



ST ALBANS
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Alba News

Calendar - 2014

August

Mon 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 10 Law Melbourne Magistrates Court all day SH • Yr 12 VCAL AMES Education P3 & 4 NCA • 9 Advance Strathbogie Camp & Ski Trip until 27/08/2014 MR • BYOD Parent Information Evening 6.30pm - 7.00pm Grade 6 and Yr 7 Parents 7.10pm - 7.40pm Yr 8 Parents
Tue 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 Advance Strathbogie Camp & Ski Trip until 27/08/2014 MR • Beacon Bonanza Day for Yr 10 students all day BY • Yrs 8A-8D State Library all day TU
Wed 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 9 Advance Strathbogie Camp & Ski Trip until 27/08/2014 MR • BYOD Parent Information Evening 6.30pm - 7.00pm Yr9 and Yr11
Thu 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 7H Melbourne Writers Festival all day SDO • Yr 12 EAL Lion's Bride Performance P5&6 ALA • Business Management Enrichment Classes room D10 (5pm 6pm) NLI
Fri 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 10 MBU Australian Stock Exchange all day SH • After school Revolutions (History) class to be held on Fridays 3.15 to 4pm in F2 • Yr 7 Winter Sleepout overnight TU 25/08/2014 5.30pm drop off and 8.00 to 9.00am pickup on Saturday in Nindethana

From the Principal Class Team.....

Dear Parents and Guardians

We would really like to congratulate everyone who has led and joined in the many activities featured in this Alba: Maths Games Day, French & Italian poetry competitions, Japanese calligraphy master class, Kids Teaching Kids program, High Resolves Leadership, Youth Day, workplace tours, sport, trivia Quiz, cyber safety program.

The diversity of activities and achievements is a real tribute to the dedication and enthusiasm of our students and staff.

Thanks to everyone involved. We hope you enjoy reading this edition.

Launching a new partnership

St Albans Secondary College has been invited as one of eight schools nationally to participate in Social Ventures Australia's Bright Spots Schools Connection Initiative.

The Bright Spots Schools Connection is designed to provide leadership support and development to teams in high performing schools, and to support research into effective practice that can be translated into other settings. SVA provides funding, professional development, opportunities, and brokers partnerships to support participating schools.

Last Friday we were joined by Opposition Leader and Member for Maribyrnong, Mr Bill Shorten who officially launched the partnership, together with SVA's CEO, Mr Michael Traill.



Hon. Bill Shorten with students & staff at St Albans Secondary College's launch

School Captains, Francisco Passadore, Nikolina Arnaut, and Christie Vo, were outstanding as

MC's for the launch and ambassadors for the school, and the warm welcome given by the Year 7, 8 and 9 Captains was commented on by all the guests. They did a wonderful job and we were very proud of them.

Our project, which focusses on incorporating digital technologies into teaching and learning was outlined by staff members, Ms Fatima Azmitia and Mr Louis Turner. Brigitte Thomas, of Year 11 provided an insightful perspective on eLearning from a student viewpoint.

Mr Shorten said, "St Albans Secondary College continues to go from strength to strength. The school's excellent outcomes reflect the dedication and hard work of staff and students alike. By participating in the Bright Spots program, the College can build on this work by joining a network of high achieving schools, learning from the successes of each other."

Congratulations

To Mr Sam Agostino and partner, Ms Kerry Awerbuch, on the arrival of their baby girl, Evie on Friday 25 July.

Evie, Kerry and Sam are all doing well, and we send them our very best wishes.



Mr Sam Agostino with baby daughter Evie

Education Support Staff Month

This week we held a morning tea to recognise and celebrate the many different contributions our Education Support staff team make to the work and achievements of the school & the students.

The workforce in many schools has changed considerably over the last 10 years, & ours is no exception. We have seen Education Support Staff take on increasingly varied and specialised roles, bringing knowledge & skills to all aspects of the leadership, operation and administration of our school.



What's been happening at SASC...Principal Class Report

So, on behalf of the students, parents and teaching staff, thank you to our wonderful ES staff teams; for your leadership, support and dedication.

NAME	POSITION / DUTY
AHMED, Nasreen	Individual Needs Teacher Assistant
ARMSTRONG, Ms Cathy	Literacy Prac. & NAPLAN Coord./ Careers Assist./Booklist Officer
BAMBERY, Ms Rosemary	Sub School Assistant – Senior School
BAZZANO, Mr Joe	Specialist Technician (Information Technology)
BRAR, Ms Atarjit	Library Technician
BROWN, Ms Sue	Individual Needs Teacher Assistant
CADZOW, Ms Lynette	Administration/Receptionist - General Office
CASTORINA, Ms Carmel	First Aid/Administration Officer
COLLINS-SMITH, Ms Nicky	Health Education Nurse (Wellbeing)
CUTTING, Mr Darryn	Individual Needs Teacher Assistant
DAVIES, Ms Bev	Individual Needs Teacher Assistant
DAWKINS, Ms Christine	Student Learning Support Assistant Individual Needs Teacher Assistant
DEMICOLI, Connie	Hands on Learning Mentor/Artisan Teacher
DO, Ms Thao	Individual Needs Teacher Assistant
FETAHOVIC, Ms Nermina	Sub School Assistant – Middle School & Community Business Partnerships Assistant
FOREMAN, Ms Pam	Food Technology Assistant
FRASER, Mr Dave	Facilities Manager
GATT, Ms Nicole	VASS Administrator / Accelerus Officer
GAVRILOVSKI, Mr Tony	Groundsperson / Gardening Officer
HARIS, Ms Kathy	Administration Officer
HEDGER, Ms Liz	Business Manager
HUNTER, Ms Stella	General Office Manager
HUTCHISON, Geoffrey	Administration/Marketing Officer - General Office
HUTCHISON, Geoffrey	Network Manager
KOUTROUBAS, Ms Debbie	Library Technician / Individual Needs Teacher Assistant
ISON, Mr Brett	Hands on Learning Mentor/Artisan Teacher
KRATISIS, Ms Athina	Library Assistant
KUKULJ, Ms Jeka	Library Technician
LE, Ms Doris	Laboratory Technician
LORCA, Ms Sandra	Administration Officer
LYNCH, Ms Colleen	Pathways Counsellor (careers)
MAMIC, Ms Mirella	Canteen Assistant
McARTHUR, Ms Ailie	Speech Pathologist (Individual Needs)
McCALL, Ms Malama	Administration/Publications & Publicity Officer – General Office
MINOGUE, Ms Micki	Sub School Assistant – Junior School
NEWSOME, Mr Derek	Computer Technician
NGUYEN, Mr Quan	Specialist Technician (Information Technology)
PHAM, Ms Loan	Finance Manager
TACCONE, Ms Trish	Student Learning Support Assistant Individual Needs Teacher Assistant
THOMPSON, Ms Nicole	Student Wellbeing Coordinator
TRUONG, Ms Miranda	International Students Coordinator
VAN ELST, Ms Erin	Social Worker
WILKE, Ms Maree	Canteen Manager & Parent Participation Coordinator
WILLIS, Ms Roz	Camp Manager
ZELKO, Ms Milka	Canteen Assistant

Term 3 Progress Reports

Teaching staff have just completed progress reports for students in Years 7 to 11. Progress reports for Year 12 students are due to be completed next week. If your daughter or son's progress is unsatisfactory in 2 or more subjects, their Year Level Coordinator will contact you, and may arrange an interview.

Similarly, if you have any concerns about your child's work, attitude or behaviour, please don't hesitate to contact the Coordinator.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that Parent Teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday 2nd September. Please take this opportunity to come to the College to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their progress. Your child will achieve their best outcomes when the school and parents work together in a productive partnership supporting their education. Please check that your child has made interview times with all of their teachers.

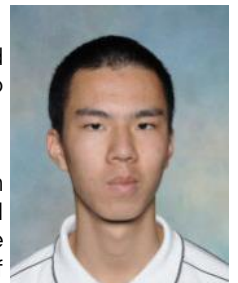
Parent Portal

You will have recently received your login details for the Parent Portal. Please take the time to sign in using the link on the College's website. You will be able to access attendance information, as well as newsletters and the College calendar. Over the coming weeks more features will become available.

If you need assistance with the portal, please come to room D8 on Parent Teacher evening where there will be support on hand to help you log in and navigate the site.

ABCN Leadership Experience

Congratulations to Myers Nguyen of Year 11 who last week had the opportunity to spend 2 days in Sydney as part of the scholarship he was awarded last year.



Myers participated in workshops focussing on leadership, goal setting and communication. He also got to spend time with his mentor, and to do some exploring of the City. Thanks to the Australian Business and Community Network for continuing to support our students with their high quality programs.

Emma Kiernan: UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy

Emma Kiernan of Year 11 was one of 50 female Year 11 students selected to participate in the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy, a residential program held at Women's College at the University of Sydney from the 7th-11th April 2014.



Her successful application was due in part to a persuasive piece of writing that outlined her qualities and achievements. This prestigious program aims to encourage leadership aspirations in young women and demonstrates the possibilities and satisfaction of a career in the business sector. Participants are introduced to a diverse group of contemporary leaders and are involved in a range of activities that support the development of their leadership skills. Emma found the program to be very valuable, helping her to become a stronger, more determined young woman. She looks forward to the future and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for her.



What's been happening at SASC...Principal Class Report

Year 12 Practice Exams

Year 12 VCE students have the opportunity to sit a practice exam in each of their subject areas in the 1st week of the September school holidays. Students are provided with an authentic exam experience that will help build their confidence and maximise their performance. The practice exams are an effective way to develop a revision strategy for the final exams which begin in October, and to learn how to communicate knowledge to the examiner in an appropriate way. All students are expected to complete all of their practice exams in this week. Feedback on the exam will be provided to students at the start of Term 4.

Youth Day

This celebration of Youth Day ran over an extended lunchtime on Friday the 15th of August and it was a fantastic event. Co-organised by the Student Representative Council, Year 12 VCAL and the School House Captains, students and staff were treated to a wide variety of activities. There was plenty of food options in homemade cupcakes, fairy floss, popcorn, a BBQ and soft serve ice-creams. Students were challenged to try some games of chance and have a shot at dropping volunteer staff into the icy waters of the dunking machine.

Several combinations of student musicians provided a carnival like atmosphere and the jumping castle and face painting made for lots of colour and excitement.

It was, in my opinion, the best day of this type we have had and our thanks goes to the organising students and staff.



Ms Kerrie Dowsley volunteering to be part of the dunking machine on Youth Day

Technology Prize for SASC

St Albans Secondary College was recently presented with a new state of the art interactive TV from Technology Core. In a short ceremony the Principal team accepted the prize and thanked Technology Core for their contribution to the digital learning of our students.

The TV acts like a large computer screen with touch capabilities which allows students to interact and collaborate with each other in the classroom. The TV will be used in a variety of ways in the classroom and, as it is portable with multi-level adjustments, it can be used in different classrooms with students across different levels.

We express our thanks to Technology Core for their valued support of student learning.



Anti-bullying Program – The New Step Up Crew

At the last Junior School Assembly we launched a new approach to the school's 'Zero Tolerance to Bullying Program' through the efforts of a group of enthusiastic Year 8 students. They call themselves the STEPUP CREW and they spoke to their peers about the harm that bullying of any type can cause and explained how the school had effective procedures and policies to eliminate bullying. Part of their information was a very helpful list of actions people could take if they were bullied, or observed someone else being bullied.

They showed a short video which made us all think about how we can contribute to stamping out bullying and be more supportive and productive members of our communities.

As a follow up, the STEPUP Crew ran our regular Name a Bully class activities over the last week.

Thanks STEPUP CREW – you have set the example for others to follow.

Bring your Own Device Program

The new program for 2015 was launched with parents of Year 10 students late last month and there are several important Parent Information Evenings being held over the next few weeks. Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings as this program will have a huge impact on how your children learn and develop their digital competencies. The key dates for the Information Nights are listed below:

Mon 25 August	Year 7 Parents	6.30pm – 7.00pm
	Year 8 Parents	7.10pm – 7.40pm
Wed 27 August	Year 9 & 11 Parents	6.30pm – 7.00pm
Tue 9 September	Grade 6 Parents	6.30pm – 7.00pm

Please contact the school if you have any concerns about the dates for the meetings.

Sonia Milosevski - Champion volunteer

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to pay tribute to Mrs Sonia Milosevski for her extraordinarily generous work as a volunteer at our school.

For ten years, Sonia has been lending an expert hand to support Mr Nick D'Agla's with the VET Fashion class, the school's Australian Fashion Awards team, and, more recently, with MAC costumes.

We are really fortunate to have such support & dedication.

Thank you, Sonia.

And finally.....

We look forward to meeting with you over the next few weeks at Parent-Teacher interviews on Tuesday 2 September, and the BYOD information nights on Monday 25 August, Tuesday 27 August & Tuesday 9 September.



Principal: Ms Kerrie Dowsley
Assistant Principals: Mr Ian Crocker, Ms Losh Pillay & Mr Craig Jennings



What's been happening at SASC...Newspapers

The Star Weekly
Tuesday 19 August

Logging on for the future

Students at St Albans Secondary College are about to become even more tech savvy.

The college was one of eight schools chosen to take part in Social Ventures Australia's Bright Spots Schools Connection project.

Students across Australia will improve their knowledge and use of new technology to meet the challenges of the next digital age.

Maribyrnong Labor MP Bill Shorten said the college was deserving of the honour.

"The school's excellent outcomes reflect the dedication and hard work of staff and students alike," he said.

Principal Kerrie Dowsley said it was an excellent opportunity to strengthen the school's work with technology and learn from other schools nationally.



Charlene Macaulay

Francisco Passadore, Social Ventures Australia executive director Michael Traill, Engano Singebhughe, Bill Shorten, Nikolina Arnaut and Christie Vo.

Social Ventures Launch





What's been happening at SASC

Intermediate Girls Basketball

The intermediate girls basketball team played two games – one against Copperfield Sydenham and the other against VUSU Deer Park. From the beginning they showed strong defence against both teams and consistently coached and encouraged each other from the side lines. All the girls were pivotal in the success of the team; and as each game progressed their use of tactics and teamwork improved. Despite winning one of their games by 26 points it was not quite enough to place them in the semi-finals and they ended up missing out due to a lower percentage. All the girls should be proud of their performances and commended for their efforts during training and on the day.

The team included:

- Adut Mathieu
- Maria Mathieu
- Anne Rivera
- Manuela Soma
- Hiba Cuttlerywala
- Yen Ho
- Renae Maniatio
- Harmony Hollands-Paiti
- Kordelia Holland-Paiti

Ms Meaghan Hocking
Physical Education Teacher



Berthe Mouchette by Y-Van Luu of 11B

Le 12 août 2014, la classe de français des années 11 et 12 a participé au concours annuel de Berthe Mouchette à l'Alliance Française. Là, nous avons dû avoir une conversation générale avec un examinateur et présenter et discuter un thème qui nous a intéressé, tout en français. Au début, nous étions très nerveux, mais à la fin, nous avons remarqué qu'il n'y avait rien à s'inquiéter. L'examineur était très serviable et gentil pendant les conversations et tout le monde pouvait bien parler et communiquer en français sans grandes difficultés. Ce concours était très bénéficié pour notre français. Il nous a aidé à améliorer nos compétences de conversation française et notre compréhension orale. Puisqu'il est semblable à l'examen oral à la fin de l'année 12, c'était aussi une bonne pratique pour nous, surtout pour les élèves dans l'année 12 qui ont leur examen oral très bientôt. En tout et pour tout, c'était une bonne journée dans la ville avec la classe et une bonne expérience pour tous de nous.



On the 12th of August 2014, the year 11 and 12 French class participated in the annual Berthe Mouchette competition at the Alliance Française. There, we had to have a general conversation with an examiner and present and discuss a theme that interested us, all in French. Initially, we were very nervous, but by the end, we realised that there was nothing to worry about. The examiner was very helpful and friendly during the conversations and we were able to speak and communicate well in French without any major issues. This competition was very beneficial for our French. It helped us improve our French conversational skills and our French listening skills. As it is similar to the oral exam at the end of year 12, it was also good practice for us, especially for the students in year 12 who are having their oral exam very soon. All in all, it was a good day in the city with the French class and a good experience for all of us.



What's been happening at SASC..... Careers

Maths Games Day

On Monday the 11th of August Two Teams of Year 8 Students competed in the Annual Maths Games Day held at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar. These students were mainly chosen from the Year 8 Extension Program as a reward for their excellent work so far this year. The format for the day involved two team games and three individual puzzles to be solved. Laura Le, Lani Nguyen, Shani Nguyen and Arshiya Merchant teamed up with Ling Sun, Helen Vo, Leon Tran and Sunny Huang forming the other group of four. The day demanded the eight students were tested academically and in this pressure situation they displayed an excellent sense of teamwork, knowledge and determination. A fantastic reward for the effort these students have displayed throughout the year.

Mr Owen McIntyre
Maths Coordinator





What's been happening at SASC....

Japanese Visitors

On August 1st 2014, we were very fortunate to have a number of teachers and students from Osaka, Japan come and visit the college to share their passion for traditional calligraphy.

Keiko Fukumitsu and her team of four "Super Shodo Kids" conducted calligraphy demonstrations and lessons for students studying Japanese in Years 9 to 12. Keiko and her pupils displayed their amazing skills with incredible precision and grace, which left many of our students in awe.

They were later able to create some beautiful artwork themselves using both modern and ancient Japanese characters during the calligraphy lessons. All students were incredibly enthusiastic and eager to put their newly acquired skills to the test.

For morning tea, Keiko and her team were given a little taste of Australian life in the form of Vegemite and Tim Tams and thoroughly enjoyed having conversations with a number of our staff and students about Australian school life. They also noted that they felt very welcomed by the college and were highly impressed by our students' enthusiasm.

Overall, the day was a great success and provided fantastic opportunities for both our students and Keiko's students to not only improve their language skills, but also forge new lifelong friendships. Many of the students who participated in the calligraphy lessons stated that they enjoyed expanding their knowledge of Japanese culture and feel even more passionate about learning the language.

It was a truly enjoyable day for all participants that I am sure they will not forget.

Ms Caroline Tran
Japanese Teacher





What's been happening at SASC



Think, Eat Save – reduce your footprint; Kids Teaching Kids – Target; Brimbank City Council

Did you know that about 1.3 billion tonnes or one third of all food production world-wide gets lost or wasted in the food production and consumption systems? The **Think.Eat.Save. Reduce Your Footprint** campaign supported by the United Nations is the theme for this year's **Target Kids Teaching Kids (KTK) week**. Our Year 9 Advance class will present at Westvale Community Centre on Friday 5th September as part of their community service for the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DUKES)**. In preparation, Year 7 classes recently experienced a 'taste' of the KTK workshops, with three Year 9 teams presenting diverse workshops around the 'Think.Eat.Save' theme.

Thank you to Ms Azmitia (7A), Ms Panna (7B), Ms Cunningham and Ms Mana Mohan (7E) for supporting the rehearsal and to Food Technology teacher, Ms Sandra Faoro for her expert advice. It was really valuable for the Year 9 peer leaders and "great fun" for everyone. And the 'take home' message? **"Love Food – hate waste"**.

Ms Marion Mortimer
Advance Coordinator





What's been happening at SASC

Youth Day

St Albans Secondary College students celebrated Youth Day on Friday the 15th of August. There were a number of activities and food stalls that were organised by VCAL and SRC students and also House captains and vice-captains. Throughout the extended lunch, students were entertained by several school bands, a jumping castle, photo booth, ice-cream van, a sweets bar, popcorn, BBQ, three-legged race and basketball shootout. The most popular activity was the 'dunking' machine. Prior to the day staff at St. Albans volunteered to be to sit above a pool of water in which students had the opportunity to throw a ball at a target. If the ball hit the target, the staff member fell into the water. Several staff members proved to be popular targets, including the principal, Ms Dowsley. Overall the day was incredibly successful and both the staff and students enjoyed a fun and entertaining afternoon.

Ms Meaghan Hocking











News from our Sub Schools...

Junior School Report

Junior Sub School: T: 9356 4066

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.

 Ms Lauren Honeycombe - Sub School Leader 7A, 8A	 Ms Laura Gough - Sub School Coordinator 7C, 7G, 8C, 8G
 Ms Marlene Cassar - Assistant Sub School Leader 7H, 8H	 Mr Louis Turner - Sub School Coordinator 7E, 7F, 8E, 8F
 Mr Loue Traianou - Sub School Coordinator 7B, 7D, 8B, 8D	 Ms Micki Minogue – Sub School Assistant

PROGRESS REPORTS

Teachers have just completed writing progress reports. Any student who is failing more than 2 subjects will be contacted by the Coordinator. Students whose progress is unsatisfactory in any subject will be interviewed by the Coordinator with a view to improving results.

LATENESS

Just a reminder that students who are continuously late to school will be required to attend afterschool detentions. After 4 lates students will be required to attend a two hour Friday Night detention. It has been pleasing to see the number of late junior school students has dropped significantly. Let's try to have no more Friday night detentions in the Junior School.

YEAR 7 TRIVA QUIZ

A very hotly contested Trivia Quiz was held week 4 between all year 7 classes. Students took part in three rounds of questions ranging from General Knowledge, Maths, Science and Geography. The final round a play off between 7B and 7H on Friday saw both classes eager to show their dominance. 7B were victorious and will enjoy a pizza lunch for their efforts. All classes competed very well and received house points and a Chupa-Chup for their participation.

Class	Round 1-General knowledge 20 Questions	Round 2-Maths 20 Questions	Round 3-Science 20 Questions	Final-Geography/ General Knowledge 40 questions
7A	18	14	*	*
7B	19	16	12	36-WINNERS
7C	19	16	9	*
7D	18	17	11	*
7E	18	15	*	*
7F	17	*	*	*
7G	17	*	*	*
7H	18	19	12	33



DIGITAL THUMBPRINT



We recently welcomed Optus' Free education program, Digital Thumbprint to deliver their workshops to our year 7 & 8 students. Delivered in class to students by a facilitator, the program's fun and interactive workshops are tailored to the needs of specific year groups. Designed to empower and inform Australia's young digital natives, the workshops taught students the advantages of having a positive online presence and armed them with the vital information they need to stay safe online.

Our school has proudly joined Optus Digital Thumbprint program in its commitment to ensuring our students are savvy, responsible and proactive members of Australia's online community. Overall the program proved to be highly beneficial experience for our students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit www.digitalthumbprint.com.au.



News from our Sub Schools....



Year 7 Students at the Digital Thumbprints Presentation

YEAR 8 WALKATHON/GRADUATION DISCO

The Year 8 Walkathon will be held on Friday 24th October. Students will walk to Brimbank Park, enjoy a luncheon prepared by their teachers and compete in House games. Students have received a note 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 end of year Graduation Disco will be held on Tuesday December 16, 2014 from 3.30-5.30pm. The disco will be held at the college in the Performing Arts building. Dinner will be provided.

These activities are compulsory for all students. The total cost for these activities is \$10.00 which will cover lunch for the walk and entrance and dinner for the graduation. Please ensure notes and money are brought back ASAP.

HIGH RESOLVE-GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM

The second module of the High Resolve Leadership program took place on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th for all year 8 students. Run over two days the year 8's took part in the final module on Justice. The program exposed students to the 'Rawlsian' notion of justice as fairness and the extent of poverty on our planet. Together the two modules, Collective Identity completed in term 2, and this module aimed to kindle in students a desire to become more active in contributing to constructive social change. Students and teachers reported very positively to the sessions.



Year 8 Students at the High Resolve Program

'TAGGED'

On Monday August 11th, period 1 and 2, a Youth Resource Officer came to the school to present 'Tagged' and speak about cyber safety to all year 8's. Tagged encourages young people to reflect on the real life consequences caused by cyber bullying, sexting and a negative digital reputation. The themes of personal and peer safety and responsibility are crucial to maintaining positive online behaviour and digital reputation into adulthood.

What parents can do:

- Be aware of what your teenager is doing on line and explore it with them. Try to locate the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.
- Discuss the kinds of sites that are okay to explore and those that are not, and have clear rules about online activities. If your child is using social networking sites ensures that they understand the privacy features-in particular how to set their profile to private and limit access to their information.
- Encourage them to screen on line "friends" and block anyone who sends offensive content.
- Keep the lines of communication open so your child will be comfortable to talk to you if something is worrying them.

More information can be found at www.cybersmart.gov.au/tagged



News from our Sub Schools....

STATE LIBRARY EXCURSION

All year 7 & 8 students have the opportunity to attend the Victorian State Library over the next two terms. This is a free excursion and students will travel by bus to the library, take part in a guided tour then return to school at the end of the day. Full school uniform is required and student must bring their own lunch as they will have no access to shops. Please return permission slips ASAP.

8A to 8D will attend Tuesday 26th August

7A-7D will attend Tuesday 16th September

8E-8H will attend Thursday 9th October

7E-7H will attend Tuesday 14th October.

TORC TESTING

Yr 7 & 8 Torc tests for Literacy will take place September 1st. These tests help for planning literacy support and extension groups for students next year.

YEAR 7 WINTER SLEEP OUT

Over the past 26 years, Mission Australia's annual Winter Sleep out has made a significant difference to Australia's In need. But their work is far from done which is why we need your help!

St Albans will be holding its first ever Winter Sleep Out from Friday 29th August-Saturday 30 August. Year 7 students are invited to sleep at the College in order to help raise awareness and funds for Australian homeless people. There is no cost for the event and food will be provided for dinner, supper and a healthy breakfast. Students will need only bring a sleeping bag, pillow and toiletries for the evening. If you are interested in your child attending please return the permission slip given to your child last week.

Donations to Mission Australia can be made by visiting www.wintersleepout.gofunraise.com.au/page/SASC. Through this website, students participating in the sleep out can also 'join our team' and donate.

Social Ventures Australia launch

The following Year 7 and Year 8 student leaders were honoured to participate in the Social Ventures Australia launch of the Bright Spots School Connection Project in the Science Centre on Friday morning, 15 August 2014:

Ling Sun
Ted Lee
Isabelle Bouttaveth
Zachariah Vitale
Kevin Mai
Oli Lavea
Viet Gou
Fiona Tran
Natan Halefom
Andy Du (Green house captain)
Tina Hoang
Julie Lu

The students met with Bill Shorten MP, along with other dignitaries to launch the "Deep Learning & Digital Technologies" project aimed at developing students as learners who are able to construct and apply knowledge, think critically and creatively, and contribute positively to the local and global communities through the use of digital technologies.

The students demonstrated outstanding leadership and communication skills, and readily contributed to discussions on the use of digital technologies within the school and how it could be used to deepen and accelerate their learning.

Ms Laura Gough
Junior School Coordinator









All 40 hour famine money due to
Miss Hocking by Friday 29 of August



News from our Sub Schools...

Middle School Report

Middle Sub School: T: 9356 4088

 <p>Ms Janet McKenzie - Sub School Leader 9H, 10D</p>	 <p>Ms Bryant - Sub School Coordinator 9D, 9E, 10B</p>
 <p>Ms Becky Annetts - Assistant Sub School Leader 9B, 9C, 10C</p>	 <p>Ms Sandy Dorigo - Sub School Coordinator 9A, 9I, 10E</p>
 <p>Mr Sean Ryan - Sub School Coordinator 9F, 9G, 10A</p>	 <p>Ms Nermina Fetahovic - Sub School Assistant</p>

Course Counselling

We are really pleased with how well the course counselling has gone for both year 9 and 10 students. Most students were thoroughly prepared for the process by researching courses they may be interested in and understanding what prerequisites they require. As the students had accurately completed the appropriate paperwork, the process of choosing subjects was fairly smooth. We also appreciate the input from parents and were very happy to see so many parents at course counselling.

Workplace Tours

The Beacon Foundation High Impact Program sponsored to workplace tours for selected year 10 students this year. The first tour was held last term and was to the Intercontinental Hotel. Many of our students would like to work in the hospitality industry so this was a wonderful opportunity for them.

Another group of students is visiting Clayton Utz, the law firm, on Friday 15th August and you will be able to read about that in our next newsletter.

The Year 10 Literature students participated in an "Unreel Workshop" at Malthouse Theatre. They were involved in a range of practical activities based on theatre and film. This excursion was sponsored by ABCN.

Later this term ABCN will be sponsoring another workshop which will focus on Interview Skills. Our Applied English class at Year 10 will be taking part in this.

We are very thankful for the opportunities that our business partners provide to the school and our students benefit from them enormously.

Year 9 GOALS

The Year 9 GOALS students have enjoyed another session run by ABCN, this time focussing on the development of their public speaking skills. Students and mentors engaged in a number of drama based activities that took them out of their usual comfort zone, and encouraged them to think about how they can communicate clearly in public forums. Several of the students demonstrated their inventiveness when asked to create the shape of letters with their bodies, or even show they could dance just like Beyonce! As always, very entertaining and enjoyable.

Year 9 City Experience

Much planning and preparation is going into the city experience week to be held in week 9. This is a highlight of the year for year 9 students and parents will be kept informed of the arrangements for this.

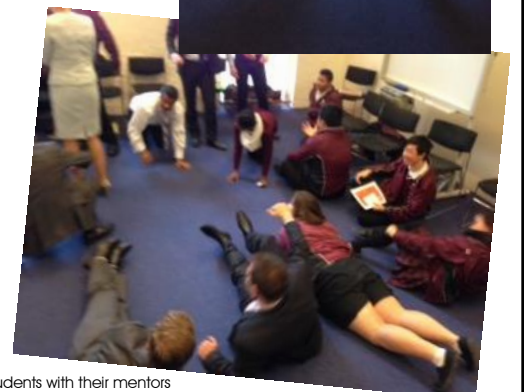
Awards

At our last assembly we presented sports awards from our Athletics Day held in Term 1. Medals were presented for Best Male and Female Athlete per year level. The awards were as follows;

Year 9 Madol Malek, Adut Mathieu,
Year 10 Michael Nguyen, Czarina Estores
All students involved in Mac were also presented with certificates.

Congratulations to these students.

Ms Janet McKenzie
Middle Sub School Leader








Year 9 GOALS students with their mentors



News from our Sub Schools...

Senior School Report

Senior Sub School: T: 9356 4099

 <p>Ms Julie Bird - Sub School Leader Year 11B (I-M), Year 12B (I-M), Year 11 VCAL - V1A</p>	 <p>Robert Krynski - Sub School Coordinator Year 11D (R-Z), Year 12D (R-Z), Year 12 VCAL - V2A</p>
 <p>Ms Anna Woods - Assistant Sub School Leader Year 11A (A-H), Year 12A (A-H), Year 12 VCAL - V2B</p>	 <p>Ms Rosemary Bambery – Sub School Assistant</p>
 <p>Anna Langley - Sub School Coordinator Year 11C (N-Q), Year 12C (N-Q), Year 11 VCAL - V1B</p>	

We are now half way through Term 3, and have already had some exciting events with more to come. Our teachers have worked on their Year 11 Progress Reports this week, which our Year Level Coordinators use to monitor student progress and phone home to parents as required. By Week 7 of this term we will have the Year 12 Progress Reports completed and will again contact parents as required to discuss any concerns we may have become aware of.

On Thursday 7/8/14 our members took eight Year 11 girls into the city offices of Goldman Sachs for the third session of the Focus Mentoring Program. The Goldman Sachs staff lead the "Young Women's Leadership Group" in a discussion about the qualities the girls see in different leaders. The mentors explained their career pathways and how they have come to be in their current employment environment. See following some photos of our Year 11 VCE students as work at Goldman Sachs.

Goldman Sachs will be working with us again later in the year on another mentoring program called ABCN Aspirations. The launch date of that forthcoming program will be Thursday 4th September.

Our **next Parent Teacher Interviews** are scheduled for Week 8 this term on **Tuesday 2nd 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. Students can start making appointments after Tuesday 19 August with their class teachers, when the booking sheets become available. Please encourage your child to book a time for you, as the Coordinators will be visiting classrooms to confirm that these appointments have been made. We look forwards to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

Enrichment programs have been running for Year 12 students in English, Specialist Mathematics, History of Revolutions, Business Management and Accounting. Our VCE Learning Coordinator, Mr Robert Krynski, 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 Term 3 Weeks 9 & 10 and Term 4 Weeks 1 & 2, and cover English, Business Management, Accounting, History and Psychology. We are also making enquiries for all other Year 12 subjects and will have more information on this shortly.

Please be advised that there will also be exams in all Year 12 classes during 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:

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/pages/vce/exams/timetable.aspx#examqat>

On Friday 15th August the College Youth Day was organised by the SRC with huge support from the Year 12 VCAL class. There was a fantastic selection of activities and food, including a jumping castle, an ice-cream van, a shoot the hoot, a dunking machine, pizzas, churros and a BBQ. See following some photos of our Year 12 VCAL students as work.

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.



Ms Julie Bird
Senior Sub-School Leader

College Expectations –

Attendance, Uniform, Punctuality

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.

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.

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 consequences for lateness to school are as follows:

1st Late - Coordinator Warning.

2nd Late - After School Detention: 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Sub Schools to contact home.

3rd Late - After School Detention: 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Sub Schools to contact home – advise that next late will be a Friday Night Detention.

4th Late - Friday Night Detention: 3.20pm - 5.20pm
Students that complete their Friday Night Detention have their next late treated as a 3rd LATE.
A subsequent LATE means a second Friday Night Detention & student is placed on a 'Blue Sheet'.

Blue Sheet

- Student is on a 'Blue Sheet' for 2 weeks
Coordinator meets Parent/Guardian to explain the Blue Sheet process.

Unsatisfactory Blue Sheet

- Parent interview with SSL & PCO
Strategies discussed – possible suspension.

September Calendar continued.....

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YEAR 8 INTO 9 COURSE COUNSELLING • Year 7 TORC test Periods 1 & 2 • Year 8 TORC test Periods 3 & 4 • Grade 6 testing session: Monday 1st of September 1:00pm 3:00pm in the gymnasium • Year Level Assemblies 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YEAR 8 INTO 9 COURSE COUNSELLING • Parent Teacher Interviews 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YEAR 8 INTO 9 COURSE COUNSELLING 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YEAR 8 INTO 9 COURSE COUNSELLING • Immunisation - All Yr 7 Students & Yr 9 Boys only • Yr 12 PED Ten Pin Bowling at Watergardens P5 & 6 BE 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YEAR 8 INTO 9 COURSE COUNSELLING • Yr 9 Advance Kids Teaching Kids (KTK) Conference at Westvale Community Centre - MR • Interschool Sports Keilor Division Athletics Championships 1 day LK • After school Revolutions (History) class to be held on Fridays 3.15 to 4pm in F2 • Accounting Enrichment Classes room D10 (4pm 5pm) NLI
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 9 City Experience (KPA) • YEAR 8 INTO 9 COURSE COUNSELLING 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 9 City Experience (KPA) • YEAR 8 INTO 9 COURSE COUNSELLING • Yr 7 & 8 Boys & Girls Table Tennis at SASC 1 day LK • Yr 10 SRC Empowerme 1 day HC 4 Students • Yr 9 ABCN Session 4 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 9 City Experience (KPA) • YEAR 8 INTO 9 COURSE COUNSELLING 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 9 City Experience (KPA) • YEAR 8 INTO 9 COURSE COUNSELLING • R U OK? day lunchtime activities Nicole Thompson • Business Management Enrichment Classes room D10 (5pm 6pm) NLI 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 9 City Experience (KPA) • YEAR 8 INTO 9 COURSE COUNSELLING • Fashion Australian Fashion Awards all day DG • Friday Night Detention • Accounting Enrichment Classes room D10 (4pm 5pm) NLI