PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last week we conducted a very successful seminar on Adolescent Mental Health. Twenty five families attended and information was provided by Judy Dougherty our school counsellor and CAHMS (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service). I would like to thank everyone involved who engaged in this evening.

This week we held our Year 6 into 7 evening. This evening is an informal meet and greet for prospective parents. Fifteen of our Year 10 students did a wonderful job showing them around. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Paul Schupina who has taken on the role of Year 7 Adviser for 2014, Mrs Tamara Finck who provided a parents perspective on being a new parent at Albury High School and Laura Thomson for highlighting her experience in Year 7.

SOCIAL MEDIA

There are positives and negatives around the use of social media. For example some conversations on Facebook in particular, can be very harmful to others when negative and unfortunately we often are left to mediate issues that have little relevance to the school other than where it’s perceived issues can be ‘discussed’ face to face. I urge all parents to take an active interest in your children’s posts and use of social media. Please be aware that there are some legal ramifications of comments that may be considered to be defamatory or of an inappropriate nature. Once it is on the net it’s hard, if not impossible, to recall.

Obviously social media is here to stay and there are many examples of positive connections and users, unfortunately we don’t often hear of these. A site I can recommend to you for further information is www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au - follow the link to the technology tab.

Another good feature of social media is the ability to quickly communicate information to groups such as parents and students. As a trial, Albury High School will operate a twitter account. Short messages for families about events will feature, as well as examples of student successes and good news stories. You can find us if you have a twitter account at @Albury_High or https://twitter.com/Albury_High - to post responses you will need to ‘follow’ our account. We will monitor the account closely to ensure appropriate use. We hope this will be another useful tool to help promote the school and keep you informed.

Congratulations to:
- Katja Jorgensen, Hannah Chapman & Erin McDonald who have been selected to represent the school, region and Australia in the Youth Music Festival in Hong Kong in April
- Chloe Hayden for her winning the State Interschools Equestrian Competition

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

CALCULATORS

The calculator used by our students is the Casio FX82AUPLUS. Students may purchase these through the school by paying $22 at the Front Office and bringing the receipt to the Maths staffroom where it will be issued and engraved for free. If you purchase a calculator elsewhere we are happy to freely engrave your son or daughter’s name, but we do not cover any warranty which, for a school purchased calculator, is same day replacement.

Mr Greg Wright
WEST ALBURY PS LEADER INDUCTION

Our School Captains Andrea Wendt and Jack Percy, along with year 7 students Alishia Theunissen and Raymond Kausche were invited to the West Albury PS Leader Induction Day on Friday 22nd February. All four students, along with Mr Toohey presented leadership badges and certificates to the new school leaders, while Raymond and Alishia (former West Albury PS sporting champions) addressed the audience on the values of sport and leadership. We thank all four students for representing our school community at this event.

YEAR 7 NEWS

All students are looking forward to next week’s camp. All notes and money should be finalised by this week and all students should have organised their rooming by now. A reminder that no electronic devices or phones are to be taken on camp. Whilst on the camp, students can be contacted in an emergency via the school mobile on 0434 077 286 or the Great Aussie Holiday Park on (02) 6020 3236.

I would like to draw your attention to the school’s website, which has a more comprehensive Year 7 section. I have updated and added more details about the camp. I have also included other important dates such as vaccinations and the Year 7 forum evening. Another important section I have added is “What are Year 7 doing in class?” This section is designed to provide parents with information about what students are currently studying and also homework or assessment items which may be coming up. The whole idea is to start a conversation between you and your child and to be informed on what they are participating in at AHS. The site can be accessed at http://www.albury-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/. Click on “School Years” and then click on Year 7.

Mrs Tracey Lee
Year 7 Student Adviser

YEAR 10 RoSA ASSESSMENTS

Following the distribution and information session for the Preliminary HSC course, the Year 10 Record of School Achievement assessment schedule will be issued to all year 10 students - this will be at a year 10 meeting on Friday 8th March. The RoSA is the first education credential students can attain in their lifetime of learning. Students will be given a grade A to E in their course, comparing them with students throughout the state and this will be recorded on their RoSA. If they are leaving school at the end of year 10 they also can sit an online Literacy and Numeracy test which will be included on the RoSA when required. This is a good indicator to employers of the student's ability in these areas and is the only across the state moderator used at stage 5. The successful attainment of the RoSA is a pre-requisite for students to proceed into the HSC Preliminary courses in year 11. The school's policy in year 10 is the same as the stage 6 (Years 11 & 12) assessment programs. The penalty for late submission will be - 20% of the total marks available per day. All students will be advised on the RoSA requirements and I urge all parents to read through the assessment schedule so that they are aware of the substantive assessments required for the award of this credential from Albury High School.

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal Senior School

COMMUNITY BBQ

On the 21st March staff will be having a community BBQ with parents and caregivers of all Aboriginal students.

The BBQ will enable parents to meet staff and talk about their children before individualised plans are drawn up later this term and next term.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to come along at 11.45am for lunch.

Any questions should be put to David Hobson at the school on 6021 3488, Cathy Egan on 6051 4333 or Felicity at PACE on 6057 7405.
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Schoolkids Bonus

The first instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus has recently been paid to families to help lighten the load of back-to-school costs. Most eligible families would have received the payment automatically.

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible. If you have not received your Schoolkids Bonus please contact 132 468.
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GOVERNOR’S VISIT
‘While the streets of Albury were being filled with Beatles repertoire, four students from Albury High School were covering some different repertoire at Albury Club. Marie Bashir, the Governor of NSW, was the guest of honour at an exclusive cocktail party provided by the Lions Club, and the Governor was honoured to have Claire Hemsley, Katja Jorgensen, Ephraim Zilberman, and Anthony Papini, of Albury High School, perform their music for the attending guests throughout the evening. The Governor made sure to personally thank each of the students, and even posed for a photo. Well done to these four students, they all performed at an exceptional level and showed maturity and professionalism throughout the night.’

Mr Ryan Sheridan

ALBURY ZONE SWIMMING REPORT
On the 20th February I had the pleasure of managing the Albury High School swimming team at the Zone Carnival held at the Lavington pool. The students did the school proud with everyone competing in their set events to their very best possible standards. Some excellent results were achieved with many PB’s swum. Age champions included 12 yr girls Natasha Fenton, 15 yr boys Harry Duck, 16 yr girls Emily Evans who had to win the last event to beat her sister Kaitlyn who was runner up. Equal 16 yr boys champions were Dom Brew and Michael Brownsea, 17 yr female was Catt Pratt, and 17 yr male was Jake Luhrs. Special mention also to Bronson Meehan who missed out by only two points and Samara Jackson who needed to be only .04 seconds faster in the butterfly to be champion. The highlight of the day was the near clean sweep in the relays, with only one team missing out, and if the pool was a bit longer, they would have won that as well.

I congratulate all the participants on the excellent standard of behavior shown and the sporting manner in which they contested their respective events. Albury High won the carnival overall doubling the point score of their nearest rival. I look forward to the coming regional event in Leeton and wish all swimmers the best of luck.

Jake Luhrs, Natasha Fenton and Emily Evans.

Mr Bruce Jackson

LAWNBOWLS
Charlotte Locke, Kayla and Joshua Midson played against James Fallon High School in the NSW CHS Riverina Knockout Bowls Championship and won by one point on February 21st at North Albury Sports Club. It was a close battle going into extra time due to finishing at a draw in the last end. Kayla struck it lucky by placing her last bowl, the last one of the game closest to the 'jack' which ended up giving Albury High the lead that we were after. The team play Corowa High School in the next few weeks. It was a great afternoon and could not have been made possible without help from Mr Day.

Miss Claire Love

TRIATHLON NEWS
A couple of local annual triathlons are coming up over the next few weekends. The Rutherglen Triathlon is on this Sunday, March 10th. It has junior events that are good distances for first timers whether they are in teams or competing as individuals. Similarly, the Holbrook Triathlon is on next Sunday, March 17th, again with suitable distances for juniors. Both events start with the cycle leg then a pool swim and then finish with the run leg. Albury High students have regularly taken podium finishes at these events. We generally have good athletes who are up to the individual challenge or who enter as teams. Also, in a few weeks is the end of season triathlon at Allan's Flat. Event information can be found on the respective websites or from Mr Fletcher in his office in C block. Registrations can be done online or on the day at the event.

Mr Gavin Fletcher

OPEN GIRLS BASKETBALL ALBURY GALA DAY
Well done to all players, scorers and referees on Friday 1st March. The Girls played Deniliquin High in the first game winning 64 – 22. Alaana Northey shot 28 of those points and Kenna Watson a three pointer. They were then through to the final against Murray. The whole team stepped up again and Murray had met their match. Alaana Northey was the star on the day scoring another 42 points out of our total of 54 for that game. Murray High scored 30 points.

We’re very pleased with our girls in their quality display of sportsmanship.

Kenna Watson – 4    Renee Page – 5
Eloise Maddox – 6    Sienna Douglas – 7
Alaana Northey – 8    Sally Lynch – 10
Bridget Johnston – 11  Erin MacDonald – 14
Drew Junek-Gonzalez – 12  Molly Jackson – 15

Scorers: Alex Davis & Chloe Moses
Referees: Jessy Shipard, Jack Kadaoui & Josh Edgar

Our next game will be in Leeton early April.

Miss Tara McRae
NSW EVENTING INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION

HUGE congratulations to Chloe Hayden who flew the AHS Equestrian Team flag high last Thursday and Friday in Sydney. She braved the hot and steamy weather in the morning and the pouring rain in the afternoon to come away with fantastic results. Chloe gave herself a strong lead in the dressage to start, blitzing all her other competitors. She then went on to the cross country phase of the competition and had few penalties. The pressure was on by the third phase. Chloe took the pressure and the pouring rain in her stride and came away with few penalties again. This was the score she needed to win the competition. Having a win at such a big event with representation from government and non-government schools from all over the state is an outstanding success which Chloe and AHS can be very proud of.

Thanks to Chloe and her family for representing AHS proudly and with great grace, well done!

SAVERPLUS

ALBURY UNITED SOCCER CLUB

Is your son/daughter looking to play soccer in 2013? Albury United Soccer Club is currently registering players aged 12 to 14. For more information contact club president Chris Rochford on 0400 011 766.

WEEKS 7 & 8 CANTENE

The Canteen would greatly appreciate assistance in serving between the hours of 11.30 and 12.30. If you are able to help out in any way please contact Betty in the school canteen on 6021 1730.

WEEKS 7 & 8 COMING EVENTS

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