Approval to Publish Photos Form

The form recently sent out to with the school account for approval to publish photos needs to be returned to the school office next week.

SAKG Market Table

This week's specials (every week is special):

½ kg bags of garlic $7
zucchini & cucumbers 50c & $1
Recipe card packs $5

Put correct change in honesty tin.
on the walkway between the junior school buildings

Forms Forms Forms

A reminder to parents of students who travel on a bus, that they must return their new application to travel on a bus form ASAP.

For students who require medicine (such as antibiotics) to be administered during school time, parents need to fill out a form with clear instructions. These forms are available at the school office.

Don't Forget - P 1 2's must bring swimming gear each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wetsuits are allowed / encouraged.

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10/03 LABOUR DAY - Public Holiday
11/03 Primary Divisional Athletics - Colac
12/03 No Preps
13/03 Yr 7-10 Immunisations
14/03 Year 12 Biology Trip
14/03 Prep - Yr 6 Assembly. 9.30am @ Leisure Centre
17/03 - 19/03 Artist In School
18/03 School Council Meeting
19/03 Prep - Yr 6 African Drumming
24/03 Prep - Yr 2 Rock Pool Ramble
25/03 Athletics Day
28/03 Yr 11 / 12 Top Arts Excursion
31/03 - 4/04 Yr 9 Bright Visit
03/04 Yr 2 Sleepover
21/04 Easter Monday - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
22/04 STUDENT FREE DAY
25/04 ANZAC Day - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
30/04 P-12 Parent Teacher Interviews
Congratulations to everyone involved in the Music Festival over the weekend, especially to all our students who participated in the *Octopus Parade* on Friday afternoon. What a wonderful and joyful parade it was! It’s fabulous to see so many smiling and happy young ones, and especially so many families and friends who were there to support their children and enjoy the celebrations. A special thank you to our music staff Vini Melzak, Matty Orchard and other assistants.

I also congratulate all senior students who participated in yesterday’s *Zone Swimming Carnival* that was held here in Apollo Bay. Well done and thank you to Emma DeGrandi and Peter Allan for hosting a great event, and a special thanks to Carmel for providing a yummy canteen for our students and our visitors from Colac, Lorne and Lavers Hill.

Also, a special thanks to Mr Peter Geekie for arranging this year’s *Try Sailing* event held yesterday and today, a special event hosted by Yachting Victoria and also supported by the Apollo Bay Yachting Club. What an amazing opportunity for our students from years three through to twelve!

I ask that both parents and students please note the following important items and reminders;

**Junior School Religious Instruction** - As per previous communication, the College is currently making arrangements for the delivery of Special Religious Instruction from the beginning of Term 2. Parents are reminded that if they DO NOT want their child to participate in CRE (Christian Religious Education) classes, they must complete the form to “OPT- OUT” of the program. We are unable to finalise arrangements for this program until we are aware of the number of students who may be participating, however, CRE classes will likely occur for 30 minutes during one lunchtime per week. *Parents who wish to OPT OUT of this program will need to have submitted their form to the General Office no later than Friday 21st March.*

**Library Books** - Whilst it is absolutely fabulous that our students school library, and whilst I highly encourage this to continue, I am large number of library books that are currently on loan to been returned for some time. Many of our students have in excess. Naturally, it is very important that all of our books are returned to possible so that all students have access to them. Can I please ask that parents check their homes and ensure that any college library books that are no longer being used are returned to the school as soon as possible. A limit of five books is currently being placed on students to ensure we receive back the many books that have been on loan for a long period of time.

**Preps on Wednesdays** - A reminder to parents of our Prep students that attending school on Wednesday will begin from Term 2.

**Excursion Notes** - When planning excursions, it is essential that we receive student permission forms back by the date that has been stated for their return. This enables our teachers to ensure student numbers are confirmed and finalised well in advance of the activity. Late changes to excursion numbers can often create complications for the organiser and this can also incur increased costs, bussing complications and numerous other issues. It is for these reasons that permission forms submitted after the cut-off date may not be accepted. Can I please ask all parents to ensure that permission forms for excursions are returned by the date stipulated to avoid any disappointment.

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School Attendance Guidelines: New rules around school attendance have come into effect from March 1st this year. As you are aware, attendance at school EVERY DAY is not only compulsory by law, but it is also essential to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for your child or children. The new rules now provide a clearer process for attending to issues of regular non-attendance at school. These new processes include the introduction of School Attendance Officers and a new system of the issuing of School Attendance Notices to parents where absenteeism from school begins to become an issue. I will send detailed information out to all parents in the near future regarding the new regulations and our College is currently working on developing our new College Policy in relation to this. If your son or daughter needs to be absent from school, please ensure you contact the College Office as soon as possible to notify of their absence. This should be followed by a written note that explains the reason of their absence. Where a student has been absent due to illness or an appointment and has seen a medical practitioner of any kind, we also ask that a certificate of attendance (e.g. A medical Certificate) is also supplied to the college.

Lego - The swapping of Lego items is not permitted at any time between students during travel to and from school or at any time in school hours.

College Council Elections: Following our recent election, I am delighted to announce the successful candidates who will begin their role as College Councillors at their first meeting on Tuesday 18th March. Congratulations and welcome to: Holly Munday, Pip Cuming, Tanya Harkness, and Andrew Gardiner. We also welcome back John Lugg as a result of Jo Marriner resigning her position since calling the election. Community Co-opted members will be decided at our first meeting in the coming weeks.

Finally, we look forward to the following events as we enter the final weeks of Term 1:

- **Junior School Term 1 Celebration Assembly:** Friday 14th March at 9.30am in the Leisure Centre. Parents and Friends are welcome to attend.
- **College Athletics Carnival:** Tuesday 25th March

The pouring of the slabs for our new buildings will begin next week!!
What a big 6 weeks we have had in the Sports department. Our swimming carnival in week 3 saw some real talent in the pool with 10 new records being set! Last Friday we had 6 junior swimmers represent Apollo Bay in the Regional Swimming Carnival held in Geelong. All students swam very well. Unfortunately, due to circumstances outside of our control we were only able to send a very select few students to the next level for swimming. Students were required to have times that qualified them to swim in the Geelong Carnival, which meant many of our younger swimmers missed out this year.

Again, due to circumstances outside of our control, only a small number of students from years 3-6 will be competing in the Divisional Primary Athletics Carnival held in Colac this coming Tuesday. See below for more information on this. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Regional Swimming Carnival or Divisional Athletics Carnival please do not hesitate to contact the office.

We would like to say a big Thank-You to Jenny Fischer and Anja Schrederis for all their help with the Grade 3 / 4 swimming program. Finally, a huge WELL DONE to all students for their efforts in PE these last few weeks, there have been a few cold days in the pool but the kids have kept swimming.

Five Apollo Bay students qualified to swim in the Colac Divisional Swimming Carnival. Because there is no available pool in Colac, students times were entered to ascertain whether they could join the Geelong Division and attempt to swim times enabling them to possibly proceed through to regional level (Warrnambool 14th March). Well done to Grace Gardiner, Thomas Tallis, Grace Gorrie, Leah Gardiner and Olivia Tallis. Dennis Kininmonth also qualified but was ill. Thank you to the parents who escorted and supported these students.

(Apollo Bay Pool was offered as a possible venue for the Colac Divisional swimming but was declined).

**Primary Divisional Athletics**

Due to unique circumstances with Central Reserve in Colac (extremely limited access), the primary divisional Athletics has been advanced to Tuesday March 11th. About 20 students will be representing Apollo Bay College. They will be leaving at 7.45 and returning by 3.10. There were limited spaces in these events and students have been chosen on Little Athletics results, previous results and some trialling in P.E.

We appreciate that some students and parents may be disappointed about the selection process.
Hi all,

Already half way through term! What a busy start it's been. House swimming sports done and dusted, house athletics coming up next!

Our SRC is up and running with a nice (long) list of ideas of what they want to do this year in order to make a difference in our school and a big thank you to the class reps from Grade 4 to Year 12! We all look forward to seeing what is in store and to come from these guys!

It's also nice to see the new school starting to come along nicely with the ground starting to take shape! A big congratulations to those who received the principals awards on Thursday, they were all very well deserved.

Danah Harbour

After four hours of driving, the Apollo Bay girls sailing team arrived at Davey’s Bay Yacht Club. This was for the ‘Girsail’ teams racing event, where teams of two girls race Pacers in short races.

The AB team attended last year along with 8 other schools. This year there were 12 schools bringing along 92 competitors (46 teams), divided into gold, silver and bronze fleets. First up was a briefing before the first fleets were sent out (AB was in silver fleet two). It didn’t take long before racing was postponed due to heavy winds with many boats capsizing and having trouble getting up again.

After a lunch break the wind died down a little and only the gold and silver fleets were sent out. This time the Apollo Bay team were on a boat and sailed three races. The last race had more wind and longer gusts leaving a lot of boats capsized on the start line and throughout the race: including our team. All the wet, cold sailors were sent in at the end of racing just in time for the wind to drop away and the sun to come out, to make an excellent presentation ceremony!

The race officials were helpful and made everyone welcome. It was a fantastic experience, not only for sailing different types of boats but also to compete against other schools. We can’t wait until next year.

Morgan & Ella
Zucchini, cheese and garlic chive scones

**Recipe source:** One I made up using ideas from recipe books with vegetables and herbs fresh from my own garden.

**Season:** Summer / Autumn

**Type:** Bread / savoury scone

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Serves:** The class for a scone each or 6-8 adults at a meal

**Fresh from the garden:** Zucchinis, garlic chives

Savoury scones are so easy to make and delicious topped with your favourite things or served on the side of a meal. The zucchini in these makes them lovely & moist.

At home, these can be frozen & thawed for when you need them.

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**Equipment:**
- Chopping board & tea towel
- Spare tea towel
- Large knife
- 2 graters
- Kitchen paper
- Flat baking tray & baking paper
- Metric measuring cups & spoons
- Fine mesh sieve
- Wooden spoon
- Scone cutter
- 1 large, 1 medium mixing bowl

**Ingredients:**
- From the harvest table:
  - 2-3 medium zucchinis (to make 2 cups)
  - Large bunch of garlic chives or normal chives
  - 2 cups grated tasty cheese
  - 4 cups self-raising flour
  - 500ml (2 cups) milk
  - 2/3 cup sour cream
  - 2 teaspoons sugar

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**What to do:**
- Pre-heat oven to 200 degrees Celsius
- Set out your chopping board safely
- Wash zucchinis and gently pat dry with a tea towel. Cut the ends of the zucchinis and if they are large, cut into smaller pieces to make them easier to grate
- Lay this same tea towel used to dry the zucchinis over a medium mixing bowl and grate zucchinis into the tea towel.
- Ring out any moisture from the zucchinis and place into a large mixing bowl
- Grate the cheese to also tip in with the zucchini
- Wash the chives and gently roll them up in some kitchen paper to dry.
- Finely chop the chives and add to zucchini
- Measure out 2 teaspoons of sugar and add to the same bowl
- Measure out the self-raising flour. Hold the wire sieve over the bowl containing the zucchini mix and gently sift the flour into the mixture. Mix well with a wooden spoon
- Measure out 500ml of milk and pour into the mixture. Add the 2/3 cup of sour cream. Mix this well with the wooden spoon so that all the ingredients are well-combined
- Flour your workbench well & tip the scone mixture out. Press it out flat with your hands. (It needs to be a few centimetres thick)
- Dip the scone cutter in some flour & cut scone rounds.
- Place them on the baking tray, right up next to each other. (The heat helps them to rise)
- Place in the oven and bake for around 15 minutes or until the cheese on top has started to brown.
- Remove from the oven and allow to cool for a few minutes
Welfare Planner Term 1:
- Access for all - Melb Zoo
  Feb 14
- Apollo Bay Music Festival
  Student Alert Feb 26
- Immunisations Yr 7,9 & 10
  March 13
- Mentoring Program preparation

Wellbeing Team:
Tiffany Holt
Principal
Student Welfare Co-ordinator

Loren Jenkins
Secondary School Nurse
(Wednesday & Friday)

Mami Briffa
School Chaplain
(Monday & alternate Wednesdays)

We also have access to a number of visiting services centred around student engagement and wellbeing.

If you would like to talk through a concern or request additional support for a student please contact the school office on 52376 483 or alternatively drop in to arrange appointment.

APOLLO BAY MUSIC FESTIVAL
STUDENT ALERT
An informative afternoon discussing safe behaviours and resources available to students during the fun Music Festival period.

Guest speakers include:
- Peter Sheldon & Andrew Orchard - Apollo Bay Police
- Jodie & Irena - Colac Area Health Youth Drug & Alcohol
- Tony Mandic - Apollo Bay Ambulance
- Lee Rosser - Apollo Bay Music Festival Director

ACCESS FOR ALL - MELBOURNE ZOO
A fun informative day out to Melbourne Zoo for the year 7 and 8 students and a unique opportunity to learn about mobile phones and the impact it has on endangered gorillas. Just ask any of the students how to go about recycling your old mobile phone and do your bit for conservation! (Access for All was a fully funded day out, courtesy of Melbourne Zoo)

IMMUNISATIONS
That time of year again for our 7, 9 & 10 students! Immunisation (vaccination) is the most effective preventative measure against infectious diseases. Some vaccines offer lifelong immunity and in other cases, booster shots are needed.
If you require more information on immunisations please contact Loren. or alternatively:
www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
www.health.vic.gov.au
MENTORING PROGRAM 2014

Apollo Bay P-12 College in partnership with Otway Health will be running the Mentoring Program for year 8 students in 2014.

Commencing term 2, year 8 students will be partnered with a mentor, a member of the Community, depending on their interests, passions and personal attributes.

The aim of the Mentoring Program is to promote purposeful, positive relationships which assist young people to develop a confident sense of self and greater connections with the Apollo Bay community.

Mentors and mentees meet weekly, building rapport and working on a project together.

We are currently seeking applications for male and female mentors for the program. There will be an information session held at Marrar Worn on Wednesday March 19th @ 11am, to register and for those seeking more information about the role of being a mentor and the commitment involved for the program.

A mentor training session will be held prior to commencement of the programs to help build the confidence and skills of mentors.

Mentoring will commence Friday May 2nd to June 20th, 2014

If you would like (or know somebody who you may be able to recommend) to be involved in this wonderful opportunity, please contact:

Loren Jenkins, Secondary School Nurse, Apollo Bay P-12 College on 0409 550 271

WE WENT TO VISIT A WORM FARM ONE DAY...

We were lucky enough to have a guest speaker, Dav Birkett. Dav helps out each week with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, and the P/1/2 children thought he was just wonderful.

Dav showed us the ‘Worm Hotel’ that the worms lived in, before they had moved in. Then he showed us the worms living in their ‘penthouse suites’.

Dav explained that these worms were special worms and were only found in worm farms and that we wouldn’t find them in our gardens at home. They were called ‘Tiger Worms’.

We also learnt that worms ate lots of vegies and fruit but they don’t like dairy, meat, citrus and plants from the onion family. These worms like to keep cool and also like to read and eat the newspaper!

Mrs Carney and Dav had the wriggly worms in their hands and we got to look at them up close. They were cool!!!

Dav told the reason he has a worm farm is all the beautiful dirt and liquid that comes from the worms can go into his vegie garden to grow delicious vegies and fruit.

Thanks Dav!!!

P12 Classes

Uniforms

We have finally received small sized dresses for years 5 and up and our art smocks have also arrived.

A new item that we now stock is navy tights for girls – primary and secondary. We have sizes in from 4 up, $10 a pair.
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

- Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

- It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

- “Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates,every day counts.

- Trauancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

We are open to communicating with your child’s school about all absences in a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Office. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au

SAKG - Term 1

A warm welcome back to our students & long-term volunteers & a VERY warm welcome to our new students, volunteers & the stars of the show so far... you guessed it. Our chickens.

The most beloved & cared-for chickens that grace the planet, I say. Soon again there will be lunchtime baths & endless secrets told to the girls with the formation of the Chicken Appreciation Society.

Our new gardens are in full production with the assistance of many willing hands & are producing fresh, beautiful food to share at our lunch tables.

Our new “kitchen” for the year brings new meaning to the word cosy; it also shows us all that with enthusiasm & imagination, amazing food (in very large amounts) can be made wherever you are.

February has been re-named National Month of the Zucchini by us all & we move now into Tom-March with our steady supply of ripe tomatoes.

Thank you to everyone that contributes in any way to make this Program the joy that it is. We will be needing some new helpers for term 2 so please let us know if you would like to assist in some way.

We will be ensuring that all recipes are available to students to utilise at home. For those students who are making their own ‘pop up restaurants’ at home after class, we hope that these will assist you along your cooking & gardening adventures.

Many thanks from

Holly Munday & Dave Nelson
Music Festival Parade

In An Octopus Garden

In The Shade

Dum dum dum dum dum da da da
"Most Like The Artist" Portraits - P12 Kids

Charlie J

George

Sophie

Elsie

Louis
OUR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT GUIDELINES

In our school WE...

✔ Bring our materials to class
✔ Attend School and class on time
✔ Complete our set work
✔ Follow our school values
✔ Take pride and responsibility
✔ Show care and compassion to others

✔ Are truthful and respectful
✔ Follow instructions
✔ Assist others
✔ Use our initiative
✔ Show leadership
✔ Wear our correct uniform to school

When we behave this way, we are rewarded by...

- Recognition, Praise and positive feedback by our teachers, in our Newsletter, and at College Assemblies
- Notes and reward cards in our planners
- Positive comments in our reports

- Awards at the end of term
- Excursions and Special Activities
- Positive reports to our parents
- Vouchers, stickers and stamps
- End of year activities

In our school WE DO NOT...

x Be noisy or waste time
x Run indoors
x Eat in the classroom without permission
x Play-fight
x Put our hands on others
x Avoid attempting set work
x Interrupt our teachers
x Arrive late to class
x Use our mobile phones at incorrect times
x Come to school out of uniform without a reasonable explanation
x Damage our school or other people's property e.g. graffiti

x Disrespect people
x Push, shove or hit others
x Physically or emotionally harm others
x Bully others
x Verbally or physically abuse our staff
x Smoke at school
x Possess illegal substances
x Seriously physical harm other students
x Misuse electronic devices like mobile phones, ICT equipment or the internet
x Leave our school grounds without permission
x Take property that does not belong to us

If we behave this way then these things may happen...

- Parents notified
- A Restorative discussion
- Receive a warning
- Move to different location
- Make up time
- Removal from the area
- Removal from class or school grounds

- Withdrawal of privileges
- Repairing any damage
- Parents meeting
- An internal suspension
- An external suspension
- Police involvement