Principal’s Report

Congratulations to:

- **Tim Lutton** for winning the Halve Waste Competition
- **Dom Brew, Lachlan Dowding, Harry Duck and Brayden Grimmond** on their selection into the NSW CHS State Water Polo team. The team will be competing in Parramatta at the end of the month. These boys, along with **Sam Lefoe, Michael Brownsea, Bailey Hamilton, Adam Mills, Josh Edgar and Lewis Parrett** will represent the Riverina Water Polo team during the last week of November
- **Imogen Brooks, Bridget Johnston, Emily Evans and Samara Jackson** will be representing the girls Riverina Water Polo team in Woy Woy mid-November
- **Ben Hooppell** on his selection into the 2013/14 Hockey Australia National Futures Group and into the Victorian Futures Squad. Ben was one of 4 goalkeepers selected Australia wide in the 30 man group for development toward possible Australian selection in the future and he is currently training with the Junior World Cup Team.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

**TERM 4 ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING**

Year 11 were issued with their Preliminary HSC reports last Friday at the end of period 8. The conclusion of this part of their HSC study program sees students take up the various extension courses available and many have chosen to further vary their program by changing Maths and English courses and move from 12 units of study to 10. It is important that students develop effective study routines that will become habit when timelines and deadlines impose themselves on their daily routine. The common practice amongst year 12 students is to devote no less than 3 hours per school day and more when the occasion demands. Obviously in busy lives that involve sporting and work commitments the timing of study is critical. The school provides course planners at the back of the Assessment Booklets and term planners from my office. Students are encouraged to use these. Year 10 will have a formal examination week commencing on Monday 11th November where the venue used for the HSC examinations can be utilised.

From mid-November years 7-9 will be completing their Semester 2 exams and assessments, all in preparation for the Semester 2 Report to be set-up for staff to complete for distribution at year’s end.

Study Tips:

1. To assist with time management, consider starting study sessions with finite tasks. i.e. those tasks that have steps and cannot be reworked over and over again e.g. Calculation based questions.
2. Remove any distractions (such as radio or TV) when committing knowledge to memory. Any stimulus that consumes “brain space” will decrease how much information can be stored in the brain, meaning that it will take you longer to learn a set amount of material!

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal Senior School

The Kids Are All Right website offers a range of articles for parents of teenagers. Some suggested articles include:

2014 BOOK PACKS

Book pack sales are the major fund raising initiative of the AHS P&C. Your support is greatly appreciated.

After supplying books to Albury High School since the 1970s, Cremer's have decided to retire from this side of their business. We thank them for their ongoing support of Albury High School. Due to this there are some significant changes to the organisation of book packs. Please note the following:

- Order forms can only be handed in at ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL, no other venue.
- There are no late orders.
- Collections are only on collection day or at school on the designated day (see details below).

Year 7 2014: Information and order forms will be available at the Year 7 2014 Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 6th November. They will also be distributed to students at the ‘Taste of High School’ days on 7th and 14th November. Order forms will be included in the Information Folder given to students on Orientation Day, Wednesday 4th December. The cost of the Year 7 book pack is $82, which includes the AHS Study Planner and a sunhat. Payment is not required until collection day.

Years 8-11 2014: Book pack order forms will be distributed at school the week beginning Monday 4th November. Completed order forms for all years are to be returned to the school by Friday 22nd November. Note that payment is not required until collection day.

Order forms also include ordering of the AHS Study Planner in Years 10 to Year 12 as well as sport shirts & hats. The voluntary school contribution, library donation and Year 7 & 8 subject contributions can also be included. Spare copies are available from AHS reception and the school library.

Order forms can be returned to the box in the school foyer, outside the Maths staffroom or the library.

Book packs can be collected from the old gym on Wednesday 22nd January 2014.

IMPORTANT DATES

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Collection Times:

- Year 7 2014: 8.30 am – 4.00 pm
- Year 8 2014: 9.00 am – 4.00 pm
- Year 9 2014: 9.30 am – 4.00 pm
- Year 10 and seniors: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm
- Thurs 30th January 2014: Late collection at AHS is between 12 noon & 1.00 pm in the interview room.

Mrs Chris Wilson
Book pack Co-ordinator

BOOK PACKS

AHS P&C have strongly supported the book pack day as an opportunity to help students and teachers with the correct books required for their year. It also allows for school contributions to be made.

In the past this was all co-ordinated by Cremer’s, this year the P&C along with the AHS took on the task, an enormous one. Our thanks go to Chris Wilson for all the work within the school and to P&C Treasurer, Neil Mills, for the many hours he has contributed, in doing so they have managed to make savings for you.

I encourage all parents to support the book pack day as it is a major fundraiser for the school.

Alistair Macdonald
President AHS P&C

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY SCIENCE DISCOVERY PROGRAM

During the last school holidays I was fortunate enough to be selected to attend a 3 day series of Science workshops at the University of Sydney. Students from across NSW attended and each of the days was focused on a different strand of Sciences – Biology, Chemistry and Physics. It was an interesting experience (bionic eyes, astronomy) and provided the opportunity to meet with talented students from not only Sydney but from as far afield as Broken Hill. A highlight of the program was the closing address delivered by Dr Karl Kruszelnicki who shared his passion for Science as a field of endeavour. The Discovery Program was a great opportunity and helped to clarify future directions and career choices.

Jack Day
Year 10 Student

HOMEWORK PROGRAMME

The Homework Programme will finish for 2013 on Tuesday 12th November. The successful operation of the programme is due to the consistently strong support from all the teachers and SAS staff involved. Many thanks for their efforts throughout the year. Also to the Canteen and P & C for supplying the sandwiches to feed the hungry hoards and fuel the brain power of our young charges. It has also been a very rewarding experience to see so many students week after week applying themselves to their studies and developing lifelong study habits.

YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

The three Year 9 Food Technology classes are involved in a cooking competition for their current unit of study - Food Trends. The first round of the competition will involve all the teams in each class preparing Tortillas and Decadent Chocolate Mousse. Their class teachers will judge their efforts - preparation, cooking, cleanliness and presentation of their delectable delights. Two teams from each class will then compete against the teams from the other two classes. They will prepare the same menu items and the same marking criteria will be used. This time the teams will use the facilities in the commercial kitchen and will be scored by impartial judges - either Mrs Albert or Ms Mortimer and a local chef (to be named). The students already have the recipes so can practice honing their skills at home. Parental support is encouraged.

Ms Tanya Mortimer
Head Teacher Home Economics, VET and Careers
MUSICAL FOR 2014
Creative and Performing Arts are gearing up for the 2014 musical - Oklahoma! An oldie but a goodie! The recent production of this for the stage with Hugh Jackman in the lead has given this musical a new lease of life. The story is a classic love triangle set in the wilds of America at the turn of the 20th Century. It is a musical with serious and silly moments which will allow us to play to our strengths! A contemporary dance scene will allow dancers to show what they can do.

Auditions will be held this term. The band will begin rehearsals in Term 1 next year followed by principals, chorus and dancers. Backstage helpers will be required for costume from Term 2. Many areas of the school will be involved as this is a whole school effort.

At this stage we are looking at the production starting Monday October 27th 2014.

Watch this space!

Ms Margie Gleeson
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts

WORLDSKILLS CONSTRUCTION GOLD AND BRONZE MEDALS
Zack Deanshaw Yr11 was awarded the gold medal at the Riverina final in Construction of the Worldskills competition in Wagga. Jacob Kelly Yr11 brought home the bronze medal. The boys were told they finished top three after judging at the end of the day but the actual finishing positions weren’t announced until the official presentation ceremony last Thursday in Wagga. Congratulations to both the boys. Zack is now keenly awaiting details about the next level in the competition.

Mr Gavin Fletcher
Industrial Arts

VICTORIAN SCHOOLS CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013
After taking out the gold medal at the border zone final of the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships at Noreuil Park in August, Dayan Bakulic of Yr9 travelled to Bendigo on the weekend to win bronze at the state final. Dayan worked hard in the race doing more than his share of the pacemaking. He is determined to learn from his experience this year and return for another tilt at the event next year. Well done to Dayan!!

Mr Gavin Fletcher
Industrial Arts

ALBURY SHOW SECONDARY CRAFT
Students from a variety of subjects in the Industrial Arts faculty entered projects in the secondary craft section of the Albury Show on the weekend. Anyone who saw the projects in the craft pavilion at the show would tell you that it was a high quality collection of student work. Our students scooped the pool winning the majority of the prizes on offer. Congratulations to the following prize winners:

- **Best Overall Exhibit**: (Apex Tools prize) went to Ruxi Geng Year 9 for her Ecolamp
- **Best Overall Metal Exhibit**: (Wildav Engineering prize) went to Nicola Douba Year 8 for her Candleholder
- **Years 7&8 Woodwork**: 2nd place went to Dilip Chuwan Year 7 for his spinning top
- **Years 7&8 Metalwork**: 1st place was awarded to Nicola Douba Year 8 for her Candleholder, 2nd place went to Amy Allitt-Maksymow Year 8 for her Metal wall art while Highly Commended was awarded to Subash Poudyal Year 8 for his Candleholder
- **Years 9&10 Composite materials**: 1st place was awarded to Ruxi Geng Year 9 for her Ecolamp, 2nd place went to Rebecca Smits Year 9 for her Ecolamp, Highly Commended was awarded to Pranav Joshi Year 9 for his Ecolamp
- **Years 9&10 Metalwork**: 1st place was awarded to Alex Brouwer & Josh Giddings Year 9 for their Yabbie net
- **Years 9&10 Woodwork**: 1st place was awarded to Jake Eisenhauer Year 10 for his wooden table, 2nd place went to Ricky Taylor Year 10 for his upholstered stool

Thanks must go to the teachers of these students for their expert guidance.

Mr Gavin Fletcher
Industrial Arts

MOBEMBER 2013 – SWIFT, SILENT, HAIRY!
Saddling up for a 4th year of Movember activity it is indeed gratifying to witness the early proliferation of upper lip follicle action amongst the MoBros of Year 11 – the “Wolf Pack”, ably supported by their MoSistas. At this stage 45 students have registered to participate in Movember 2013, along with 8 staff members; gentlemen of distinction brave enough to explore the boundaries of good taste and moustachery. Keep an eye on the progress of Day, Jackson, Bulathsinhala, Morrison, Gilmour, Sheridan, Salmon and Crowhurst as we demonstrate the virtue of the moustache and start the conversation about men’s health issues.

Movember itself is a charitable foundation supporting awareness raising around both prostate cancer and mental health issues such as depression in men. It started in Melbourne and has grown into a global movement. Students in Year 11 support this movement, raise valuable funds and are challenged to ask the question of the significant men in their lives – “are you okay and have you had a check-up lately?”

The Wolf Pack has a BBQ or two organised, cake stalls abound and each year we hold a staff/student volleyball game in the Hall. If you would like to support our efforts you can donate to a MoBro or MoSista directly or you can donate to our team by visiting [http://au.movember.com/team/1052393](http://au.movember.com/team/1052393) and making a tax deductible donation.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Craig Day
MO-tivator
NETBALL
Congratulations to the U15 girls Netball team who beat James Fallon and Finley High schools convincingly to make it to the grand final at the Albury Gala day. They played Murray High School (MHS) in the final and came away with another win. MHS took an early lead however the girls fought back to win by 10 goals. The whole team displayed quality sportsmanship throughout the day and should be very proud of their efforts.

Thanks to Eloise Maddox for her peer mentoring and coaching to the defensive players and Grace Kelly for her peer mentoring and coaching to the attacking players. Also thanks to Courtney Mason our badged referee and Bridget Johnston for scoring.

Congratulations to the following team members:
Phoebe Orton  Natasha Fenton
Zoe Butterworth  Kelsey Bullivant
Kelsey Mason  Emma Martin
Chelsea Blissett  Kenna Watson
Emily Lutton  Tara Foster

The girls will now play the winner of the Wagga Gala Day for the Riverina Champions title. Good Luck! Miss Tara McRae

WEEKS 6 & 7 COMING EVENTS

| Monday November 11th | Year 10 Exams commence |
| Tuesday November 12th | Year 12 Graduation 11am - Hall |
| Wednesday November 13th | Year 12 Graduation Ball |

A new independent, micro-budgeted film that celebrates mateship and the great Australian backyard culture was made, despite the odds, with strong community support from citizens and organisations of the regional city Wagga Wagga, the hometown of co-writers Mark Grentell and Peter Cox. Its future is now in the balance, as the makers wait for regional audiences to determine its success when, on November 7, it opens in Wagga Wagga, Tamworth, Orange and Albury.


THE ACADEMY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Students interested in a career in digital media, IT programming, mobile apps or game design are invited to apply for a $10,000 scholarship to study at The Academy of Information Technology. AIT is hosting an information evening on 20th November for students or parents interested in learning about careers and study options in the IT and creative fields. All ages welcome.

Register at http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/events