Round Robin Sport

The first Round Robin event takes place next Thursday, the 16th of March. This year there has seen a strong push to develop our volleyball teams under the expert tutelage of Mr Nadj and his coaching team. Many students have taken advantage of the training that has been offered at lunchtimes, to hone their skills and work out their team strategies. Hopefully it will pay off when we get to test our skills against our rivals! Mr Lyttle has again taken the junior cricketers under his wing, harnessing his inner Daniel Vetorri to guide his troops.

Congratulations to all students for taking part in these sports and representing our college outside of Alexandra. Students need to wear full PE uniform and also need to bring snacks and sunscreen (especially the cricketers) on the day.

Good luck to all involved!

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INDONESIAN TEACHERS VISIT TO ASC

Bapak Asra and Bapak Tarmo thoroughly enjoyed their time at Alexandra Secondary College. Our students were friendly and respectful towards them. Various teachers gave up their time to enrich their understanding of how we individualise student learning through curriculum planning and delivery, address behaviour concerns, develop positive relationships and employ strategies for assessment, in addition to our reporting practices. They were also impressed with the use of technology embedded throughout our school’s teaching, learning and administrative functions. It was great to have them here, to help enrich our students’ global awareness and enrich our Indonesian program. We wish them well and hope that their time here, will help to contribute towards improved educational outcomes in Indonesia Sampa jumpa, Bapak dan Bapak!

Marian Rice (Languages Coordinator)
Principal’s Report

It was great to have a good number of parents at our Year 12 VCE information evening on Tuesday night, learning how best to support their sons and daughters so they can make the most of their future opportunities. It was special to have Laurene Coller, an ex-student who now works for VTAC, running the session. She helped parents and students to understand the processes involved in applying for Tertiary courses. Thanks to Mrs Van Lierop for organising the night. Complementing this, Mrs Van Lierop has organised a study skills work shop for the Year 11 & 12 students on March 22nd to be run by “Elevate”.

Good attendance is one of the best strategies for doing well at school. You simply need to be here to learn. A minimum of 90% attendance is the standard we encourage our students and families to aim for. Congratulations to 108 students we have with a perfect attendance record so far this year.

Helping with attendance will be the arrival of a GP Doctor in our College in the 2nd half of the year. Our students will have access to the Doctor one day a week and so won’t have to miss school if they need a medical appointment. This will be of great benefit to our students, where getting to a doctor in our rural community can be a challenge at times. In June a Doctor’s surgery, a specialised portable building, will be dropped in beside the hall. This space will be created by the demolition of the B-Wing in these upcoming school holidays.

We are very proud of our Swimming team that finished fourth at last Friday’s Southern Ranges Championship. We beat schools that are much bigger than us like Broadford and Euroa. We had wonderful individual performances and we especially admired the individuals who swam in extra events to gain points for our team and those who went on the day knowing they probably wouldn’t finish on the podium but wanted to contribute to our team. Well done to Seymour College who won.

We hope you are able to enjoy the long weekend with your family and friends. Happy Birthday Alexandra!

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ASC PARENTS and FRIENDS Association
AGM & committee meeting Wednesday 15th March, 7.00 pm, ASC Staff room.

Wanted: New members!!

Who are we?
Parents and Friends are a group who work together with the college, the students and the staff to provide support at a number of college and community events, whilst raising funds to purchase extra equipment and services for the college.

What do we do?
Parents and Friends assist in different ways at various college events, such as providing suppers at music nights and for the school production, manning the canteen at school socials, supporting the Deb Ball Committee, running Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, and organizing the end of year monster raffle. The money we raise goes back to the college via the ‘Wish List’.

What is the ‘Wish List’?
Every year students and staff are invited to submit a request for funds to our wish list. The P&F committee then distributes funds to grant these wishes where possible. In the past few years we have provided funds to purchase a water fountain, a new pottery wheel, English books for Year 7 students, computer equipment for the IT department, new chairs for the school hall, beanbags, canvases for the M3 classroom and many other items. The requests come directly from the students and staff so the ‘wishes’ we grant are relevant and directly benefit the students themselves.

When and where do we meet?
The P&F committee meets once a month during term, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, in the college staff room, beginning at 7.00pm. P&F usually have about 2 events per term to help organize. We understand that people are busy and the level of commitment to P&F is up to the individual, some people may help at one or two events during the year, others prefer to assist by providing food for suppers, or selling raffle tickets. Every bit of help we get is much appreciated!

Why join?
P&F is a great way to become involved with the college, to get to know the students, staff and other parents. It’s a fun and relaxed group, and you get to see firsthand some of the fantastic events that occur throughout the school year.

What can I do?  Come along to the AGM next Wednesday, March 15th at 7.00 pm!
Come and meet the group and learn a bit more about what we do. If you can’t make the AGM next week but would like more information please leave your details at the front office or via email to ellis@virtual.net.au and we will be in touch. If you have any questions please feel free to call Anne Marie Ellis on 0417 541 352.

Parents & Friends play an important role at the college, however as students finish their education at ASC, and their families move on, we always need new people to join the team to help keep up the good work!
Alexandra Secondary College Uniform

All Students
- Polo Shirts - regulation white with green panel & school logo
- White Shirt - full button, long or short sleeved with school logo
- Knitted Jumper - bottle green with school logo
- Black Soft Shell Jacket or Vest with school logo
- Shoes - totally black shoes, no patterns - including black laces

Boys Uniform:
- Pants - Surrey 205/207's, Surrey 201's, Surrey 602's or Surrey 522's
- Shorts - Grey Surrey 603's
- Socks - white or grey socks

Girls Uniform:
- School Dress
- Shorts - Black Scags
- Kilt - green school kilt
- Pants - Face-off Black styles FP0224 or FP0277 or stubbies style SDP1310 or Midford Black

Physical Education Uniform:
- Polo shirt - gold with bottle green panel & school logo
- Plain black shorts, bicycle pants, or rugby shorts
- Plain black tracksuit pants
- White socks
- Sneakers

Special Uniform:
- VCE students are allowed to wear a College rugby jumper
- Year 12 students may wear a Year 12 polo shirt
- Alice Sloan girls may wear their Alice Sloan vest

Southern Ranges Swimming

Last Friday a select group of students from our college elected to put on their togs and strap on their swim caps to test themselves against the best swimmers of our region. Our swim team had been set the challenging task of trying to improve our school’s standings in the overall points competition. Our strategy was simple: do your best, swim for the team, not necessarily for yourself, and have fun.

As usual, there were some stand out performances that boosted our total. However, it was the swimmers who decided to take on the challenge of swimming outside of their age group to fill events, which resulted in Alexandra S.C. rise through the ranks by the end of the day. Our school managed to come 4th out of the 11 schools. This was a great improvement and it gives us something to work towards next year!

Congratulations to our swimmers who have qualified to represent our college at the Hume Zone:
- Jorja Gesler, Matilda Walker, Billy Miller, Braydon Burchall, Georgina Beggs, Mitch Grotaers, also the 13yr Boys 4X50M Relay Team (Toby Prothero, Will Dunsford, Joss Lopez and Ethan Russell)

Hume Zone: Takes place on 21st of March. The bus will depart from ASC at 7.45am on the dot! Please get in contact with Mr Davies if you have any questions.
Alexandra Celebrating 150 Years

ASC will be holding School Tours between 10am and 2pm this Saturday for any families interested.

Volunteer Host families needed!

Invite a world of wonder into your home.
Can I choose my student?
Yes, WEP’s wonderful host families are all volunteers so, of course, you get to select the student best suited.
What do I need to provide?
First and foremost a welcoming environment, meals and a room. Student have their own spending money and insurance.
What are the hosting periods?
You can choose between

Find out more now - request a free info pack at 1300 884 733
wep.org.au info@wep.org.au

Year 11 students received their VCE Jumpers today, looking fresh and smart.

Year 9 and Year 11 food students made these beautiful cupcakes for the 150th Celebrations last weekend.

Beautifully decorated 150 cakes by Mookie and students for the Rotary picnic on Sunday.

Alexandra Celebrating 150 Years
Youth Summit

The Minister for Youth Affairs, Jenny Mikakos, MP is inviting young Victorians aged between 12 and 25 to the Victorian Government’s first Youth Summit on 31 March 2017. This is an opportunity for young Victorians aged between 12 and 25 to voice their ideas, be inspired by other young change makers and set the agenda.

Summit attendees will:
* share views and ideas with other young people from across Victoria
* hear from young leaders and participate in workshops about priority issues for young people like education, employment, mental health and housing
* hear from inspirational young change makers, and
* identify actions for change and help shape policies, services and programs affecting young people.

There will also be performances by young artists and morning/afternoon tea and lunch will be provided.

Young people under 18 will require parental or guardian permission to attend.

Travel assistance may be available for young people from rural Victoria or for young people with a disability.

Date and Time
Fri. 31 March 2017
9:30 am - 5:00 pm AEDT

Location
Melbourne Cricket Ground - Olympic Room (Enter through GATE 3)
Brunton Avenue
East Melbourne, VIC 3002

Forms are available from the Office and closing date is Tuesday 14th March.

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Growfood Network

Open Vegi Garden Weekend

March 18/19 2017
Town and country gardens open to the public
Alexandra - Thornton - Marysville

Gardens Open from 10am - 4 pm
Only $3/pp per garden entry.
Children under 12 Free

Web: www.growfood.net.au
Email: info@growfood.net.au
FB: Growfood Network inc

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Could you be a permanent care parent?

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Health & Human Services who require a family for life as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

We are also keen to speak with families who are particularly interested in caring for children aged between 5 and 10 years.

**Information sessions** are being held on:

**Tuesday 28th March 2017 at 6:00pm**
Department of Health & Human Services
43-47 Rowan Street, **Wangaratta**

**Thursday 30th March 2017 at 6:00pm**
Department of Health & Human Services
163-167 Welsford Street, **Shepparton**

**Bookings not essential. For further information please contact:**
Adoption & Permanent Care Program 03 5832 1500

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WANTED FOR TEXTILES DEPARTMENT

Any old clean jeans, can have holes.
Please drop off to Sue D.
Thank You.
Tickets for the 2017 Deb Ball are available for purchase at the school office - $30 seated at tables, $20 (adults)/$15 (students) for viewing tickets.

Year 12’s who wish to be allocated a table need to purchase tickets before Friday 17th March (and specify they are to be seated at the Year 12 table).

For Debutantes and their partners, all Deb fees ($100) are now overdue and need to be paid. Photo forms, bus forms and personal information sheets should now all be returned to the office.

Ticket purchases cannot be made unless fees have been paid.

Please purchase tickets by Friday 17th March.

A reminder to all Deb families that there are a number of jobs we desperately need your help with. A list of these jobs has been emailed to all families and we hope to have every Deb family help out in some way.

Please reply to the email requests for help as soon as possible.

For any more information, please email Rebecca Hoornweg (bec.hoornweg@outlook.com) or call the school on 5770 2000.