Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to Term 2. A warm welcome to Ms Melissa D’Amico who returns this term after 12 months family leave, and to those families new to the school this term.

Whilst we are only in the third week of the term, we are already talking with Year 9, 10 and 11 students about preparing for their semester tests and exams which begin in only 4 weeks! In the meantime, though, there are lots of exiting, fun events happening for you to read about in this Alba.

Earthwatch Scholarship winners

Congratulations to Soraya Nusevic and Eangano Singhebhuye, both of Year 12, who were selected nationally for Earthwatch Institute scholarships.

Soraya’s scholarship took her to Castlemaine for a week to undertake fieldwork with a team of scientists researching bats, whilst Eangano travelled to Queensland to study marine life.

Both students were so enthusiastic about their experiences, and the fabulous opportunity it gave them to see science at work, and to deepen their own knowledge. They also acknowledged the support of Biology Teacher, Ms Marion Mortimer in encouraging them to apply for the Earthwatch scholarship.

ANZAC – The Centenary of the Gallipoli Landings

To commemorate the 100 Year Anniversary of the Gallipoli Landings in 1915 and pay honour to the memories to all who gave their lives in that campaign, St Albans Secondary College ran a 2 week program that gave students the opportunity to learn about the Gallipoli Campaign, experience the music from that era, raise money to support families who have lost loved ones in war, and reflect on the courage and selflessness of those who sacrifice their lives for their country.

A special ANZAC Commemorative Service was held on the afternoon of Wednesday the 22 April on the front lawn of the school. It was organised in conjunction with VCAL students Matthew Reyes, Midhat Civic, Truong Nguyen and Henry Ton. The Caroline Springs RSL was represented by Mr Bob Matthewman, Mr Wally Meilak, Mr Michael Powell, and special guest Mr Alan Godfrey, a WW11 veteran. The ceremony included a welcome, a short message on the relevance of commemorating ANZAC Day from Mr Crocker, several readings by the VCAL students, a fantastic rendition of both The Last Post & The Rouse by David Wilson, and the ceremonial raising of the Australian and the Aboriginal Flags. The school had an extra flagpole installed so we could, for the first time, proudly fly the aboriginal flag at the college. The flag was raised by Mark O’Brien from Year 7.

Our appreciation also goes to Mr Wally Gatt, School Council President, Mr Andy Kratsis, past School Council President, school councillors, staff and students who attended event. A ceremonial wreath was laid by School Captain, Cylene Magri and School Vice Captain, Patrick Tran. Thank you also to all involved in the set up of the day.

From the Principal Class Team......
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Other events over the week included an ANZAC presentation to Year 9 Humanities students, poppy making workshops in the Library with Ms Athina Kratisi, noticeboard displays, a static display of a WW1 trench and pictorial displays of the people who experienced the tragedy of war first hand.

On Friday 24 April, Movelle Primary School invited our school to attend their ANZAC Ceremony and we were represented by Mr Korteum and past Movelle students, Patrick Tran & Chloe Azzopardi. It was organised by their students and it was a wonderful event.

Congratulations, also, to the newly elected office bearers: Mr Wally Gatt, President, Ms Tracy Nero, Vice President and Mr Craig Jennings, Treasurer.

School Self Evaluation - Students & parents have their say
As reported in the last Alba, this year we are undertaking a 4 yearly review of our goals, targets and achievements in order to set the directions for the College for the next 4 years.

An important key to the success of the Self Evaluation is making sure that all members of the school community, students, parents and staff, have an opportunity to contribute to the discussion.

Over the last two weeks, we have held forums for students and parents where they were able to talk about many different aspects of the school, to look at what we are doing well, and importantly, where we could improve or enhance our programs and practices.

Thank you to the more than 150 students and parents who gave up their time to participate in the forums.

We are in the process of collating all the valuable information to include in the Self Evaluation.

Tests and Exams
Students should be completing all required class and homework and also spend time each evening revising for their upcoming tests and exams.

Key dates to note this term are:
- Monday 1 – Friday 5 June: Year 9 Tests.
- Thursday 28 May: Year 10,11 Exams begin. Parents please note that all students are required to attend all classes up until Wednesday 27 May. Please see your child’s relevant year level coordinator if you have a concern regarding student attendance.
- Assessments in Year 7 and 8 will take place as scheduled on the Student Weekly Planners which are available on the student and parent portal.

Welcome to our new School Council
Following the elections for parent representatives, the first meeting of our new School Council was held on Wednesday 25 March.

Congratulations and welcome to Ms Helen Le Tran & Ms May Phan who join the Council as new parent representatives. Mr Gary Celebioglu, Ms Tracy Nero, Ms Lynna Boo, Ms Mary Pellegrino and Ms Andrea Mollica continue in their positions as parent representatives. Ms Stella Zito was co-opted as a community member and Mr Ian Crocker elected as a staff representative.

Council also farewelled and thanked two long serving members, Ms Francie Noble and Ms Hoa Ha Trung, for their service to the staff and students of St Albans Secondary College. Francie and Hoa retired as Councillors after 11 & 8 years of service respectively. Their commitment and expertise have been significant and greatly appreciated.

Vietnamese Community celebrates 40 years
This year marks 40 years of settlement in Australia by the first Vietnamese refugees.

To celebrate this, the Vietnamese Community in Australia has planned a number of activities throughout 2015. As part of the celebrations, St Albans Secondary College will host, on behalf of Brimbank Council, a mobile exhibition focussing on stories of survival and integration through the lens of local Vietnamese Australians.

We are delighted to partner with the Vietnamese Community in Australia, & our local community to celebrate such an important anniversary.

The exhibition will run from Thursday 11 - Sunday 14 June.
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Rotary Art Exhibition
One of our most valued partnerships is the one we have with the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central. The generosity, enthusiasm and creativity of President, Ms Nilda Escalante, and all her members, provide wonderful opportunities and experiences for so many of our students, including scholarships, leadership development opportunities and art awards.

Following the success of last year’s One Day Art Spectacular, led by Rotary club member, Ms Nonie Gionfriddo, and Head of Arts, Mr Nick D’Agas, our students will participate in this year’s ‘Celebrating Art’. The exhibition opens at the Hunt Club Community Arts Centre in Deer Park on Monday 4 May and runs until Tuesday 12 May commencing at 5.30pm. Nineteen of our Art students will exhibit an individual art piece.

We invite you to support the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central and our students by visiting the exhibition.

Athletics Carnival
On Friday 24 April over 800 of our students attended the annual Athletics Carnival at the Keilor Athletics Centre. An impressive number of students participated in a range of events, and the crowd enthusiastically cheered on athletes representing the four houses.

Congratulations to Buttrose House, overall winners, and to every student who participated. Also congratulations to Mr Robert Lakovski for his excellent organisation of the event.

See page 12 for full report.

Year 10 Work Experience
The last two weeks of Term 2 will see all of our Year 10 students participate in work experience. Participation in this program is linked to the successful completion of an outcome in English/EAL. Students will experience a wide range of occupations, such as education, retail, trades, childcare, law and hospitality.

It is an important program, and helps to support students making pathway decisions leading into Year 11 VCE or VCAL. If you have any questions please contact Mr Jon Kortuem or Ms Cathy Armstrong in the Careers Room.

Parent Portal
It is important that parents are familiar with how to sign into the portal as semester reports will only be available on line this year. If you have misplaced your login details, or need support, please contact the General Office on 9366 2555. Remember on the Portal you can also access up to date attendance data for your child, as well as assessment results and work due.

Swimming Champions recognised at Year Level Assemblies
On 24 & 25 April, the school held Student Assemblies and used part of that event to award medallions to the students selected as the Swimming Champions at each Year Level. These students were the best performing students at the Inter House Swimming Sports held in Term 1 and all represented the school at the Keilor Division Swimming Carnival which the school won for the first time.

Our congratulations go to the following students on their Swimming Champion Medallions:

Isabelle Janceva Yr 7
Nikolce Mitrovski Yr 7
Habiba Habib Yr 8
Jason Vo Yr 8
Rhonda Phuong Yr 9
Phillip Hoang Yr 9
April Ziessler Yr 10
Phuoc Le Yr 10

Cyber Bullying - Staying safe online
On Wednesday 27 May, the Junior School will host a Cyber-busters presentation from Class Act Theatre Incorporated. This will be shown to Year 8 students and teachers will follow up with in class discussions. Cyber-bullying is a harmful and unacceptable practice and we join with our parents and students in promoting safe and respectful use of electronic communication.
What’s been happening at SASC...Principal Class Report

Staff Achievement - Literacy Award Nomination

Congratulations to Ms Amra Pajalic, ex St Albans Secondary College student and staff member on her new novel, COMING OF AGE: GROWING UP MUSLIM IN AUSTRALIA. Amra co-wrote and edited this anthology of twelve authentic and powerful short stories with Demet Divaroren. The book has since been shortlisted for THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2015. The book explores the diversity within the many Muslim communities around Australia, through the personal stories of some well-known Muslim Australians – boxers, lawyers and authors. Their candid, funny and often touching stories explore issues of body image, gender, romance, career, faith, football, friendship and family and the challenges of growing up in multicultural Australia.

Ms Amra Pajalic with her new novel, Coming of Age: Growing up Muslim in Australia

Facilities Improvements

Over the term break and in the first few weeks of Term 2, the St Albans Secondary College Facilities Team of Mr Dave Fraser and Mr Tony Gavrilovski, along with Steve Watson and Brett Pollard, has continued to upgrade and improve the schools’ appearance inside and out.

Following on from the successful construction and planting out of the planter boxes outside our refurbished Library, new garden beds are being constructed in the area between the D & F wings. These replace the old sleeper boxes built some 20 years ago. When they are finished, new plantings will be introduced providing a comfortable attractive seating area for students which will compliment those outside the library. Extensive tree pruning was carried out to ensure our large trees remain healthy and provide necessary shade for staff and students.

An extensive re-painting program has resulted in corridors being re-coated and the external doors of G wing being totally re-painted. New carpet tiles have been installed in the entrance to the staffroom and the car park lines were remarked.

To maximise the security of student's possessions in the external locker bays extra CCTV cameras have been installed and the locker bay roller doors can be padlocked overnight.

In the recently developed VCE Study Centre new furniture arrived last week and was installed on Friday. This has been well received by the students and it looks fantastic.

A special thank you to our cleaning team who toiled hard and long over the term break to present staff and students with clean fresh classrooms and offices ready for Term 2.

Year 12 Study Centre

All Year 12 students have access to the schools’ brand new study centre, located in the school library. It is important that Year 12 students effectively organise and manage their study time to work productively and complete all required classwork and homework, as well as to revise for upcoming assessments. Students are also encouraged to work independently, because universities and TAFES will expect this level of independence from them as they enter tertiary study.

Year 12 Study Centre

Alba Newsletter News

Over the past year, we have regularly reviewed our decision to produce a paper based newsletter. Apart from the fact that it costs an awful lot of money to produce it each time, it’s also not very environmentally friendly to continue to produce such large quantities when it could be delivered ‘virtually’.

The newsletter is currently available on the school website at http://stalbanssc.vic.edu.au and we know from our statistics that many people download it from there or read it online.

Taking everything into account, we have decided that from Term 2, we will cease to produce an individual copy per student.

The newsletter will continue to be published on the website at http://stalbanssc.vic.edu.au and will also be available on the Parent Portal at https://portal.stalbanssc.vic.edu.au.

There will continue to be physical copies available at the general office. If any parents still want to receive a physical copy, we will make these available on an individual basis. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the General Office or email st.albans.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au or by phone on 9366 2555.
Deep study pays off for student

A BIOLOGY scholarship has allowed Year 12 student Eugenia to dive into the exciting world of marine research.

The 17 year old, who is a student at St Albans Secondary College, was one of two Victorian students selected for the Eureka@Schools scholarship. As part of the program, she attended a two-week marine research school and spent four weeks helping with a research project off the Great Barrier Reef.

"I was very happy because it is one of my passions and something I want to pursue after Year 12," Eugenia said.

During the Queensland trip, she, Eugenia and the other scholarship students got up at dawn and spent their days on a boat, diving into the ocean to study fish, different invertebrates and coral marine life. As changes occurred, she said, "My favorite part was learning more about different organisms under the sea."

"I was studying behaviour of certain fish and learning more about what it was doing," she said.

"I really enjoyed learning about the groups of fish and what they were doing and how they interacted with other fish," she said.

"It was very interesting to see how they interacted and how they could change their behaviour based on things such as their surroundings," she said.

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LOTE Week 2015

LOTE Week was a big success and it was fitting to celebrate it so close to Harmony day because it is only through language and conversations that individuals, groups and whole nations can interact and sort out their problems. Thank you to the teachers and students who contributed their time to provide the activities in order to promote language and cultural diversity at our school.

Ms Patricia Herr
LOTE Coordinator

Years 10-12 New Caledonia Trip 2016

The college is proposing a 7 night trip to New Caledonia in the last week of Term 2, 2016. The primary purpose of the trip is to give students an opportunity to practise their spoken French in an authentic setting. However, students not studying French are also welcome to attend. For more information on New Caledonia go to: http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/new-caledonia/Pages/new-caledonia.aspx

If you are interested in finding out more about this trip, please contact Patricia Herr on 9366 2555 or herr.patricia.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

The cost of the trip will depend on how many students attend but it is projected at $2,400 including flights, accommodation (hotel + homestay) and some meals. Payments will be made in instalments to allow for budgeting.

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

Lunchtime Activities - Semester 1 Chess Tournament

This semester’s chess tournament attracted a large number of keen players. The final of the years 7-9 tournament was won by Jeremy Tomal year 7.I who played finalist Jason Phuong year 7H. It was a close game- played skilfully by both players.

The years 10-12 tournament finalists were Daniel Chan year 12 and Aziz Qaisi VCAL. Daniel proved he is once again the College Chess Champion. This is the third tournament that he has won! Thank you to Mr Mario Orsini who also took part in the tournament.

Congratulations to the winners and to all of the students who participated so enthusiastically in the tournament.

Ms Stephanie Leontiades
Lunch Time Activities Coordinator

Congratulations – 2014 DUKES Award Recipients

Congratulations to our 2014 Year 9 Advance students who received their Duke of Edinburgh’s (DUKES) Award Bronze Certificate. The Advance leadership program is sponsored by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and co-ordinated by the Office of Youth (OFY). The DUKES concept is one of individual challenge designed to encourage young people to develop into mature, active citizens who will positively contribute towards society. It is comprised of four sections: Skills, Physical Recreation, Community Service, and Adventurous Journey. The DUKES Award recipients displayed enthusiasm, persistence and a determination to succeed – a commendable achievement.

2014 DUKES Award Bronze Certificate Recipients
Josh ANOSA; My Phung DANG; Stephanie GIAO; Celine LOY-CHUNG; Jessica MANGALINDAN; Dalena NGO; Nhung NGUYEN; Linda NGUYEN; Linda NGUYEN; Luckie NGUYEN; Hanna NGUYEN; Maria SAUMA; April SMITH; Ricki TRAN; April ZIESSLER; Gianni ZITO-CINTI

Ms Marion Mortimer
Advance Coordinator
What’s been happening at SASC

Debating Team

Last Wednesday the 22 of April our 4 debating teams set out to Mercy College again for their second debate of the year. Students performed very well, clearly learning from their experiences from the first round.

The year 10 team included Anastasia Prokopova, Malenga Singehebhuye and Shani Nguyen. They debated against Glenroy College and the topic was ‘That all educational institutions should reserve places for indigenous students’. The year ten team argued in the affirmative and they won the debate. Malenga Singehebhuye was awarded best speaker, a great achievement considering it was her first ever debate. A special thank you must also go to the third speaker Shani Nguyen of year 9 who stepped in at the last moment to fill in with only one hour’s notice.

One of our year 9 teams also experienced their first win for the year. Phung Tran, Rachel Pinto and Lani Nguyen debated against Santa Maria College and won by two points. The topic for the year 9 debates was ‘That we should stop celebrating Australia Day’. Lani Nguyen was awarded best speaker.

The other two year 9 teams included Abdul Munim, Cindy Nguyen, Gabriel Chan, Daniel Makahun, Anna Le and Kellie Phan. They debate against Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary College and Princess Hill Secondary College. Students performed well losing by very narrow margins.

Thank you to Ms Avril Good and student teacher Mr Paul Munro for assisting in coaching the teams and a special thank you to Mr Joe De-Gabriele for driving the bus.

Ms Nicole Carbonaro
Debating Coordinator

Premiers Reading Challenge

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

This is the 11th year of the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. It has been invaluable in inspiring 2 million students to read around 34 million books. Also, the Challenge has encouraged families and parents to support children’s literacy development.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children and young people from Prep to Year-10. It is not a competition but places emphasis on individual challenge, participation and achievement. The Challenge remains open until late in Term 3 and so there is plenty of time for students to reach their reading goals. For students in Years 7 to 10 the challenge is to read 15 books.

There are lots of books to choose from on the Challenge booklist which is located at the circulation desk in the library. The booklist includes much-loved favourites as well as new releases and a variety of fiction, non-fiction, plays, poetry, short stories and graphic novels. Students may also read books in other languages.

Let’s all participate and learn to enjoy reading!

Ms Effie Goulas
Acting Teacher-Librarian Coordinator
What’s been happening at SASC

Anti Bullying Day
What’s been happening at SASC

Camp Coordinator’s Report

Our newest school community members, the Year 7 students, have been heading off to camp during Semester One; presently six classes have attended camp, with three still to go. It has been a pleasure seeing off our school bus each week filled with the smiling faces of our Year 7’s and their teachers.

I have enjoyed getting to know my new I.S. class as it is a rare opportunity to engage in extended activities, conversations and shared tasks with students. I challenged students to try new things and extend themselves whilst on camp. Each student was given the challenge of having a conversation with every other person on camp before camp ended, had to work in various groups on problem solving, and experienced the beauty and contrast of life in the Aussie countryside. It is such a pleasure to see students grow – I observed one student shy away from Roz’s (our Camp Manager) pet dogs. I watched Roz introduce the child to the dogs, and gradually get the student to the point where she was in charge of the dogs, walking them around on a leash and not at all nervous! I watched my class feed horses, muster cattle, catch yabbies, cook dinner, go for lovely walks, gaze at shooting stars on Mt Wombat… developing friendships and common memories that the class can share for many years to come. It makes all of the effort that so many teachers put into running camps worth it!

And on that note, I would personally like to thank all of the staff who have generously given their own time to spend three days with their classes in Strathbogie in order to truly get to know each other; the kids, parents and your fellow teachers thank you.

Mr Mark Micalefi
Camp Coordinator
What’s been happening at SASC

Athletics Carnival
Leading up to the Athletics Carnival, all the talk was about the weather forecast, and whether we had to cancel the event due to rain. Come the day over 920 students, staff and assistants defied the gloomy forecast to collectively make it the most successful Athletics Carnival in the last two decades.

The overcast, yet mild weather encouraged our students to enter a record number of events in all age groups. Mr Beale on the microphone, provided some comic relief and enthusiastic commentary. In fact students and staff worked extremely well together to ensure all events ran smoothly and on time.

Yellow House lead all day on the tally board and finished with a massive 2318 points, clear winners over Blue house who finished in second place. Red House narrowly placed into 3rd position, with Green House in 4th position with an impressive 1710 points. What was especially encouraging this year was the participation of Year 10 and VCE/VCAL students. We hope that this involvement increases in years to come. As a result we now have a great pool of talent to pick from for our school athletics team, who will be competing in the Keilor Division Championships in term 3. Our team is confident we can emulate the feats of our Swim team who took out first place earlier this year in their local championships.

Final Standings
1st: Yellow House 2318
2nd: Blue House 1944
3rd: Red House 1926
4th: Green House 1710

Photos of the day are on the next page.

Mr Robert Lakovski
PE Coordinator

Senior Boys Volleyball Report
After training for the majority of term 1 this year the Senior Boys team were out to make amends on their early exit from last year’s tournament. Training had been of a much higher standard this year and we went into the competition confident we could match it with the best.

Game #1 – SASC vs. Sunshine
All was going to plan in our first game winning the first set comfortably, but, a lack of concentration crept in and we were beaten narrowly in the second set meaning we had to play in a tie breaking third set, not the ideal start to the day. The boys rallied together and defeated sunshine by 2 points to keep the dream alive.

Game #2 – SASC vs. VUSC
Having already seen VU play we knew they were a quality volleyball team and anything but our best would not get the job done. Our boys did not hesitate, crushing VU in a highlight filled first set. VU fought back in the second set but once again the SASC boys were too good beating them 22 – 20 in a nail bitting second set. On to Copperfield.

Game #3 – SASC vs. Copperfield
The biggest danger on our side of the draw was Copperfield. A very capable volleyball team bolstered by a state representative who could seriously spike a volleyball. We didn’t discuss much before the game, a quiet prayer lead by George Misa and the boys walked into position with a confidence I had yet to see. Lead by the captain Gino Salima, the boys played at an unbelievable level defeating Copperfield 2 sets to nil, and guaranteeing us a place in the final.

Game #4: The Final – SASC: vs. KDC
This was by far the biggest challenge of the tournament. KDC had crushed every team they had played and with 2 state level players it was easy to see why. Right from the start we could see that the 2 KDC state reps were going to be a handful. We lost the first set but the boys remained optimistic about our chances. Down by 12 points in the final set and with almost all hope gone we called a time out. My message was simple. You’ve earned your spot in the final enjoy every second of it. The team went on the win the next 8 points which included the biggest block of the day from Timoci Wakawaka.

In the end the Senior Boys didn’t win the tournament but they gave it their best shot. The way they represented the college is to be applauded and as their coach I could not be more proud of the group. A special thank you to the year 12 boys, Gino Salima (Captain), Setefano Timoteo, Khamis Khamis and Francis Vui, who will be leaving us at the end of the year.

We now look forward to next year’s tournament where we will try and go one step further where I’ll again ask the question, is that us?

Mr Owen McIntyre
Teacher
What’s been happening at SASC

Athletics Carnival
Year 7 Science Zoo Excursion

On Wednesday the fifteenth of April, all Year Seven Science students participated in an all day excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. We participated in the “SOS (Save Our Species) Call of the Wild” challenge.

Using real life conservation issues, students investigated the impact humans can have on wildlife and discovered how wildlife diversity, adaptations and features enable them to survive. By the end of the day, students had learnt about a variety of species, local and global, and made a decision about which species they would like to act for. The activities are linked to Zoo Community Conservation Campaigns; “Don’t Palm Us Off”; “They’re Calling on You”; “Beads for Wildlife”; “Seal the Loop”; “Wipe for Wildlife” and “Love Your Locals”.

From the students:

Some interesting facts we learnt from the keepers:

“CHIPP stands for Climate change, Habitat destruction, Introduced species, Poaching, Pollution.” (These are the challenges our wildlife are facing) Charlie 7D

“The Gold Coin Turtle is Endangered” Kim 7D

“The Gold Coin Turtle and Elephant have some features that are similar” (rough skin) Leah 7D

“Fijian Crested Iguanas have some features similar to an Elephant” (backbone) Ethan 7A

“The Helmeted Honeyeater has a tongue like a tooth cleaner” (rough) Lauren 7A

“Rats escaped for a ship onto Lord Howe Island, and ate nearly all of the Lord Howe Island Stick Insects.” (Critically Endangered, Extinct in the wild) Celia 7A

“The Hive”:

“It was small and colorful. It has rare animals and cool walls. It was fun to sit and listen on the bean chair” Jordan 7D

“The Hive was a very nice place. It felt like we were in a small cottage. Around us were the Elephants. Inside the Hive were a lot of interesting things, like Philippines crocodile eggs and skin.” Amrit 7A

The animal I chose to give my voice to:

“I chose the Australian Fur Seal because I think it deserves my voice. I think my one voice will really help the Seal” Ashley 7A

“I chose the Elephant because the Keeper said “If you save this animal, you also save the Tiger and Orang-utan” (habitat) Phyllis 7A

“I chose the Seal because I think it is really smart and talented. It deserves my vote.” Tara 7A

“The animal I chose to give my voice to is the Philippines Crocodile because people do not like the crocodile. Most people pick better looking animals, but the crocodile needs our help. The Philippines Crocodile needs hot weather for the eggs to hatch male, and cold weather for the eggs to hatch female.” (Climate change is affecting the number of females hatched, which will impact on future numbers) Annie 7D

“I chose the Orang-utan because it is such an amazing animal. It is just so sad that it is endangered.” Cindy 7D

At the end of the day, S.A.S.C. Year Seven voted for:

1. The Gorilla
2. Philippines Crocodile
3. Australian Fur Seal

Back at school and at home our challenge is to work out ways to help our animals and their habitats by:

Choosing products that do not contain Palm Oil, or are labeled CSPO (Certified Sustainable Palm Oil)

When fishing, don’t leave line for marine life to get entangled in. (“Seal the Loop”)

Recycle our old mobile phones (to support “They’re Calling on You” Zoo conservation campaign)

Use toilet paper made from recycled paper. (“Wipe for Wildlife”)

Support “Beads for Wildlife” which helps support 900 families and the Greveys Zebra in Northern Kenya.

Ms Lynne Borle
Year 7 Science Teacher
What’s been happening at SASC

Year 11 Biology Camp

On Thursday the 12th March year eleven Biology students participated in two day “Ecosystems and Environment” camp on the Bellarine Peninsular. Our first stop was the Swan Bay Jetty mudflats where we collected data about the mudflats including plant and animal species, land use and temperature.

We then went to Queenscliff where after lunch, we climbed the tower at the Marina which gave us a fantastic “Birds eye view” of the whole area, including both the bay and ocean beach. From here we went to the Marine Discovery Centre where the staff showed us the aquarium animals and explained about the biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) features of this area; and the effects of tourism, agriculture and fishing. We also gathered more data about the mudflats, so we could compare and contrast the two mudflat areas with the rock pools in the Marine Park at Barwon Heads ocean beach.

We stayed in cabins at “Beacon Big4” in Queenscliff, before heading out the next day to Barwon Heads Marine Park. Staff from the Marine Discovery Centre met us there, and taught us about the plants animals and geology of the ocean coastline, and how to collect quantitative data about plant and animal species here, between high and low tide. We used the information to compare and contrast the rock pools and mudflats, and used our collected data to write a formal scientific report when we returned to school.

Ms Lynne Borle
Yr 11 Biology Teacher
What’s been happening at SASC

ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony
Welcome back to Term 2 which has commenced with a busy program for the Junior Sub School. This is a reporting term and we encourage all students to study, complete all homework and submit all assignments by due dates. During our assemblies this term, we will be having sessions on learning and digital portfolio strategies to improve student learning. If your child is having difficulty with class work, they should see their class teacher or coordinator for support. Please check your child’s diary daily and sign it weekly.

Extracurricular Activities

Year 7 Students attended the Royal Melbourne Zoo on Wednesday 15th April as part of their Science course work; they were shown how to classify different species of animals and learnt about endangered species around the world and what they can do to help their plight.

Year 7 Trip to the Zoo
On Wednesday the 15th of April all Year 7 went to the Melbourne zoo for a science excursion. We were transported by bus.

First thing we did when we got to the zoo was collect our tokens and lanyards with a map of the zoo and where we could find the endangered. Every home group got a different time trail for the hive presentation by zoo staff. We then went to ‘The Deep’ where the seals are and were told what we were going to do. We were then able to get into a group and walk around the zoo to complete our science research. We then meet up for lunch at 12.30 at the bistro area.

We ate lunch and my group was ready for the hive right after lunch. We got to the hive and we had a little challenge, the challenge was to figure out what the bags were and what animals were endangered. After the hive we then got back in our groups and walked around the zoo until 1.45 to meet back up at ‘The Deep’ to vote for which “Animal Deserved Our Voice”. The Gorilla came in 1st place and we will be starting a project at school to help their cause. We then said goodbye and hopped back onto the bus and left to go back to school.  

Shauna & Tara 7A

IMAX
Year 8 students attended IMAX and the museum on Tuesday 14th April. All the students had a great time, the weather was terrific. All students were a credit to St Albans Secondary College, with members of the public and venues commenting on the great behaviour displayed by our students.

ATHLETICS
The Athletics carnival was held on Friday 24th April at Keilor Athletics Park. The implementation of house colours and corresponding names encouraged the inter-school competition and there were many participants. Congratulations to Buttrose/Yellow House for the overall Championship win.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH
7A Phyllis Stanislaw
7F Ian Alcantara
7D Mayukh Dhiman
8C Tyler Winter Boyle
These students have shown considerable community spirit.
NEWS FROM OUR SUB SCHOOLS....

JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT CONTINUED

UNIFORM
With winter approaching please ensure your child has a jumper and or wet weather jacket. Only white or black scarves are permitted. Please don’t leave shoes outside overnight and your child’s name should be written on all articles of clothing. The uniform shop is open Mondays and Thursdays at lunchtime.

PHONES
A reminder that students are not to have or use their mobile phones on school premises. Phones should be switched off at the beginning of the day, left in lockers and only turned on after the student has left the grounds. Students found with mobile phones will have the phones confiscated and a parent will need to come to the school office to collect it. If students need to contact parents during the day they are able to use the sub school phones in the coordinators office.

ANZAC CELEBRATIONS
Junior school student got into the spirit of the ANZAC by making poppies to decorate the Junior school notice board. Thank you to Year 12 VCAL students and Ms Minogue for their contributions to a great display.

Rocky and Rickina April 2015-UPDATE - Junior schools adopted Orangutans
Rocky’s forest skills continue to improve in the baby school group. He is getting more independent of both his carers and Rickina. Though he is still very fond of Rickina, he now prefers to play rough and tumble games with the other boys and can often be found wrestling with Noel, Anjas and Gunung.

At the end of each day, Rocky still likes to latch onto Rickina for the ride in the wheelbarrow back to their night enclosure. His climbing skills are also improving since baby school moved to the fenced forest enclosure where there are taller trees to explore and play in.

Rickina is also making improvements since baby school moved into the large fenced forest enclosure, however, she still spends a lot of her time on the ground. To encourage her to climb more, the carers always hang her food and enrichment high in the trees or on the tall tower. However, she is a clever girl and knows that when the others in her group go up for their treats, a lot of the goodies fall to the ground and then she can eat them! As Rocky is now a lot bigger than Rickina she finds his games are getting a bit rough. She prefers the more gentle play sessions with Pelangi, Temon and Marie. We hope that Rickina will soon copy the great climbing skills of her playmates.

Please go to www.orangutan.org.au/orphan-updates to see the updates.

Ms Laura Gough
Junior School Coordinator
We had a fantastic day at the athletics carnival on the 24th of April with excellent participation from most middle school students. The students were extremely well behaved and I was particularly pleased to see the large number of students participating and enjoying themselves. Many year 10 students also helped with the running of events. It was also terrific to see so many talented students in the track and field events.

Congratulations to those students in year 9 who represented the school at district and regional level in the swimming. This year we had one student qualify, in the 100 freestyle, for the state championships. Congratulations to April Ziessler of 10C who competed at MSAC on the 15th of April and swam an impressive race.

ABCN – Australian Business Community Networks
A number of Year 9 students will be selected to participate in a mentoring program named GOALS – Growing opportunities and learning skills.

This group of students will be working with some of Melbourne’s leading companies. Their employees will spend time mentoring the students. They cover issues like ‘Goal setting’, ‘Communication’, ‘Building relationships and confidence’ and ‘Realising your Strengths’.

The students travel to their mentor’s work place in the city’s CBD and the sessions are run there. This will commence in June.

Year 10 Work Experience is coming up at the end of term 2. Some students still do not have placements. Work experience is a compulsory part of year 10 and students must participate to receive a satisfactory result in English. Please have a chat to your son/daughter and check that they have made suitable arrangements.

Year 10 Exams/Year 9 semester tests will be held during weeks 7 & 8. In the next assembly students will be given some strategies to plan and study for their exams. In the meantime, it is important that students are organised and complete tasks as they get them. They need to prepare for the exams as if they are a marathon so early preparation is needed. Students need well organised books, lockers and spaces at home to complete their work.

Cyber Safety
Joanne Mutsaerts from the Brimbank Proactive Police Unit spoke to the students on Monday 20th of April about being safe in cyber space. Although many of the students have heard similar information, it is always useful to be aware of how our world changes with increased use of technology. Students were presented with the laws on cyberbullying and given some excellent advice on how to protect themselves and others from cyber bullying.

Ms Janet McKenzie
Middle Sub School Leader
News from our Sub Schools....

Senior School Report

Senior Sub School: T: 9356 4099

Ms Julie Bird - Sub School Leader
Year 11B (I-M), Year 12B (I-M), Year 11 VCAL - V1A

Robert Krysinski - Sub School Coordinator
Year 11D (R-Z), Year 12D (R-Z), Year 12 VCAL - V2A

Ms Anna Woods - Assistant Sub School Leader
Year 11A (A-H), Year 12A (A-H), Year 12 VCAL - V2B

Ms Rosemary Bambery – Sub School Assistant

Anna Langley - Sub School Coordinator
Year 11C (N-Q), Year 12C (N-Q), Year 11 VCAL - V1B

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is already behind us and we are three weeks into Term 2 already! Teachers have completed the interim reports to monitor the progress of our students and these were made available to parents via the Parent Portal this year for the first time. This new process helps us to better monitor and consider the ways in which students can be supported to achieve their maximum potential in consultation with parents. Students at risk have been identified and coordinators are working hard to make sure all parents are aware where there might be an issue with student progress.

Many thanks to the parents who came to our Parent Teacher interviews at the end of Term 1. Parent Teacher Interviews are an essential link in the chain of working together to improve student results. The Student Diary is also a vital tool in the organisation of work, and it is this organisation and completion of work tasks in timely manner which underpins students’ success in VCE. Please check that your child has a Student Diary and ask to see it regularly. It will give you an insight into how effectively they are managing their time. All VCE students have homework, so please keep an eye on how they are coping with this at home. Once we get to May, the Year 12 VCE students will need your support at home more than ever, as they really feel the pressure of Year 12 at that time of year. Included with our Newsletter article this time are some pictures of a fabulous VCE/VCAL Soccer Challenge on Friday 27th March. This Soccer Challenge is an annual event which takes place between our Year 11s and our Year 12s on the afternoon of the last day of Term 1. It was a nail-biting finish this year, as the competition was really tough. In the end, our Year 11s won over our Year 12s, and it was so exciting for everyone to watch! As always, both the victors and the defeated team, congratulated each other in true sporting style, and made us all proud.

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the ANZAC Landings at Gallipoli, and we had a most extraordinary week of school events leading up to ANZAC Day on Saturday 25th March. Our Year 12 VCAL students had organised a presentation for the Whole School Assembly early in the week, and along with our School Captains, they presented some readings for us at our Year 11 and 12 Assemblies on Friday 24/14/15. The students and staff alike were completely impressed with the leadership shown by these fine young people. We heard from our Welfare Team about the ways young people can support their friends and comrades regarding depression, and our English KLA Leader Ms Adamou, made a presentation on how to prepare for the Year 12 English Practice Exam later on in Term 2.

The After School Study Program is running in the Library each Thursday after school for one hour. All students are welcome to attend this group. Many students are taking up this valuable opportunity to get help with their homework, and the numbers present are continuing to grow. Students who are behind with work will be required to attend, as directed by their teachers, and letters will be sent home to parents informing them of this.

Again this year, thanks to the organisation of the SRC, our Year 12 students had their warm and beautiful jackets well before the start of the cold weather. The SRC takes their role in the life of the school very seriously, and they engage in regular dialogue with the Coordinators about how we can work together to improve the environment of our school. Our current Year 11 students are planning their Year 12 jackets already!

Towards the end of Term 2 we will again host our special Year 11 Assembly to celebrate “100 days of VCE/VCAL success”. This is always an exciting event, with speakers including our alumni students providing helpful advice sharing their successes. Later in the year the Senior Sub-School Team plans further motivational activities, including a Motivational Pizza lunch for the Year 12s.

Looking ahead in the calendar, there will be practice exams and some holiday classes for Year 12 VCE students in the September holidays. Also please remember that there are a variety of scholarships for which both Year 12 VCE and VCAL students can apply to support them in further study. Contact our Careers staff for this information. Later in the year, students need to consider the university pre-results selection options - “PPP” and “SNAP” programs. Please feel free to ask about these programs at the upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews.

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
From the General Office

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.

May Calendar

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**The Uniform Shop is now available for orders online**

Parents can now order school uniform via the DCS Uniforms website for online ordering at [http://dcsuniforms.com.au/](http://dcsuniforms.com.au/)

or via the St Albans Secondary College website under the tab ‘Uniform Shop’ at [http://stalbanssc.vic.edu.au/](http://stalbanssc.vic.edu.au/)

**The Uniform Shop Operating Hours at the College are:**

Monday 12.15pm to 1.20pm  
Thursday 12.15pm to 1.20pm