PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

One of the strengths of Albury High School is its links to the local community. Part of this is the role the School Council plays in providing support to the school and advice to the principal. As you will read later we have a renewed executive. I would like to thank Mr Mark Norden for his efforts on the School Council over the last 5 years as both member and recent chairperson. His experience and guidance was very much appreciated. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Robert Perry, our new chairperson.

Saturday’s Riverina Regional P&C meeting has been cancelled, we apologise for any inconvenience.

On Tuesday afternoon we had a combined meeting of staff from our Learning Community. This comprises Albury Public School, Howlong Public School and Albury West Primary School. Staff were given an introduction to the New Australian Curriculum by Dr Brad Russell, who is our local School Development Officer. This was a very informative 1.5 hour session. The New Australian Curriculum will bring many challenges and changes to practice. The focus is firmly on student learning, content will no longer be mandatory and programming of units will be around student skills and what they actually know. Assessment will increasingly be based on and for student learning. A key part of the new curriculum is its K – 10 nature and the placement of the students on a continuum. There will be many challenges for us in implementing this curriculum in 2014 for Years 7 and 9 in English, Mathematics, Science and History with changing the nature of how and what we teach. Significant changes such as these take time and we will work closely within our community to bring the best results possible for students.

A critical component is working closely with our feeder schools. To continue the conversations from today, all AHS staff on the Staff Development Day (pupil free), Day 1 Term 2 (29th April) will look at the online module ‘The Learner and the New Curriculum’ for the first half of the day. In the afternoon we will work on literacy strategies within faculties. The second SDD (pupil free) will occur on the last day of term, the 28th June. On this day we will combine with Primary Schools to continue our work on the implementation of the curriculum.

A good site to go to for more information is www.acara.edu.au/curriculum/curriculum_design_and_development.html and www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/new-nsw-k10-syllabus

The changes not only affect teacher’s expectations of how we teach but will also impact on traditional views within the community on how students learn. This will also be a challenge for our students and parents as we adopt new practices and implement the change.

Congratulations to:
- Aaron Breust who travelled to Sydney for the NSW CHS individual Tennis Championships in early March. Aaron partnered Matt Stewart from Temora High School. They reached the finals in the Open Boys Doubles but lost against the number 2 seeds in a close match 9-6. (This is a great result for 2 Country Kids!!!)

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

WINTER UNIFORM

Term 2 is almost upon us. Students and parents are reminded that winter uniform needs to be worn during Terms 2 and 3. This includes school ties, jumpers and hoodies, long trousers and shirts. Shorts are not to be worn during Terms 2 and 3.

Mr David Hobson
ATTENDANCE - IT IS NOT OK TO BE AWAY!
A considerable number of students across Australia and at our school are having their opportunities to perform to their potential adversely affected by parent - condoned absences. Once it was the case, that students only missed school when they were genuinely ill, but now that has changed. Students are being allowed to stay away from school for an ever increasing number of excuses including:

- A day off for their birthday
- A day off because relatives are visiting
- A day off to be with parents at home
- A day off to look after younger brothers and sisters
- A day off to go shopping

The thought of an argument with children to get them to school is often too great to bear for some parents. Every day a student is away, they are losing a learning experience. Over time, their knowledge base will be full of holes like ‘Swiss cheese’. Learning is sequential and attending three out of four lessons leaves gaping holes.

A sobering fact is that in Australia today, the average student will lose one year of education (200 days) through parent condoned absences over their school career from Prep to Year 12.

After love and care, the most important thing that we as parents can give our kids is an education. Let’s do it.

“BE ON TIME, BE AT SCHOOL, THAT’S THE RULE”.

Andrew King
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS
The School Council members elected for 2013/2014 are:

President
Bob Perry

Secretary
Neil Mills

Executive Member
Darryl Ward

P & C Representative
Alistair Macdonald

Community Representatives
Bob Perry
1 position vacant

Parent Representatives
Peter Harris
Gaurav Joshi
Neil Mills
Leanne Wheaton

Staff Representatives
Sharon Borham
Pat Coates
Steve Hooppell

YOUR CANTENE – NEWS
The School Canteen is the P&C’s main fundraising initiative. Canteen funds will this year pay for a new PA system for the hall, a new storage shed and new outdoor seating.

The canteen upgrade over the summer break was paid entirely from the Canteen’s own funds.

As well as breakfast, lunch and ‘snacks’, the Canteen donates sandwiches to the homework centre, has catered for Prefects Inauguration, prepped for the Year 7 BBQ and will cater for other year group functions and special events.

We greatly value our volunteers. Their efforts and time directly contribute to the fundraising efforts of the school. Please consider helping to serve at a lunchtime (no money handling required), or helping to cater for a school function. Any time you can give helps the canteen staff add value and increase funds back to the school!

Thanks go to Betty for leading the fantastic Canteen team. She oversaw the kitchen upgrade over the summer holidays and it looks great and works well. A shout out too, to this year’s student volunteers who have been extremely reliable and a great help.

The most popular items on the menu would be Chicken Wraps (with salad – yay!) for $4, Pizza (Mondays) for $3.50 and the new improved Chicken Burger (made with real chicken fillet) for only $4. Chilli Con Carne will be back next term in the chilli time for the cooler weather.

We look forward to seeing you….

CASUAL POSITION – CANTENE
Work within school hours and spend the school holidays with your children. Our P&C run canteen is seeking to employ a flexible person to work 3 hours, two or three times a week. Days are negotiable. Availability at other times to provide relief as required is also desirable.

The job will involve food preparation, stocking shelves, cleaning and customer service.

Find out more by calling Betty Edwards at the canteen on 6021 1730.

HARMONY DAY
The theme of this year’s Harmony Day, Many Stories – One Australia, came alive on Thursday 21 March when 50 adult ESL TAFE students descended upon Albury High School campus. Many of these students are parents and relatives of some of our students.

They were given a comprehensive tour of the school and enjoyed seeing many lessons in progress including Hospitality and Music and a visit to the Library. Thank you to our tour guides Durga, Dilip, Arun, Enzo, Subash and Indra and also to the teachers who welcomed the TAFE students into their classrooms! The tour concluded with a sharing of chia, fruit and stories in the staff common room.

During the morning, Mr Morrison’s Year 8 PDHPE class were treated to some ‘Bollywood’-style dance instruction by Monila, Smriti and Krishna. They had a great time joining in and learning some new dance moves.

At lunchtime the celebrations continued as staff enjoyed a BBQ with some of our Aboriginal parents.

Harmony Day was a real success and we look forward to bigger and better celebrations in 2014.

Ms Megan Salter
ESL Teacher
YEAR 7 NEWS
Well we have survived the Year 7 camp of 2013. Rather than the Year Adviser write a boring old report, I have asked the students in guidance lessons for positive experiences from the camp. Here is a small collection of what they had to say:

“The first time at camp and it was awesome!” Kon Klimentidis

“The best thing I liked was the free time” Hannah Pitcher

“I loved abseiling even though I am afraid of heights. It helped me conquer my fear of heights a little bit and it was fun at the same time” Nolan McFarland

“My social life (friends) has expanded positively” Shaylee Williams

“The Year 7 camp helped me make new friends” Frenchesca Granada

“Jelly” Cody Hastings

“Free time and activities was great fun because we were talking to friends and also meeting new people” Zac Fordham

“I thought the camp was good. The hot dogs and ice cream were the best” Bremen Fox

“The camp was excellent. I think it mostly improved everyones teamwork” Ella Cooper

“My favourite time was the time we were playing rugby league with Mr B” Dale Twyford

“The obstacle course was WAY BOSS” Bria Harper

“Do the harlem shake” Katie Bruce

“The greatest part of the Year 7 camp was that I tried things that I never thought I would have. I met SOOO many new people” Amber Strauss

“My favourite activity was archery. All of the teachers were all super cool and I loved it!!!” Libbity Alexander

“I thought the obstacle course was great. It was tough but exciting” Casper Linssen

“Free time was great, cause everyone was together and having fun meeting lots of new people” Lachlan Goss

Thank you Year 7 for your great behaviour and participation on the camp. An ever bigger thank you to the staff who attended and helped me through my first Year 7 camp; Carrie Frost, Paul Schupina, Laena Allbon-Crockett, Taylor Crozier, Wil Bulathsinhala, Ryan Sheridan, Rachel Eyles, Gale Bell and Fiona Sanson. Thank you!

Mrs Tracey Lee
Year Adviser

HPV VACCINATION FOR MALES 14-15 YRS IN YEAR 10 2013
Please be advised that, due to the way in which the Australian Government constructed the age eligibility for HPV vaccination for males in 2013, all males who are 14-15 years of age, and who are in Year 10 are eligible to receive the free HPV vaccine at their GP during 2013 only. Only year 9 boys are being vaccinated at schools.

If you wish for your son to receive the free HPV vaccinations, while they are in the eligible age cohort they must have commenced the course before they turn 16 years and have completed the 3 dose course before the end of 2013.

It is important when making the GP appointment the receptionist or nurse is informed of the reason for the visit and sufficient time is allowed (at least three working days) for the vaccine to be ordered and delivered to the GP.

If you would like more information about the HPV Vaccine you can visit the HPV Vaccination website or contact your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.

SENIOR BOYS AND GIRLS FOOTBALL (SOCCER)
The Senior Boys and Girls were both successful at the Albury Zone Day last Thursday and have both progressed through to Round 3 of the state competition. The boys recorded victories against Murray High (5-2) and James Fallon (6-2), while the girls defeated Murray High (14-1) and then received a forfeit in the second round due to conflicting schedules.

GIRLS FOOTBALL RIVERINA SELECTION TRIALS
Eight Albury High School students attended the Riverina Trials hoping for selection. All girls displayed great skill, enthusiasm and sportsmanship on the day. Congratulations to Sally Lynch, Alex Davis, Lucy Smith and Jasmine Baily who were selected to represent Riverina at the State Carnival, which is to be held in Albury from 7th - 9th May. Rachael Clarke was named as a shadow.

Mr Peter O’Riordan
DIVING

The Albury High School Diving team continues to perform well in all levels of competition. Our team easily placed first in the Zone Diving Carnival which was held on the 20th February.

At the Riverina Diving Trials held in Wagga on the 14th March, our team was a stand-out with six students qualifying to represent the Riverina at the NSWCHS Diving Championships in Sydney on 25th and 26th March.

Jake Howie again stood out with a Gold medal performance for springboard, a Silver medal for the open platform event, and another Silver medal for Champion of Champions. Great performances at this event earned five students selection in the NSWCHS Diving Team which competes at the All-Schools Carnival on 9th May. We wish them all the best in this next level of competition.

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Mr Greg King
Team Coach/Manager

LAWN BOWLS

Charlotte Locke, Joshua and Kayla Midson participated in the NSW CHS Riverina Sectional Knockout Lawn Bowls Championship on 15th March at the Corowa RSL Club. They played against Corowa High School but unfortunately lost. It was a close battle in the first few ends, but as time went on, the state champion team member on Corowa's team found his form. The final score was 34-5. All three members of our team tried their very best and had a lot of fun. It was a good day to practice and make new friends. The team has now put into place a training schedule so that we can progress further in next year’s competition.

Mr Tim Sanson

RIXON CUP FINAL

Monday 18th March saw the playing of the Rixon Cup Final for 2012/13. This year Albury High School came up against Murray High School for the second consecutive year. The game was played on turf at Xavier High School on a beautiful wicket prepared by former Carlton player and Coleman medallist, Tom Carroll.

After winning the toss and batting, AHS found itself in trouble at 2/6 after 3 overs. This brought Will McIntosh and Tom Ellwood to the crease and that’s where they stayed. The boys put on 198 in the next 34.3 overs and therefore placed Albury in a very strong position at the end of its 40 overs at 3/237.

Will McIntosh finished on 135no off 135 balls. Tom Ellwood made 81 off 89 balls. A superb effort by both boys.

MHS then set about chasing down the total. They struck early trouble and at 4/31 the Rixon Cup looked safely in AHS keeping. But some strong and sensible batting, coupled with a few dropped chances meant that MHS finished their innings at 6/185.

Chris Bridle 8/2/1/23, James Wilson 6/0/2/32 were the wicket takers, with Michael Wright also affecting a run out.

The victory means 3 titles in a row for our Rixon Cup team and was the completion of another successful season both in results and individual achievements. Well done boys, you are great ambassadors for AHS.

URGENT HELP NEEDED

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.

Ms Claire Love

WEEK 11 & WEEK 1 TERM 2 COMING EVENTS

| Monday April 29 | School Development Day – Pupil Free Day |
| Friday April 12 | Last Day Term 1 |
| Tuesday April 30 | First day Term 2 for all students |
| Wednesday May 1 | Half Day Athletics Carnival |