



**ST ALBANS**  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

# Alba News

## Calendar - 2015

### March

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| <b>Mon<br/>23</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 9 PE Elec Health 101 P3&amp;4 BE</li> <li>Yr 12 Top Designs - Melbourne Museum P 5 &amp; 6 SNI</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Tue<br/>24</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Wed<br/>25</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 7G Camp</li> <li>Yr 7 Bully Busters P1&amp;2 in Performing Arts - GH</li> <li>Yr 10 VET Sports &amp; Recreation - Health 101 P5&amp;6 LC</li> <li>History Revolutions after school class which will be in F2 on Wednesdays 3.30 until 4.30pm</li> </ul> |
| <b>Thu<br/>26</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 7G Camp</li> <li>Yr 9 Advance Practice hike (all day) (To be confirmed TBC)</li> <li>Selected Students Interschool Sports Western Metropolitan Swimming Championships</li> <li>Maths Methods Analysis Task - OMI</li> </ul>                             |
| <b>Fri<br/>27</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 7G Camp</li> <li>Yr 9 Pre City Experience - Hoyts all day RY</li> <li>End of Term 1 - early dismissal at 2.20pm</li> </ul>  |

### From the Principal Class Team.....

### Dear Parents and Guardians

Sports reports usually appear on the back pages, but not this time! We have to give a front page shout out to Sports Coordinator, Mr Robert Lakovski, and all the competitors in the interschool swimming team who led the school to take first place in the Keilor Division Swimming Championships two weeks ago. Well done to everyone on a fabulous effort! Enjoy the full report below.

### Guardians' lunch - Good food, Great company

On 17 February, parents and host families of our international students treated us to a delicious lunch to thank staff for the work they do in welcoming and educating their children. It was an opportunity to enjoy beautiful, home cooked food, but also importantly to get to know members of our local and international community. Thank you to everyone involved, in particular to our International Students Coordinator, Ms Miranda Truong, for her organisation of the lunch.

Miranda and I will spend the last week of this term in Vietnam conducting parent-teacher interviews with the families of our 44 overseas students.



Guardian lunch

### Student leaders celebrate International Women's Day

Once again this year, the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central generously sponsored a table for a group of our female student leaders to attend a breakfast at The Crown Palladium to celebrate International Women's Day.

Lisa Cao, Renae Maniapoto, Caroline Vo, Debra Gaye, Linda Nguyen, Dalena Phan, Anne Rivera and Blen Asfaw joined 1200 guests at the event hosted by women in Rotary, and had the opportunity to listen to a panel of women and men debate the topic, 'Does gender equality benefit us all?'. The panel was moderated by Geraldine Doogue, and included Kate Jenkins, Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission, Professor Andrew MacLeod, Good Super Australia, Mary Barry, CEO National Heart Foundation, Peta Searle, St Kilda Football coach, and Tom Elliot, 3AW Presenter.

The debate considered a range of issues related to gender equality for men & women, equity targets, violence against women and the benefits of gender equality to society.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the food, the keynote speaker, Judge Frances Millane, and the messages of employment and creative thinking.



International Women's Day

Thank you to Mr David Bennett and all at the Rotary Club of Brimbank Central for supporting us to attend the event.

### Year 7 Expo

A huge thank you to the many Year 7 parents and family members who joined the Junior School Coordinators and staff for the annual Year 7 Expo recently. It was a wonderful event with over 100 families coming along to meet their child's teachers and friends and to hear about and see the work the students have been doing this year. It was lovely to see how proud the students were of their work and the leadership they took in the presentations on the night.

The homerooms looked great. Special congratulations to 7B who won the prize for Best Presented Homeroom.



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

## Congratulations....

The school would like to acknowledge and congratulate three of our fashion students Amy Nguyen, Harmony Holland Paiti and Lanu Timoteo. These students will have their garments paraded by professional models on the Virgin Australia 'Emerging Designers' runway. This runway parade is part of Melbourne L' Oreal Fashion Week. We know how many hours have gone into the creation of the six garments that will be featured on the runway. The achievement in achieving selection for the parade is a testament to their hard work and effort of our students and that of their teachers Mr Bowden and Mr D'Aglas. We would also like to thank Jay Nguyen for his contribution and assistance to our students with their preparations for the runway parade. Jay is a SASC graduate, who has recently graduated from the KI Centre for Fashion, Diploma of Fashion course.

See Newspaper article on page 4.

## School Self Evaluation & Review

Each four years, schools are required by the Department of Education to undertake a Self Evaluation of their goals, targets, and achievements over the previous 4 years.

The Self Evaluation is then reviewed by an external panel made up of a reviewer and two peers involved in education. This will lead to the identification of areas for improvement or next steps, and future goals & targets for our Strategic Plan 2016 - 2019.

It is important to have as many people and voices' represented in the Self Evaluation process as possible. So, as well as involving our staff, we will hold student and parent forums to give both groups an opportunity to have input into the future directions of our school.

The Parent Forum will be held on Tuesday 21 April at 6.30pm in Nindethana and will be chaired by parent members of our School Council. If you would like to participate in an informal discussion about things you think the school does well, what could be improved, and how we might work together to achieve this, please join us.

Contact Ms Malama McCall in the General Office if you would like to attend.

## Teacher Candidates

We are pleased to welcome 13 Teacher Candidates from The University of Melbourne, Masters of Teaching Course. These student teachers have a range of methods, including Biology, Humanities, Psychology, LOTE, Maths, Music and many more. They will be at the school 2 days a week initially, followed by a 4 week block concluding in May. We hope they enjoy their time at St Albans Secondary College.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 24th March. Please ensure your child has made an appointment with their teachers so you can hear first hand how your child is progressing. Also a reminder that Term 1 progress reports are available on the portal from March 20th. Please log in and see how your child is progressing.

To view the Term 1 Progress Reports online, you may log onto the schools website at [www.stalbanssc.vic.edu.au](http://www.stalbanssc.vic.edu.au), access the Parent Portal at <https://portal.stalbanssc.vic.edu.au/> using your unique username and password, then click on "Assessment & Reports".

## Debating Competition - Wednesday, 11 March 2015

The Debating Association of Victoria is a peak, non-profit association which promotes debate and runs large competitions for schools across Victoria. The focus is to make the competition as inclusive as possible, providing a welcoming but competitive environment for students from both private and public schools to hone their skills and build their confidence.

Students in Years ten and above have the opportunity to debate a mix of prepared and secret topics (secret topics are announced only on the night of the debate), while students in Year nine are introduced to the competition through a series of prepared topics.

St Albans Secondary College was represented by one Year 10 Team and 3 Year 9 teams at Mercy College Coburg.



Gabriel Chan, Kurt Viernuesel, Daniel Makahon, Abdul Munim of Year 9E

The Year 10 Team debated the topic 'That we should have compulsory military service', arguing in the negative. They lost the debate by 1 point against Australian International Academy.

Two Year 9 Teams argued 'That magazines should ban photo editing.' Both teams argued in the negative against Santa Maria College and Glenroy College and lost the debate by 1 point.

The third Year 9 team, comprising students Abdul Munim, Daniel Makahon and Gabriel Chan debated against Australian international Academy in the affirmative. They won the debate by one point and Abdul Munim was awarded best speaker.

Congratulations to all of the students for their excellent efforts on the night and our sincere appreciation to all the coaches - Ms Nicole Carbonaro, Ms Angela Nolan and Ms Avril Goode for their time and effort in preparing the students so thoroughly and supporting them on the night.

## Inter-House Swimming Sports

On a rather overcast Tuesday Years 7-9 gathered at the St Albans Swimming Pool to compete in the annual Inter-House Swimming Sports. The pool was dressed up in the traditional house colours with the flags of IRWIN (Red), BUTTROSE (Yellow), FREEMAN (Green) and ROSEWALL (Blue) fluttering in the breeze. Students and Staff had also showed their house support by wearing their house colours.





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

The cooler weather was no match for the enthusiasm of the students who freestyled, breast stroked and backstroked their way up and down the pool. There were plenty of opportunities for students to participate in novelty events as well will running races and the obstacle course proving very popular.

The atmosphere on the day was very exciting with the Senior House Captains leading house chants across the day and the competition for overall points victory very close all day.

Irwin House looked like the winners on the day but a late surge from Rosewall gave them the momentum to take first place by the end of the events.

It was a fabulous day and our thanks go to Mr Lakovski and his team of helpers, Ms Panteli & Mr Vo along with the House Captains, all staff who attended the sports and of course our enthusiastic students who really entered into the spirit of friendly competition for their respective houses.

In a close encounter all day where the houses were sometimes only 20-30 points apart Rosewall House stormed home to win the day.

## National Day against Bullying

March 20<sup>th</sup> is the National Day against Bullying and St Albans Secondary College will be running several activities all this week to reinforce the school policy of 'Zero Tolerance of Bullying'. There will Anti-bullying Poster Competitions in Junior School, presentations on saying **NO to bullying** at all Year Level Assemblies.

A special presentation next Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March will continue the theme when the Bully Busters will visit the school for an event involving the Junior School.

Information pamphlets to assist parents in ensuring their children use technology safely and responsibly will be available at the Parent Teacher Interview Night next Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

## BYOD Update

The school is pleased to announce that over 60% of our students in Years 7-10 are now using their digital devices to enhance their research skills and understanding of the work presented in class. Some parents are still to purchase or have their child bring a device and we encourage them to do so for the start of Term 2.

Parents who wish to discuss any aspect of the BYOD Program – buying the correct device, looking at a payment plan for the device or other matters – please contact Mr Ian Crocker on 9366-2555.

## 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, its also not very environmentally friendly to continue to produce so many pieces of paper 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 in 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 those 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](mailto:st.albans.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au) or by phone on 9366 2555.

Families will be notified by email when newsletters have been published on the Website and the Parent Portal. To assist us in delivering this information, could you please list your preferred email contact below and return this to the genera office by Friday 17 April.

## And finally.....

We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Teacher interviews on Tuesday 24 March from 1.00pm to 7.00pm.

Thank you for the support you have given us, your child's teachers, and the school this term.

Have a safe, happy holiday.



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

## Parent Preferred Email

To be returned to the general office by Friday 17 April

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Student homegroup: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent preferred email address: \_\_\_\_\_



# What's been happening at SASC...

## Brimbank Leader Newspaper

ST ALBANS



Students My, Lanuola and Harmony are finalists in the Melbourne Fashion Festival student competition. Picture: DENNIS MANKTELOW

## Girls' passion for fashion hits the runway

MEET the material girls from St Albans Secondary College who are on the cutting edge of fashion.

Three students from the school – My, Lanuola and Harmony – were selected as finalists in a Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival student competition.

The trio were listed among 20 young finalists from

across the country, whose designs would be shown during the Future Runway contest on March 22.

Teacher Michael Bowden said since the start of term, Harmony, Lanuola and My have worked hard during free periods and after school to complete their designs.

"To produce such wonderful garments in such a short

amount of time is a credit to them," he said.

Although My won the section last year, she said she was "surprised" to be selected as a finalist again.

"When they called me, I didn't expect it," she said.

The 18-year-old has created a cocktail outfit and a long dress for this year's awards.

My, who is modest about her skills, said she wanted to become a fashion designer.

"I would like to, but I'm not sure how it's going to turn out," she said.

My also said many of her classmates wanted her to design outfits for them.

"There are a lot of friends who have been asking me to make their formal dresses."



Soraya received a scholarship from the Earthwatch Institution to go on a bat expedition.

## Student's bat trip of a lifetime

YOUNG Soraya is Brimbank's very own bat girl.

The St Albans Secondary College year 12 student received a scholarship from the Earthwatch Institute to go on a week-long "bat expedition" in Castlemaine.

Soraya said she applied for the scholarship after being encouraged to do so by her teacher Ms Mortimer.

Soraya, 17, was one of eight students from across Australia selected for the bat trip.

During the seven-day trip, Soraya and the other students helped a University of Melbourne PhD student to collect and record data.

"We got to deal with the bats personally – rather than just watching, we really got the chance to get into the field and experience fieldwork first-hand."

"We also set up bat detectors in the bush or along a road to record bat calls to see how many bats were in the area."

In addition, the students travelled to Bendigo for a day to observe flying foxes. Soraya said she hoped to pursue a career as an environmental lawyer.

"I think anyone interested in the environment or sciences should apply for an Earthwatch Institute scholarship because it opens so many doors and really can help students answer questions about their future career."

Details: [earthwatch.org](http://earthwatch.org)





# What's been happening at SASC

## Keilor Division Swimming Championships Report

In 2013 we came third, and in 2014 we were runners up by two points and this year we were crowned champions of the Keilor Division. Thanks to a brilliant performance by our swimming team, we comprehensively defeated the powerhouse teams of Keilor Downs and Taylors Lakes. Some great performances by Habiba Habib and April Ziessler set up the amazing win, however it was the team performance that really impressed everyone. We entered swimmers in just about every event for the first time ever.

Some notable performances include:

April Ziessler winning an amazing 5 individual and two relay events. The female swim team winning 75% of our school's total points.

### Individual awards in each age group category:

- U'13 Girls: Isabelle Janceva Yr 7
- U'13 Boys: Nikolce Mitrovski Yr 7
- U'14 Girls: Habiba Habib Yr 8
- U'14 Boys: Huy Le Yr 8
- U'15 Girls: Jessica Janceva Yr 8
- U'15 Boys: Quang Nguyen Yr 9
- U'16 Girls: April Ziessler Yr 10
- U'16 Boys: Phuoc Le Yr 10
- U'17 Girls: Ashlynn Van Wingarden Yr 9
- U'17 Boys: Luckie Nguyen Yr 10
- U'20 Girls: Ivonne Dang Yr 7
- U'20 Boys: Tung Do Yr 7



Mr Robert Lakovski  
Sports Coordinator

## Beacon Ambassadors & Year 10 House Captains Richmond Football Club Experience

On Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> March the Beacon Ambassadors and the Year 10 House Captains were involved in an exciting leadership and high performance experience at the Richmond Football Club. The students were able to get a first-hand look at the facilities of the club and gain an in-depth understanding of how important leaders are in that environment. Richmond legend Dale Weightman led the tour and was able to provide the students with invaluable knowledge and history of the club. A highlight was when current Richmond player, and member of the leadership group Nathan Foley, addressed the group and instilled an understanding of the culture of the club and the expectations of each player. What an incredible opportunity for students and one which was appreciated by all those involved.



Mr Brendan McFarland  
Middle Sub School Coordinator



# What's been happening at SASC

## Hands on Learning

Tony Micallef from 8D helped to prepare the Luncheon for 12 participants.

Lunch consisted of homemade burgers with lettuce & tomato, hand cut wedges accompanied with ratatouille.

Home cooking is part of the life skill lessons conducted in Hands on Learning.

By Ms Connie Demicoli & Mr Brett Ison  
Hands on Learning Mentor/Artisan Teachers



## Junior Schools Adopted Orangutang's Update

### Rocky & Rickina and their relatives



### Act now - Join our movement to save orang-utans

In our last newsletter we mentioned that this year the Junior school has begun a social awareness program with the adoption of twin Orangutangs. Our 'babies' Rocky and Rickina are being cared for at the Orangutang Emergency Centre Ketapang West Kalimantan Indonesia. Students will throughout the year, learn about the decreasing Orangutang population and how they can help to reduce their plight. Fund raising activities will be carried out during the year to assist in the upkeep of the twins and others in the orphanage. Updates and information will be provided in assemblies and future newsletters.

Every hour 300 football fields of precious remaining forest is being ploughed to the ground across South East Asia to make way for palm oil plantations. Palm oil is used in everything from snack foods to soaps. It is found in over half all packaged items on our supermarket shelves. In the last 20 years, over 3.5 million hectares of Indonesian and Malaysian forest have been destroyed to make way for palm oil.

The only way that the orangutan species will survive is if their habitat is protected by the help of people like you who stand up for them. We have no time to waste. We need to stop deforestation by the Palm Oil industry now. Will you stand with us and save the orangutan and its forest home?

Please take action by [joining our Palm Oil Resistance movement](#) to save the orangutan from extinction and by spreading the word.

Educate yourself and your friends - visit the [TOP website](#) to find out how to know whether palm oil is contained in the products you buy, and what you can do to make a difference.

Ms Laura Gough  
Junior Sub School Coordinator







# What's been happening at SASC

## International Women's Day Breakfast at Crown Casino

On Wednesday the 5th of March 2015, myself and a combination of year 9, 10 & 11 girls had the honour to attend an International Women's Day Breakfast organised by the Women in Rotary who emphasise the term equality.

Having to be at school at 6am you would imagine the early hours we all would've woken up at. But nonetheless, we were all very eager (and very tired) to attend what turned out to be such a great event and experience.

The event was held in Crown and there were heaps of people everywhere sitting at their tables chatting and eating. The atmosphere of the room was so bubbly and warming! At our tables, we were served tea, coffee and juice and were provided with mini pastry delights, muffins and fruits which were all very yummy! But, for breakfast we were served eggs Benedict with salmon which was different to your mundane toast or cereal.

The breakfast was delicious and I think we would all agree that the show itself was the best. The debate about equality and the panellists were very inspiring and opened our eyes a little more as to how and what equality really is within Australia and the world. The host of the breakfast was also really funny and kept us entertained.

The experience overall was amazing and on behalf of the girls and I, we would like to thank Mrs Dowsley and Mrs Hedger for taking us to the breakfast and giving us the privilege to experience an event we will never forget.

By Renae Maniapoto of Year 11B



## Grip Student Leadership Conference

On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, the year 9 and 11 SRC students travelled to the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre for the 'Grip Student Leadership Conference'. The conference is held to help inspire students leaders and to help them understand how to become better leaders themselves and within their school.

Many other Secondary students attended a total of over 1,000 students for the day. We were encouraged to work with other students and discuss events they did at their school and what leadership was like for them in their school.

The conference had lecture sessions; there were also two breaks from those lectures which were all about fun. These breaks were called 'Loud Noises'. Loud Noises was all about movement and laughter with presenters Mason and Andy being funny and telling jokes. On top of what we were learning about leadership, Loud Noises made the conference really enjoyable. Electives were also available and students from St. Albans decided to attend: 'How to maximise the impact of your events' and 'How to lead in different situations'. Before the second elective began music was playing and students were dancing near their seats. Many of the St. Albans students were dancing and laughing and my friend Nate made it onto the big screen on the 'Dance Cam'. At the end of the conference Chris was invited on stage with Mason, Andy and 5 other students to lead the entire conference in a dance to 'Uptown Funk'.

Overall I really enjoyed this conference; I learnt so many things such as ways to improve my leadership and different ways to lead others. It was a really fun and educational experience.

By Michelle Pham of Year 9B







# What's been happening at SASC—Year 9 Advance

## Year 9 Advance

ADVANCE is a school-based initiative of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and is a partnership between the Office of Youth (OFY), Victorian Government secondary schools and community organisations. As part of this exciting program, students complete the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (The DUKES Award). The DUKES Award comprises of four sections: **Community Service, Skills, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey**. Our Year 9 ADVANCE class must complete six months of Community Service to receive their **Bronze certificate**.

Ms Marion Mortimer - Sustainability Coordinator

## Level 1 First Aid Training – what is DRSABCD?

Our Year 9 Advance class completed a **Level 1 First Aid certificate** with instructor, Darren Schreck. The students learned some basic first aid skills including how to perform CPR. These skills provide useful knowledge for their Dukes Award hiking and bushcraft activities. So what does the acronym **DRSABCD stand for? Danger; Response; Send for help (000 or 112); Airways; Breathing; Compressions (30:2); Defibrillation.**



## Protecting our Oceans

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, the award winning filmmaker George Evatt introduced St Albans Secondary College students to the diversity and beauty of our coastal marine life by sharing his breathtaking underwater marine photography. The presentation highlighted the fact that the ocean is not an infinite resource and that we must act now to protect and preserve marine biodiversity.

### OCEAN REFLECTION - by Linh Truong 7I

Once a beautiful place,  
Covered with many wonderful creatures, along with corals and plants,  
Even the puffer fish, hand fish, everything amazes me. The ocean is an unbelievable place,  
And the ocean belongs to all of us and yet people do whatever they want with it,  
Now we have overfished; polluted and harmed all of these amazing creatures.

What was once a beautiful place is slowly drifting away.



## Celebrating 25 years of "Clean Up Australia Day"



It was a warm day for our Year 9 Advance class to pick up rubbish around St Albans. We all were so enthusiastic to keep our area nice and clean. Some of the items we found included a broken TV and a toaster; a mattress which was wet; there were quite a few couches in our pathways, besides the rubbish we collected, which was about 15 bags in total. All of us cooperated in the best possible way and most importantly, we enjoyed everyone's company in the group!

Daniel Makohon (9E)



## 2015 Sustainable Living Festival

On Saturday 21 February, St Albans Secondary College students were invited by Brimbank City Council to present their 2014 Kids Teaching Kids "Think.Eat.Save" message at the Brimbank Sustainable Living Expo held at the Westvale Community Centre. The students did St Albans SC proud, with an excellent presentation and then they roamed the Expo challenging the public with a recycle quiz. The highlight was sharing sustainability ideas with Gardening Australia's Costa Georgiadis who was extremely generous with his time and who respected the young peoples' opinions and enjoyed listening to their singing "Recycle" a song written by Year 10 student, Salina Bubaco. Her message was *"It's our Earth so we must treat it like it's our friend."*

### Recycle Chorus (Parody of Royals by Lorde)

And we must recycle (cycle), It is the only way; To keep our world a better place; Or else we'll be living in distaste; So everybody, recycle (cycle); You can turn dream into reality; And we'll rule, we'll rule, we'll rule; This recycling industry.

**Students:** Salina Bubaco; Stephanie Giao; April Smith; David Anderson; April Ziessler; Gianni Zito-Cinti.

Thank you to the parents who kindly supported this event – it was appreciated.







# What's been happening at SASC—Year 9 Advance

## Lady Northcote Recreational Leadership YMCA Camp

The Year 9 ADVANCE first camp was held at the Lady Northcote Recreational Leadership Camp at Bacchus Marsh. The intrepid students accompanied by Ms Mortimer and Mr Micallef were challenged to “get out of their comfort zone” by the exhilarating activities run by the YMCA Outdoor Education Instructors. The activities included: mountain bike riding, high ropes, giant swing, archery, orienteering, team initiatives and yabbing. We had a great time and the class was fantastic – supporting, encouraging and caring for their peers.

Here's some student camp reviews:

“Yabbing was my favourite activity - it was really relaxing, and there was a feeling of success when you felt the yabby tugging on your line. I got out of my comfort zone and made new friends and even got over my fear of heights by doing the hardest course on the high ropes.” Anthony Tran

Ambush was a hit! My group played really well and we won the game after our team strategy worked. Vinh Nguyen

My favourite activity was mountain biking because it was exhilarating going down the ramp and everyone was hesitant at first but everyone did it and had fun. Matthew Le

It surprised me how well we could do things together, especially for the activities such as orienteering and initiatives. Those activities really brought us together, to create awesome teamwork. Michelle Pham

The high ropes were fun and scary – I went on the hardest one that was so scary and tricky – but I made it! Jack Mizzi

The “Detective Game” was a positive – as everyone got involved, including the teachers, so everyone had a role to play. Sarah Moses

Yabbing was the best activity – a lot of patience and teamwork was involved. Darren Tran

Initiatives really showed who a leader was and how we could co-operate together; exciting as it was, the balancing see-saw was difficult. Jimmy Vo







# What's been happening at SASC

## Swimming Sports





# What's been happening at SASC

## Year 7 Expo & Family Barbeque





## 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.

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

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

This will be the last newsletter for the term and a number of events have and will be taking place. Progress reports have been completed by teachers and co ordinators have seen students and where necessary parents have been contacted about progress. Parent Teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 1.00 to 7.00pm with a break from 3.30 to 4.00. Students are busily arranging interviews with teachers and coordinators have checked student diaries to make sure everyone is organised.

### FAMILY BBQ AND EXPO

On Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 the Yr7 Family BBQ and Expo was held at St Albans Secondary College. A large turnout of students with their families (over 300) were welcomed by the Junior Sub School Leader Mrs Lauren Honeycombe and college principal Ms Kerrie Dowsley, before partaking in a sausage sizzle on Nindethana's veranda,, cooked and served by School Captains and Junior School coordinators, with students playing light background music for the enjoyment of all.

Students were responsible for escorting groups to the various rooms to meet teachers and have a look at some of the work that has been done by students so far this year.

Integrated Studies teachers explained the IS course and had displays of students work in students home rooms. Science experiments involving "Bunsen burner licencing " and microscopes were conducted by some parents and students; and Japanese language skill games were on display; conversations, role playing and poetry in French and Italian classes were enjoyed by all. Maths classes enabled parents and students to be challenged by some problem solving with one parent commenting "That they wished they had listened to their math teacher all those years back".

Thankyou to staff, school captains, class and vice captains for their time and efforts on the night. Finally thanks to all the families and students who attended the Expo.

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

7A Phyllis Stanislaw

7F Ian Alcantara

Showing consideration to others and showing initiative to assist in school activities.

### EXCURSIONS

Year 7 Students will be attending the Melbourne Zoo on April 15<sup>th</sup>. As part of their Science course work, they will be learning how to classify different species of animals. All students are expected to attend. Please return notes and money to the General Office.

Year 8 students will be attending IMAX and a picnic lunch in the gardens on April 14<sup>th</sup> Please return notes and money to the General Office.

### LOCKERS

Please ensure that your student has a lock on their locker. We cannot be held responsible for things taken from unlocked lockers. Also every child must have a spare key lodged with their Learning Manager ( IS Teacher) . If the spare key has been used, they must get a new lock with 2 keys immediately

### 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 Monday and Thursdays at Lunchtime.





## News from our Junior Sub Schools con't....

### NEW STUDENTS LUNCHEON

Students who have enrolled to the school after the first day this year enjoyed a luncheon with the coordinators on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March to see how they are settling in. All students spoke of their anticipation starting a new school and told of their new friendships and experiences.

Comments from new students:

TJ 7D-School is amazing. Best school I've ever been at.

Trinh 7G- Teachers at our school are nice. It's fun here.

Samar 8G School, really big, nice, lots of learning-Periods at my old school were 1 hour long.

Leah 7D- This school is much bigger than the ones in New Zealand. Lots of children here. I love music and maths,

Surafel 7G- Favourite things playing with friends and PE.

Ariel 8G-Teachers here are alright. People much nicer than at my old school.

Telesia 8B- Lots of kids from different countries and backgrounds here. I like doing french.



### YEAR 7 BULLY BUSTERS

Year 7 students will enjoy a performance from "Class Act" on the subject of Bullying on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Students will then follow up the play with work in their Integrated Studies classes on Anti bullying strategies and have the opportunity to enter the Anti Bullying poster competition. Below is a synopsis of the play.

Meet JAKE THE APE - the biggest bully this side of the North Pole. Meet SALLY SIMPER - the richest, prettiest and bitchiest girl in the whole school. Put them alone together in the detention room and you have trouble with a capital 'T'!

At first the only way JAKE and SALLY can relate to each other is to bully each other. But when they have been locked inside the class room and there is no sign of the teacher MRS GREASEBOTTOM ever coming back - strange things start to happen....

The play explores all facets of electronic bullying, including:

- Bullying
- Sexual Harassment
- Peer Pressure
- Rumours
- Racism
- Judging Others
- Tolerance
- Family Problems
- Electronic forms of bullying









Ms Laura Gough  
Junior School Coordinator



## News from our Sub Schools...

# Middle School Report

Middle Sub School: T: 9356 4088

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

The term seems to be moving along very quickly and overall we are very impressed with how the middle school students have settled in. The year 9 students are a very friendly group and the year 10 students have matured over the summer break and seem eager to learn. Coordinators have visited classes and have been impressed with how students are working and the progress they are making. We are also pleased with the way the students are wearing their school uniform and thank parents for their continued support with this.

On Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March we will be holding parent teacher interviews. It is very important that you make appointments to see all your child's teachers so that you can get accurate and up to date information on how your child is progressing. If you have any concerns at all, you should contact the relevant coordinator.

Congratulations to all the middle school students who participated in the district swimming carnival. We will be presenting awards at our next assembly. Year 9 & 10 students will also be participating in the school athletics on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of April. This is a compulsory school event and we expect all years 9 & 10 students to attend.

We held a pizza lunch to welcome all new students to the school. We have 40 new students in the middle school and we are pleased to say that they have settled in well and many have already participated in extra curricula activities, such as sport. Some have signed up for debating and MAC. We would encourage all middle school students to participate in a range of extra curricula activities as there are many opportunities available at the school.

A reminder that homework club has started and is running on Tuesday nights straight after school until 4.30pm. Please check your child's progress reports and consider homework club if help is needed with organisation or in the completion of homework tasks.

We are looking forward to taking the year 9 students to the CBD next week for the pre city experience. Students will be shown key meeting points and landmarks in preparation for the city experience at the end of the year and will be viewing 'The Giver' which they have all studied in English or EAL this term.

The Middle School Coordinators wish you all the best for the first term holidays.






**Ms Janet McKenzie**  
Middle Sub School Leader



# News from our Sub Schools...

## Senior School Report

Senior Sub School: T: 9356 4099

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

Term 1 always feels like a short term because there is so much to do, and we are whizzing through it! Already we are more than half way through the term, and in Week 7 teachers will complete the very important process of internal reporting to monitor students at risk, and identify students who are ready for further extension in their studies.

In Week 5 we held Year 11 and 12 Assemblies on the theme of "Learning with Technology". Members of the E-Learning Team made a presentation to the students about the variety of software applications that they can use to enhance their study and the presentation of their work. Mr Jennings, one of our Assistant Principals also spoke to the students about the use of SAMS – the new St Albans Secondary College electronic information management system – and explained to students that their reports will now all be available on-line from SAMS rather than provided in hard copy. Parents can also log into SAMS to monitor student attendance, and it is intended that work requirements and some results will be able to be viewed on SAMS in the future.



In Week 6 we conducted several "Late Blitzes" throughout the school to encourage punctuality to classes. It is essential for students organise their time and be punctual to classes so that everyone can make the most of class time and disruptions are minimised. 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 success in any endeavour. 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 will have homework, so please keep an eye on how they are coping with this at home.

The After School Study Program has begun. This runs in the Library on Thursday afterschool for one hour. All students are welcome to attend this group. Students who are behind with work will be required to attend, as directed by their teachers. Study enhancement programs for both Year 11 & 12 students will commence soon. The "Stretch Program" will be running again this year, and a selection of Year 11 students will be required to attend after the Senior Team has reviewed the progress reports from VCE and VCAL teachers. Letters will be sent home to advise parents of the need for students to participate in this program, and parent signatures will be required. Stretch focuses on Study Skills, Time Management and Organisation.



Our SRC continues to work tirelessly to improve the social and physical environment of our college. The Year 12 Captains are the backbone of our SRC and they attend numerous events to promote the work we do in the college. The Year 11 representatives are keen and have already begun preliminary work on preparing the Year 12 jackets. Student Forums for our Year 11 and 12 students will run early in Term 2, providing students the opportunity to give feedback to the Senior Team on how they are finding the year and advise us of any particular needs they may have. Student feedback has been most positive and constructive so far.



## News from our Senior Sub Schools Con't....

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, our Year 11 and 12 students participated in the "Whole New World" presentation by Sonja Carras. Sonja is one of our regular presenters and provides engaging and thought provoking sessions, which focus on teenagers staying safe while partying. This session was a highlight of the term for both students and staff alike. Sonja is a thoroughly engaging presenter and is able to make the students laugh and cry with stories of her experiences working the Melbourne Night Club scene over many years. Sonja received a standing ovation from our students when she told them about how the effects of drink-driving have actually touched her own life. Sonja's message is a very powerful one and the students always tell us how much they have enjoyed her presentation.

Term 1 would not be complete without the VCE & VCAL Soccer Challenge, where the Year 11 team plays off against the Year 12s. At this stage the teams are still deciding on their names and colours. However, one thing is certain – that it will be a nail-biting match for sure on the last day of term, as the Year 11s are just as determined to win as the Year 12s!

In Term 2 we will again host our annual "100 days of VCE/VCAL" assembly, to celebrate the accomplishments of our Year 11 students. Guest speakers sharing their successes with our students will include the illusionist Simon Coronel and some of our own alumni students. Later in the year the Senior Sub-School Team will also host a Motivational Pizza lunch for the Year 12 students.

We look forward to seeing parents at our Parent-Teacher Interviews in Week 9 this term. 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 has begun and the attendance, achievement and individual needs of all our students continues to be monitored closely. 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

### Year 11 VCAL Personnel Development

Year 11 students are working on group projects surrounding Cultural Diversity Week that runs from March 14-22.

Students are organising and planning events to be run during this week.

Some of which include:

- Year 7/8 Soccer, basketball and skittle tournaments
- A Cultural Dance exhibition
- Year 11 and 12 Cultural Banquets (where students cook and bring food that represents their culture)
- Designing a map which illustrates the cultural diversity at SASC

Students have been comparing cultures from around the world in terms of food, possessions, living standards etc. and have been studying the psychology behind prejudice and discrimination throughout history. They were required to write an essay on how discrimination can be reduced by looking at strategies from the movie "Remember the Titans".

#### Events:

##### BUNNINGS BBQ FUND RAISER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 onwards selected yr 12s . Ms Casar and five yr 12students will spend the day cooking sausages at Sunshine Bunnings to raise moiney towards the year 12 VCAL Camp.

##### PRESENTING FOR INTERVIEWS AND HYGENIE TALK

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> period 5 Yr 12 & 6 Yr 11 -Nikki Collins School nurse will talk with students about appropriate presentation at interviews and work placements.

##### BRIMBANK CAREERS & JOBS FAIR April 29<sup>th</sup> 2015

The BMLLEN will be conducting the Brimbank Careers Fair for the third year on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at Club Italia. Buses will be provided by the BMLLEN free of charge.

9.30 – 10.30 YR11-40 GH/EBA  
11.30 – 12.30 YR 12-36 CA/NCA

**Ms Laura Gough**  
VCAL Coordinator







# What's been happening at SASC

## Year 12 VCAL

Hi everyone, my name is Elmira Nurishi. I am currently studying Year 12 VCAL. Last year around July, I was found a work placement by Youth Now at Practical Outcomes. Practical Outcomes is an RTO organisation, who specialise in providing training in Children Services. I was really happy to do my workplacement at this business because this is what I wanted to do in the future working in Business Administration. So, I started doing work placement from July 2014 to around the end of that year. My jobs for the Thursdays were: filing, helping trainers, doing the mail and making up trainer packs.

Once the term had finished, I would ask my office manager (Keri) if I could stay for the next term. I was really happy and I was taught so many new things every Thursday.

Before the year had finished, I had been offered to do a School- Based Traineeship with my workplacement. I HAD TO SAY YES! This is exactly what I wanted to do in the future and this workplacement had just led me into a career pathway I wanted. I couldn't take the smile off my face! As a work experience student, I was so happy to be a part of the team, they made me feel welcome and I count them as my second family.

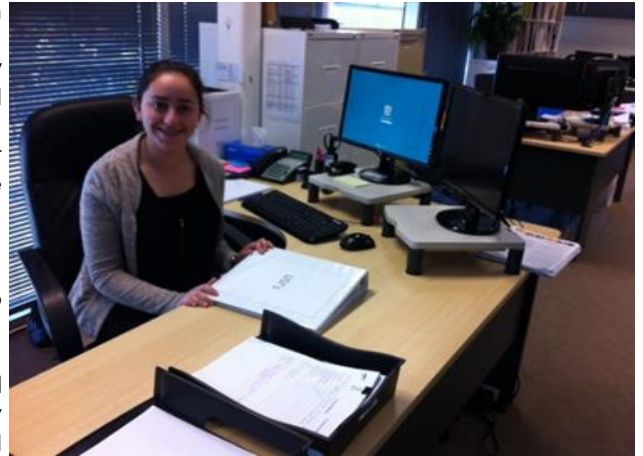
Here is a little message from my both Managers (Ollie) and my Office Manager (Keri).

*"Practical Outcomes had the pleasure of hosting Elmira as a work experience student throughout 2014. She became such a valuable member of our team that we began looking at how we could make it permanent."*

*"A school based traineeship was the answer. Elmira now works with us two days a week whilst studying her Certificate III in Business Administration. Elmira is now crucial to our admin operations- and out whole team throughout Victoria. We are so proud and happy to have her working at Practical Outcomes."*

Like I always say: "Do not give up, the beginning is always the hardest."

**By Elmira Nurishi of Year 12 VCAL**



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

## General Office Hours

8.15am to 4.15pm

## Uniform Shop Hours

Monday 12.15pm to 1.15pm

Thursday 12.15pm to 1.15pm

## April Calendar

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   |
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| <b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term 2 Begins</li> <li>• Yr 9 PE Elec Health 101 P3&amp;4 BE</li> </ul>  | <b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 6 Orientation</li> <li>• Yr 8 IS Melbourne Museum &amp; IMAX all day KPA</li> <li>• Yr 10 MBS Health 101 P5-6 FHA</li> <li>• Yr 12 PE Health 101 all day BE</li> </ul> | <b>15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 6 Orientation</li> <li>• Yr 7 Zoo all day BL</li> <li>• Interschool Sports State Swimming Championships all day LK</li> <li>• Yr 10 VET Sports &amp; Recreation - Health 101 P5&amp;6 LC</li> </ul> | <b>16</b>   | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Spare Camp - TBC</li> <li>• Year 9 Humanities classes 'ANZAC G'day' in Performing Arts GH</li> <li>• Yr 9 PE Elec Health 101 P3&amp;4 BE</li> </ul> | <b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Spare Camp - TBC</li> <li>• Yr 9 Advance Orienteering (Periods 5 &amp; 6)</li> <li>• Yr 10 MBS Health 101 P5-6 FHA</li> </ul>   | <b>22</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Spare Camp - TBC</li> <li>• Interschool Sports Senior Girls Soccer all day KR</li> <li>• Yr 10 VET Sports &amp; Recreation - Health 101 P5&amp;6 LC</li> </ul>                                     | <b>23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr 9 PE Health 101 P5-6 FHA</li> </ul> | <b>24</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Athletics Day</li> </ul> |



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are interested in your parents' involvement in relation to your subject choices post Year 10.

## YOU:

- Year 10, 11 or 12 students and your parents
- Asian or Mediterranean background



## ME:

- PhD Candidate in the research topic: "Parental influences on *Asian and Mediterranean secondary school students'* aspirations to select subjects post Year 10"

## WHAT:

- Individual interview – this may take about 45 minutes and will be arranged after school hours either at school library/classroom or meeting room at a local library as convenient to you.
- The interviews with student and your parent shall take place separately
- **Important:** Your participation in this study is not part of assessment and unrelated to your academic progress. The sole purpose of the study is to understand how parental and cultural influences can affect your aspirations of subject choice.

## CONTACT

For more information please contact Mrs. Kewalramani – [kewalramani.sarika@ed.unimelb.vic.gov.au](mailto:kewalramani.sarika@ed.unimelb.vic.gov.au)

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Project approved by Department of Education and Training (DET)



## Main Road St Albans Level Crossing Removal

# Main Road, St Albans closed & train services disrupted

Drivers are advised that Main Road will be closed in both directions between McKechnie Street/West Esplanade and St Albans Road/East Esplanade to enable works on the Main Road Level Crossing Removal Project from **midnight Friday 20 March to midnight Saturday 21 March**.

The Sunbury line will be closed between Sunshine and Sunbury, with buses replacing trains **after the last train on Friday 20 March until the first train on Monday 23 March**. Journey times may be extended by up to 35 minutes.

There will be changes to parking at the St Albans train station during these times. Businesses in the area will be open and pedestrian access will be maintained.

During this time, traffic will be detoured via Station Road/Furlong Road and Taylors Road/Sunshine Ave.

For further information or enquiries:

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Call (03) 9915 4797

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