congratulations to Myers Nguyen of Year 10 on his successful nomination for the inaugural Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) scholarship.

Myers was one of 12 winners selected from 132 applicants across Australia and his application was described as ‘outstanding’.

The scholarship provides financial & mentoring support for exceptional students. We are delighted for Myers and his family, and very proud of his wonderful achievement.

Kwong Lee Dow Scholars 2014

Congratulations to Patrick Tran and, once again, to Myers Nguyen who have been successfully nominated as University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Scholars for 2014.

Patrick and Myers were chosen from a large group of nearly 1800 applicants across the state. As Kwong Lee Dow Scholars, they will have special access to a range of services at the university over the next two years, including use of the Baillieu library and online resources to extend their learning, as well as the support of mentor students and special seminars.

The Kwong Lee Dow program gives Patrick and Myers an exciting and valuable opportunity to experience aspects of university life, and to work with their mentors to explore post school options and pathways.

Beacon Pledge – Year 10’s sign up

Earlier this week, each of our Year 10 students committed themselves to positive post school pathway by signing up to the Beacon Pledge.

The special ceremony was led by our Beacon Ambassadors Joshua Aghan, Brigitte Thomas, Anna Hijazeen and Hoa Nguyen, and attended by representatives of our business and community partners. It marked the culmination of a series of events sponsored by the Beacon Foundation and ABCN which aims to broaden students’ knowledge of career options, enable them to visit a range of workplaces, and develop an understanding of the steps they need to take to achieve their career goals.

As guest speaker, Mr Tom Hafey, celebrated former AFL player and coach, said, the Beacon Pledge is about the 4D’s of Desire, Determination, Dedication and Discipline, and a commitment to these values in everything we do.

Congratulations and thank you to Ms Louise Bryant, Ms Nermina Fetahovic, the Middle School Team and the Beacon Ambassadors on their organisation of the Pledge ceremony, and to business partners, Mr Lou Gionfriddo - Tobin Brothers, Ms May Joy Toke - The Smith Family, Ms Anita Weber - Beacon Foundation and Ms Merrill Farmer - Brimbank Melton Local Learning & Employment Network who came along to celebrate with the students and staff.

Calendar - 2013

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Students Signing

Myers Nguyen & Patrick Tran
City Experience for Year 9

Over the next few weeks, Year 9 students will swap their classrooms for venues in the city as they undertake their City Experience Program.

Students will experience 5 days packed with activities including a visit to the MCG sports museum, a ferry ride to Williamstown, the Eureka Tower, exciting tours such as Melbourne laneways, National Gallery, bikeriding, Queen Victoria Market, and a fabulous LOTE experience day.

As well as this, they will work in groups to develop and investigate a research question over the week. Parents and family members are invited to the Year 9 City Experience Presentation Evening Expo on 12 December at 5.30pm in Nindethana where each group will present their findings from the City Experience Week.

Thank you to Mr Louis Turner and the Year 9 Humanities team, and to Ms Patricia Herr and the LOTE team, for their work in developing a challenging, enjoyable program.

Schoolyard Blitz

We had our very own backyard blitz last week when 4 staff from accounting firm, Deloittes, spent the day here digging, weeding and planting, under the expert guidance of Mr Dave Fraser and Mr Tony Gavrilovski. And what a difference they made in such a short time!

Sincere thanks to all at Deloittes’ for their excellent support of St Albans Secondary College, and to Dave and Tony for their leadership of the project.

Brimbank Walk

Congratulations to all our Year 8 students who took on the challenge of walking to Brimbank Park and back on Friday 1 November.

Organised by the Junior School Team, the annual walk enables students to mix with people in other classes, to fundraise, to have fun, and get a little extra exercise.

Apart from a few blisters, everyone enjoyed a great day.

Exams, Tests and Reports

The exam period is well underway, and we are really pleased with how well students have prepared for all and approached their exams and tests.

The Year 12 supervisors were so complimentary about our students’ attitude and behaviour during the exams.

Teachers are in the process of completing assessments, and will write Semester 2 reports on Friday 29 November. Reports will be posted home in the last week of term.

Students will not be required at school on this day.

And finally….

If you are intending to travel overseas over the summer break, please make sure that you advise your child’s Year Level Coordinator if your son or daughter will not be present on the first day of the school year. We cannot hold places where we have no information about attendance from the family.

Kerrie Dowsley
Principal
What's been happening at SASC...Newspapers

PENS DOWN AND RELIEF FOR ALL

RELIEF replaced anxiety for thousands of Victorian school leavers as this year’s VCE exams kicked off. Almost 43,000 students yesterday sat the English assessment, signalling the start of a three-week test-fest.

A further 3300 pupils sat the subject as an additional language.

There were few surprises for 137 students sitting the exams at St Albans Secondary College.

Most were just glad to have the more than three-hour ordeal over.

Victoria Obiega, 17, said it was exactly what she had prepared for. "I’ve put in hours and hours of work — my room is covered with revision posters," she said.

"I think I made it up in my head to be a lot worse than it really was."

Marlah Magri said teachers had prepared them well. Practice exams and extension classes were among measures to get them exam-ready. "I’m just relieved and excited about the future," she said.

Johnny Radas, 18, was hoping he had done enough to score a tertiary entrance rank of at least 80.

"I didn’t want to just go in and get it over and done with," he said.

English students had to analyse language use and complete essays on two texts.

They included Emily Bronte’s Wuthering Heights, Shakespeare’s Henry IV Part I and the polonious David Malouf novel Ransom.

St Albans principal Kerrie Dowsey said students weren’t the only ones relieved when exam supervisors called pens down.

"Teachers invest so much in it — teachers everywhere," she said. "They invest in it intellectually, emotionally in terms of the time they put in with those kids."

About 80 Thornbury High School students also joined those taking the tests.

COMING EXAMS
TODAY
Biology, Economics
TOMORROW
Psychology, Further Mathematics, Exam I
What's been happening at SASC...Newspapers

Teen makes fashion sensation

By ALESHA CAPONE

AN AWARD-WINNING gown designed by talented teenager Adieu Kuir would not look out of place at a glamorous Hollywood awards night.

The 17-year-old student from St Albans Secondary College took out first place in the Long Gown section of the Fashion Awards Australia (FAA) grand final in September.

This month, Brimbank City Council presented Adieu, three other pupils and the school with certificates to recognise their success at the FAA.

After entering the awards for nine years, this year the college received the John Claringbold Memorial School Cup for the first time.

The cup is given to whichever school accumulates the most points across all categories on the night. Adieu said she won the Long Gown section, thanks to the support of her teachers including Michael Bowden and Nick D'Aglas.

The modest Adieu said she did not expect to win a prize at the fashion awards.

“I almost had a heart attack. I just couldn't believe it,” she said. “I literally couldn’t breathe, it was amazing. Just seeing the other designs was great and I couldn’t take my eyes off them.

“What made me cry was after the school won the award and my teacher Mr Bowden said to me that it was also the first time the school ever won the Long Gown section.”

“Fashion design has always been my dream but I am also interested in psychology, health and art,” she said.

Mr D’Aglas said the judges from the FAA were impressed with Adieu’s talent.

“She’s made a huge splash in the Melbourne fashion scene and she hasn’t even realised,” he said.

St Albans Secondary College student Adieu Kuir with her award-winning gown, modelled by Year 9 pupil Nicki. Picture: JOE MASTROIANNI

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

Year 8 Girls Futsal Team

The St. Albans girls year 8 futsal team demonstrated great team work and skills to win the Keilor division competition. After winning the round robin draw against DP– Copperfield College and Victoria University. The girls had to go the extra mile into extra time to win in the finals against Sydenham Copperfield which qualifies them for the western finals! Congratulations year 8 girls; Manuela, Achol, Ariet, Victoria, Leata, Princess, Jennifer, Maria and Malenga!!

Coach - Steven Vo

Junior Girls Volleyball

A very successful inter-school competition earlier in October saw the volleyball team qualify for the regional competition held in Geelong on Friday 8th of November. This competition featured the best teams west of the city. After achieving success in the earlier competition the girls were determined to do well and represent the college to the best of their ability. They gave up their lunchtime three times a week and I immediately saw improvement.

We left for Geelong unsure of success but knowing they had prepared as thoroughly as they could. Our first game was against Creekside and although losing both sets the team was of the belief they had not performed anywhere near their potential. As a team we had to play smarter and trust the skills developed in the last four weeks. Buckley Park were considered by many to be the hot favourite to win the competition but obviously the St. Albans girls didn’t get the message as they won the second set tying the game at one set all.

Victoria Su’a falo, Manuela Soma and Leata Anau were all critical in providing structure and taking control of the court. Moira Oro and Achol Kur were fantastic at receiving the opposition serves, time and time again allowing us to set up an attack through Imogen Nund-dam and Maria Mathieu. Despite hurting her wrists and thumbs in an earlier game Alyssa Albarracin showed her trademark toughness by continuing to play a critical role on the court through instruction and leadership.

In the third and final set to 15 points we were down 7 – 13. The outlook was bleak but nothing could wipe the looks of determination off their faces, they responded with some fantastic team efforts. With the team still down 12 - 14 and Buckley Park only needing 1 point for victory and under intense pressure Vivean Dang stepped up and landed her next 4 serves in. Buckley Park could not match the team over the last four points with St. Albans taking the win 16 – 14. The win was one of the best and the girls deserved nothing less given the commitment they had shown for the last 10 weeks.

Even though the team was disappointed we did not win the competition I could not be more proud of the girls who showed real character both in the way they conducted themselves on the day and in their commitment to training.

Coach - Owen McIntyre
Intermediate Girls Table Tennis Oct 29

The girls played extremely well today, they finished winners in their group!

Entering the finals with good form they dominated Essendon Kellor in the semi finals and then lost to Braybrook College in the finals who are the two time state champs!

Well done to Bridgette, Hiba, Kim and Elizabeth!!

Coach - Cameron Beale

Junior Boys Table Tennis, October 29th

Our boys represented the school very well at the Geelong table tennis centre, playing for a place in the state finals! They played three tight matches against Western Heights, Bayside College and Maribyrnong! They lost the first two matches on points after winning 3 and losing 3 matches. However they did record a victory against the Maribyrnong Sports Academy School. I'm very proud of their efforts and they leave here knowing they gave their best!

Well done to Tony Nguyen, Dominic Lay, Se Won Yoon and Minh Truong.

Coach - Steven Vo
What’s been happening at SASC…. Continued

Year 7 Boys Basketball – Second Round

On Monday 28th October a revised Year 7 Boys Basketball team played in the second round. Impressively as it was easily winning the first round, the boys were easily beaten by Geelong HS, Williamstown HS and Maribyrnong Sports Academy in all of our second round games. Those attributes that served us well and made our first round a success, fell away – the boys’ lack of commitment to a serious training regime meant they weren’t competitive. However, there were highlights – Buku was easily the best individual player of all the teams on the day. His skills, abilities and efforts kept our team in the game. It is a compliment to him that most teams eventually double teamed him and were especially attentive each time he had the ball in his hands. All his team mates tried hard – especially our mosquito squad of John, Jimmy and Simon who played heroically against much larger, stronger boys. Phong was a consistent contributor all day, who worked tirelessly for little reward. Samson, Aron, Isaac Fuimono and Isaac Charles had their moments but made little impression. Newcomer Zenawi showed some raw ability which needed a lot of development to have any impact at this level. Thanks go to Joseph who scored all day – unfortunately he didn’t play because he had a broken arm.

Revised squad: Buku Khamis (captain), Phong Le (Vice Captain), John Li, Jimmy Nguyen, Simon Tran, Aron Gebregiorgis, Samson Hollands, Isaac Fuimono, Isaac Charles, Zenawi Bugali and Joseph Henries.

Coach - John Eckel

VCAL Interviews

The Year 12 VCAL class put the expression “practice makes perfect” into action during their VCAL interviews on Friday the 18th of October 2013.

As part of their final assessment in Personal Development Skills (PDS) and in preparation for future job interviews, the VCAL students presented their well-developed Portfolios of work to a panel of staff in a formal interview setting.

The students attended their 15 minute interviews dressed to impress! They responded to a set of questions relating to each of the VCAL strands and provided annotated evidence of their work through their extensive Portfolios.

The panel, which was mostly composed of an Assistant Principal, the VCAL Coordinator, a representative from the local community and a teacher, provided the students with constructive feedback and advice on their interview skills.

The VCAL staff were impressed with the level of effort, commitment and maturity the VCAL students displayed during the entire interview process.

The students celebrated their achievements by attending a celebration dinner at Blue Train Restaurant in Southbank. I would like to sincerely thank Ms May Toke from the Smith Family, Mr Ian Crocker, Ms Losh Pillay, Ms Lauren Morrison, Ms Anna Langley, Ms Ash ManaMohan and Ms Tania DeSilva for volunteering their time to sit on the panel.

On behalf of the VCAL staff, I would like wish the Year 12 VCAL students every success with their future career pursuits.

Marlene Cassar
VCAL Coordinator
What’s been happening at SASC.... Continued

SCOPE – “see the person, not the disability”

Our Year 9 Advance class recently completed the Scope Young Ambassador Bronze Certificate. Scope formerly known as the Spastic Society of Victoria is a not-for-profit organisation providing disability services. The aim of the Schools Program is to develop the self-esteem, sense of connectedness and abilities of young people to actively promote the values of diversity, respect and acceptance of others in their community. Scope Education Officer, Emily Buxton-D’Arcy introduced students to understanding disability and diversity and communicating successfully with others. Inspirational guest speaker, Jaebin Saunders shared his experiences of living with a rare neurological condition which affected his co-ordination and balance and as well as a hearing impairment. Teasha, the A.W.A.R.E. dog was also a “hit” with the students. A.W.A.R.E. dogs support people living with psycho-social health and developmental health issues. The highlight of the Scope Program was the work experience visit to Highpoint Industries. Students spent a day working and relating with people with various disabilities – performing a range of manual tasks. Jaebin’s take home message was “don’t be embarrassed in life – just keep trying”.

Special thanks to Rosemary Bambery for her support on the excursion.

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

Techniques of Writing Poetry to all Year 9 Students

The poet Myron Lysenko visited the school last week to introduce various styles and techniques of writing poetry to all year 9 students with song and story. His quirky humour engages the students but the serious business of learning to write and structure a poem is the aim of the workshop. There were two prize winners for the best poem in the workshops on the day, chosen by Myron. Jenny Truong of 9C and Emmanuella Pimpormaah of 9E were each rewarded with a new novel. Congratulations!

Jo Harris
Librarian

Help Support Breakfast Club
Christmas Fundraising Opportunity!

At Bakers Delight, they pride themselves on maintaining the highest possible quality products by using only quality ingredients.

Bakers Delight would like to offer St Albans Secondary College the opportunity to take part in their Christmas Fruit mince/ Lemon Tart & Christmas Cake Fundraiser.

A percentage of the sales will be donated to the BREAKFAST CLUB!

CHRISTMAS TARTS - $8.50 per six-pack ($1.50 donated)
CHRISTMAS CAKE - $15.00 each ($3.00 donated)

Below you will find an order form. Please hand correct money & order form back to Carmel in sick bay, by 28/11/13. The orders will be delivered for distribution on 05/12/13.

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Year 9 ABCN

Year 10 Beacon Pledge
Year Level Coordinators 2013

Year Level Coordinators work closely with students, families and teachers to ensure that your child is happy and supported at school. Please contact them if you have any concerns or for any information about your child’s progress.

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

- Ms Les Chapman - Sub School Leader
  7E, 8I, 8J
- Ms Lauren Honeycombe - Assistant Sub School Leader
  7A, 8A, 8E
- Mr Loue 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 Nicole Fetahovic - Sub School Coordinator
  9D, 9E, 10B
- Ms Louise Bryant - Sub School Coordinator
  9F, 9G, 10A
- Mr Sean Ryan - Sub School Coordinator
  9B, 9C, 10C
- Ms Becky Annetts - Sub School Coordinator
  9A, 10D
- Ms Janet McKenzie - Sub School Coordinator
  9D, 9E, 10B
- Ms Lauren Honeycombe - Assistant Sub School Leader
  7A, 8A, 8E
- Mr Loue 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
  9F, 9G, 10A
- Ms Louise Bryant - Sub School Coordinator
  9D, 9E, 10B
- Ms Nermina Fetahovic - Sub School Coordinator
  9D, 9E, 10B

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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**Junior School Report**

The Walkathon happened on the 1st November. The Year 8 students and their teachers walked quite a few kilometres to Brimbank Park. We were very fortunate with the weather as it turned out to be a very pleasant day. The students had a terrific day, as some of the comments from 8J students contest to below. One of the highlights was the Class events with all students participating in a bean bag carrying activity as well as participating in an egg (Ping-Pong ball) race. House points will be allocated for winning classes. We all enjoyed ice blocks, meat and salad rolls prepared by some staff, with fruit and water to accompany the rolls. Students and staff spent a delightful day at the park, walking, chatting, playing cricket and soccer, and then had to walk quite a few kilometres back to school. It was terrific to have the opportunity to spend some time with students in a much more informal setting.

“I had heaps of fun on the Brimbank walk”. April Z 8J

“It was an extremely tiring walk on a really nice day. We participated in games and had a nice lunch made by the teachers” Sarah M8J

“The Walkathon was tiring though it was fun. LET’S DO IT AGAIN! Hoang N 8J

“It was fun when we got to the park but when we got back my legs were sore. AndyN 8J

“It was tiring but worth it” Dzung M 8J

This week the Junior SRC have been involved in a Healthy Bones campaign selling flavoured milk shakes and mixed ice cream to encourage students to increase their calcium intake. All money raised will go towards the school camp at Strathbogie.

Since the last newsletter a number of Year 8 classes have attended the school camp. 8H, 8C & 8A all enjoyed three days away with mixed weather. The reports from all the camps have been wonderful with staff and students having an enjoyable time. 8B, 8J, 8G and 8F will be going in the coming weeks.

Our end of Year Activity program has been arranged for the last week of term and plans made for students to attend activities both in school and outside of the school. Year 7 will attend Funfields on Monday 16th December and Year 8 will go down Geelong way to Adventure Park. Students have been given permission notes, so if you haven’t already done so please return notes and payments to the General Office so final bookings can be confirmed.

The organising committee has been formed for the Year 8 Graduation Disco with preparation under way. The twilight disco will be held in the Performing Arts on Tuesday 17th December 2.30-5.30pm. Students will be given an invitation in the near future. The Walkathon/Graduation permission slip gives permission notes, so if you haven’t already done so please return notes and payments to the General Office so final bookings can be confirmed.

Laura Gough
Junior Sub School Coordinator
News from our Sub Schools....Con’t

Junior School Continued
Middle School Report

Year 10
We are thrilled that so many of our Year 10 students have been successful in gaining awards or scholarships at this time of the year.

Congratulations to the following students for achieving these awards:

- **Australian Defence Award Battle of Long Tan**: Brigitte Thomas
- **Roger Martin Science Award**: Myers Nguyen
- **Kwong Le Dow Scholarships**: Myers Nguyen, Patrick Tran
- **Doug Dukes Memorial Scholarship**: Myers Nguyen
- **Murray J Stevens Award Rotary**: Oanh (Anna) Pham
- **Recognition of upholding the school values**: Allan Binuya
- **Overall Student of the year**: Grace Keimann

The Beacon Pledge was held on the 19th of November. This was a wonderful celebration of student achievement and a reminder of what is possible when you remain positive. This is a lovely year group and the students all made commitments to a positive future either in study or in the workforce. Congratulations to our four Beacon Ambassadors who spent many hours preparing this event and also thank you to Ms Louise Bryant for her creative input into the organisation. We were lucky to hear the inspirational words of Tom Hafey.

Year 10 students now have exams and then the Year 11 orientation program before the most anticipated event of the year - the Year 10 formal. Thank you also to the formal committee and Ms Becky Annetts for the organisation of this event.

ABCN Winner
We were very pleased to hear that Myers Nguyen of 10A was selected as an inaugural ABCN (Australian and Business Community Networks) scholarship winner. According to Shaun Minehan ABCN director “Myer’s application was outstanding. Nationally there were 132 applications. The panel sat for an entire day and graded each and every application and the process was most fair and thorough”. Twelve scholarships have been awarded and four Victorian students were successful including our very own Myers Nguyen.

The award will be presented to Myers on the 3rd of December at an end of year event for ABCN.

Myers family must be very proud of him as he has also been successful in gaining a Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship and he won the Roger Martin Science award which was presented at the whole school assembly. Myers was acknowledged for his achievements at our last year 10 assembly and received a thunderous applause from his peers.

Year 9
Year 9 students are currently sitting end of semester tests in all core subjects. This is good preparation for their exams next year. During the first 2 weeks of December the year 9 students will be involved in the city experience program. This is a highlight of the year for the Year 9’s and a time where they are fully engaged in their learning. It is also a time to consolidate friendships and spend quality time with their teachers.

For the 2nd time at SASC we are holding a house dance competition for the Year 9 students. This will be held on Friday 13th of December. We have professional choreographers who are working with the students on a range of dance styles including Hip Hop, Jazz, Latin and Dance Hall. Students who participate will be given house points and an overall winner will be announced on the day. Students are also invited to enter their own dance.

We will have our awards ceremony for year 9 students on Wednesday the 11th of December.

Congratulations to Lucy Zhang of 9C for winning a prize for upholding the school’s values. This was given out at the whole school assembly.

Also, congratulations to Jenny Truong for winning the poetry competition which was judged by visiting poet, Myron Lysenko.

Janet McKenzie
Middle Sub School Leader
Senior School Report

Despite VCE and VCAL classes being finished, this is still a very busy time for Senior Students and staff. Year 11 and Year 12 examinations have been running smoothly and will conclude over the next few days.

Our Annual Year 12 Awards Night at the Clock Tower on 22nd October was a prestigious and inspiring event which showed just how talented so many of our students are. The evening was well attended and there were no spare seats in the house. There were around 45 students who received awards on the evening, with the Dux of the School being awarded to Helen Pho. The VCAL Excellence Award went to Bonza Dawe and the Caltex Best All-Rounder Award went to Kushani Hewage.

Year 11 into Year 12 VCE students will undertake their Year 12 Orientation Program between Mon 25th and Thurs 28th November. Year 11 into Year 12 VCAL students will have their Orientation on Tuesday 26th November.

The Year 12 Formal will be held at Roselyn Court in Essendon on Thursday 21st November and there is great enthusiasm and excitement about this with the students. This event marks the end of their exams and their last meeting together as our Year 12 students for this 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
  (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.

2013 Calendar Continued

2 December
- Yr 10 Final Assembly
- Yr 10 in class (Exam feedback)
- Yr 11 Accreditation Day – 9am-12.30pm
- Yr 9 City Experience – all day (TU)

3 December
- Yr 11 & 11VCAL Orientation Day 1
- Yr 9 City Experience – all day (TU)

4 December
- Yr 11 & 11VCAL Orientation Day 2
- Yr 9 Advance Dukes Adventurous Journey Qualifying Camp – Lorne - 3 day (MR)
- Yr 8G Strathbogie Camp – (DVI)
- Yr 9 City Experience – all day (TU)
- Yr 9 PE Elective Bowling at Watergardens P5&6 (BE)

5 December
- Yr 11 & 11VCAL Orientation Day 3
- Yr 9 Advance Dukes Adventurous Journey Qualifying Camp – Lorne - 3 day (MR)
- Yr 8G Strathbogie Camp – (DVI)

6 December
- FRIDAY DETENTION
- Yr 10 Accreditation Day – 9am-12.30pm
- Last day Yr 10 classes
- Yr 9 Advance Dukes Adventurous Journey Qualifying Camp – Lorne - 3 day (MR)
- Yr 8G Strathbogie Camp – (DVI)
- Yr 9A PE AMF Bowling P1&2 (BE)
- Yr 9D PE AMF Bowling P5&6 (BE)
- Yr 9E Rollerblading Sunshine P5&6 (SI)
- Yr 9C PE Rollerblading Sunshine P1&2 (AMA)
- Yr 10 Formal

9 December
- Parent Orientation Morning – 9.30am-11.00am in Nindethana (CA)
- Yr 9 City Experience – all day (TU)

10 December
- Student Orientation Day – various locations – all day (CA)
- Yr 9 City Experience – all day (TU)

11 December
- Yr 9 Assembly / Awards P5&6
- Yr 8F Strathbogie Camp – (PA)
- Yr 9 PE Elective Bowling at Watergardens P5&6 (BE)
- Yr 7F Excursion to City – all day (ALE)

12 December
- Yr 8F Strathbogie Camp – (PA)
- Yr 9 City Experience Presentation Evening Expo in Nindethana 5.30pm – (TU)

13 December
- Yr 9 Final Assembly
- Booklist Return due today
- Yr 8F Strathbogie Camp – (PA)
- Yr 9E Rollerblading Sunshine P5&6 (SI)

16 December
- End of Year Activities
- Yr 7 All – Funfields end of Year excursion – all day

17 December
- End of Year Activities
- Yr 8 Graduation Dance

18 December
- End of Year Activities
- Yr 8 All – Adventure Park end of Year excursion – all day

19 December
- Yr 7 & 8 Concert
- End of Term 4 for students – early dismissal 2.20pm

20 December
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
Amicroe Touch Tab IV 9.7" Tablet PC 8g memory & Expandable to 32g, Logitech iPod Dock 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

ST ALBANS SECONDARY COLLEGE
SECOND HAND BOOKS

This year we have moved to an online trading system for buyers and sellers of second hand books to have access to a greater number of buyers/sellers.

The Sustainable School Shop is a web based business devoted to buying and selling of second hand text books (includes calculators). Sellers simply register (a link is provided through the College website), then load each book they wish to sell into the site. You provide your mobile phone number so that prospective buyers can contact you to arrange purchase and collection of the book(s). Buyers browse the site looking for books listed on their booklist; they can choose to search sellers listed within 5, 10, 15, 20 or more kilometres from their home. This means that buyers and sellers have access to a much larger network.

A brochure on how to register and use the system will be included in 2014 booklists that are to be handed out shortly. Year 12 exiting students and their families are welcome to collect a brochure from the General Office; however instructions on how to access the system are below.

HOW TO ACCESS THE SECOND HAND BOOK SYSTEM

- Go to the College Website: www.stalbanssc.vic.edu
- Click on either the Parents or Students Tab at the top of the page
- Click on the Sustainable Schools Shop Icon

SECOND HAND TEXT-BOOK TRADING SYSTEM

- List Wanted and For Sale Ads
- The School’s booklists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items
- The Ad matching service shows you:
  - exactly the right items to buy
  - Who has the most items you need
  - The cheapest items
- Buyers contact Sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- Excellent email and telephone help lines are provided: 1300 683 337 / www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

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