PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

On the 2\textsuperscript{nd} May we were very lucky to be invited to attend a Youth Summit at St Matthew’s Church titled ‘Meeting the challenges and giving it a go’. We took the SRC and students who were nominated by their Year Advisers. The guest speakers were Will Elrick, Daniel Kuzeff and Michael Kirby. Human Rights and overcoming adversity were strong themes. Mr Kirby also spoke highly of the inclusive nature of public education and its important role in Australian Society.

A picture of the event can be found on our twitter site @Albury_High. There are many examples on this page of students achieving.

\textbf{Congratulations to:}
- James Mitchelhill who has been selected as one of 30 public school students to attend the NSW State Constitutional Convention in Sydney on 17\textsuperscript{th} June. Students will discuss and debate issues around the state constitution at Parliament House.
- Lucy Nagle, Hannah Lewis and Laura Thomson who competed in the district final of the Rostrum Public Speaking competition. Lucy was announced the district winner and will now compete in the semi-finals in June.
- James Mitchelhill and Josh Stevenson who competed in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking final.
- Maddie Saultry who won the art prize for the Youth Homelessness Matters Day Photo Competition for 2013. A special mention was given to Frasier Lawson and Claire Gilmour who received movie tickets as prizes.

It’s fantastic to see students supporting community events and competitions. Well done to all.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

ATTENDANCE – IT IS NOT O.K. TO BE AWAY!

When students miss a class lesson they lose the thread of the subject material. The result is that their ability to logically think through issues and processes is seriously impaired. Could you imagine leaving out a chapter here and there; how much sense would the book make?

To fill in these gaps, both the teacher and student have to set aside time outside class to work together. Unfortunately, despite the best of intentions, this does not always happen and your child’s learning is scarred.

So when there is an opportunity to shop or baby sit younger brothers or sisters, say NO to your son/daughter. The CONTINUITY of his/her education class by class is all too important.

When you receive your son/daughter’s report and there are areas highlighted in need of improvement, please reflect on how much condoned absences contributed to the situation.

Let’s all work together to make a difference to your child’s future. Say NO to absence. Be on time. Be at school. That’s the rule.

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal

LUNCHTIME PROGRAM

Sincere thanks to Daryl Geoghegan from the Chiltern Bakery for his ongoing donation of bread for our daily lunchtime program.

Chiltern Bakery
27-29 Conness St
CHILTERN VIC 3683
Ph: 03 5726 1000
ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL P&C AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) will be held on Tuesday 21st May at 7.45pm in the School Common Room. All welcome. At this meeting all executive positions will be declared vacant. The P&C welcome nominations for any of these positions.

The AGM will be followed by the general meeting.

**Notice of Motion to be voted on at May meeting.**

Moved: A. MacDonald, Seconded: D. Nicholson “P&C to purchase new tables and chairs to the value of $10,000.00”

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**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

School photographs are scheduled to occur on Wednesday the 12th and Thursday the 13th of June. Individual and other special interest groups will take place on the Thursday while sport’s team photographs will be taken on the Wednesday. It is very important that all students are in full winter uniform on the Thursday. This includes:

- Junior boys – junior tie, grey jumper & grey shirt;
- Senior boys – senior tie, grey jumper & blue shirt;
- Junior girls – junior tie, red jumper & white shirt;
- Senior girls – senior tie, red jumper & blue shirt.

Students involved in sporting team photographs need to organise with their coaches as to the uniform requirements for their photograph. In general black track pants, the AHS sport’s shirt, white sport’s socks and black or white runners are required.

Please note the photograph envelopes will be issued to students in the next couple of weeks and all students have an individual photograph taken even if they are not purchasing photographs.

Please contact either Mr Greg Wright or Ms Tanya Mortimer if you have any queries regarding school photographs.

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**HOMEWORK CENTRE**

The Homework Centre has proved very popular this year with between 45 and 56 students attending each week. It has been great to see so many students attend on a regular basis. Two students from Charles Sturt University also started as mentors and assistants towards the ends of last term. We welcome Ashlea Minicozzi and Ray Schubert to our Homework support team and take the opportunity to thank Miss Frost, Mr Schupina, Mr Ellis, Mrs Wilson, Ms Bertazzo and Miss Wall who are always there to render assistance.

For those who have not attended before and who are interested in coming along, a registration form can be collected from the Front Office, Mrs Wilson in the Library or Ms Mortimer in Home Economics. All students are welcome and a light afternoon tea is provided.

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**CLASS REPORT – 7I SNAPSHOT**

During Term 1 in History we studied Ancient Greece and Ancient Egypt, while this term we will be studying Ancient Rome and Medieval Europe. In English we have worked hard on grammar and spelling and read a great book ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’. This term we are going to study film and film techniques plus poetry.

Awards in 7I this term went to Cindy Hudson for always being in correct uniform, Isabella Olicorn for working extremely well and Cooper Sheffield for always trying hard. Isabella will be moving to 7O and will be missed.

Mrs Merrilee Brookes

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**Welcome to The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme**

**Ever wanted to challenge yourself?**

If you are between 14 years or older and interested in doing something that takes you beyond the everyday, then the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme is for you. Basically, it is a program that you design based on your interests and covers four key areas:

- **Skills** - anything from playing in a band to fashion design to film and video making. You decide.
- **Volunteering Service** - choose your area of interest in the community, such as youth work, the environment or charity work, to name a few.
- **Adventurous Journey** - journey into an unfamiliar environment with a group, and challenge yourself.
- **Physical Recreation** - get out there and get sweating! Dancing, adventure sports, ball sports, martial arts, the list goes on.

To get an Award, you just need to set yourself challenges and strive to reach these challenges. The idea is to develop skills and confidence which you always have, wherever life takes you. The great thing about The Award is that it allows you to piggy-back onto activities you may already be doing, such as playing a sport or volunteering and counting those towards your Award. So start something you’ve always dreamed of doing but haven’t had the reason to begin.

There are three levels to the award and they all take different lengths of time:

- **Bronze** takes about a year; you can start this level at 14 or over
- **Silver** takes about a year and a half; you can start this level at 14 or over
- **Gold** takes about two years; you can start this level at 16 or over

**What do you get out of it?**

Like so many things, you get out of it what you put in. For example, if you really want to be in a band, you can use the skills section to focus on learning an instrument and for service you could volunteer in the community. At the end of the program, not only could you get an Award, but you could also be well on the way to playing in a band for real.

Some of the greatest rewards include:

- Achieving something for yourself
- Becoming more confident
- Getting new skills
- Having some great experiences
- Making new friends
- Meeting people from around the world

**Not to mention having a lot of fun in the process.**

For more information go to [www.dukeofed.com.au](http://www.dukeofed.com.au) and to get involved see Mr Fletcher.

Mr Gavin Fletcher
CAREERS
University of Melbourne are holding an information evening for families on the 23rd May at 6.30pm to 8.00pm at the Albury Convention Centre. Students interested have been asked to register online.

Monash University visited the school last term and had their parent information night last Thursday evening.

Students are organising themselves for the CSU MyDays, 6th June - Education, 25th June - Health and Nursing.

On the 23rd May we are running a White Card for interested students, the cost is $60, notes have gone home and we need them returned. If students are not going to pay and participate we can fill their places with other students.

Experience La Trobe is on the 21st June and interested students need to either register online or in the Careers room.

Year 12 will be offered the opportunity to attend TIS day on the 19th June at 9.00am to 10.00am at the Albury Convention Centre. TIS has universities, TAFE’s, private providers from Victoria, NSW and Canberra all in the one location. UAC, VTAC, Defence Recruiting, Centrelink, etc. are all in attendance. Reminder that parents and students can access the careers website www.alburyhighcareers.com.au and can register for emails to be sent directly to them. There is a message board with reminders of upcoming events and job vacancies listed in the student area.

I am interested in running an information night on various topics including university applications for parents of Year 12, please let me know at the parent information night if you would like this to happen. Students can also fill in enrol to vote forms at school and I will post them as a group. These can be found in the careers office.

Mrs Dian Madden
Careers Adviser

SCHOOL UNIFORMS REQUIRED
With the cooler weather now upon us, we are in desperate need of good quality second hand winter uniforms, particularly for the girls. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the school reception.

YR8 OUTWARD BOUND
Numbers for this year’s Outward Bound group have been finalised. We have had over 50 students sign up so we will be taking three groups of 18 students. There will be a meeting of those students in the near future to distribute an information booklet about the course. Parents are reminded to continue making payments towards the course costs. Transport costs will be determined soon and a definite final cost will be announced. Complete payment for the course is requested by the end of this term.

Mr Gavin Fletcher

ROTARY MURRAY-DARLING SCHOOL OF FRESHWATER RESEARCH CAMP
During the holidays I went on the Rotary Murray-Darling School of Freshwater Research Camp from 14th April until 19th April. We stayed at Scots School in two different dorms. We travelled to Wonga Wetlands and compared two different lagoons, a natural lagoon called ‘Bagnall’s’ and a manmade lagoon named ‘Lagoon Five’. We studied vegetation, water quality and examined birds in the area surrounding the lagoons. We collected and identified fish and micro invertebrates.

Lagoon Five was in good condition and was very similar to Bagnall’s natural state. We travelled to La Trobe University in Wodonga and to the Charles Sturt University in Albury, to learn more about our two Lagoons.

On Wednesday we took a two hour canoe trip on the Murray River. My canoe partner was Jade. We started off rusty but after crashing into a dead tree and managing to ‘escape’, we finally got the hang of it! Starting from the back of the group we took 15 minutes to power through and up to the front of the group. It was thrilling!

Later that night we set up a few bat traps and we caught 13, with three different species, including the common fruit bat.

On the last day of the week each of the four groups had to present their results in a different way. Most of the groups did a play, however my group began to beat box and rap our results. It was the best presentation by far.

I would like to thank the Rotary Club for sponsoring me, the Science faculty and Mr Jackson. I would honestly recommend this excursion to anyone and everyone. It is the best excursion I have ever been on. If you ever get an opportunity like this…GO FOR IT!!

Rachel Travers
Year 11

Sportsman’s Night
Friday 31st May
Newmarket Hotel
7.00pm
Guest Speaker: Jason Akermanis
Memorabilia for Auction
2 Course Meal/Drinks
Cost: Adults $75 School Students $50 Per Head
All proceeds from the night aid in the cost of Will McIntosh and Darcy I’Anson touring the United Kingdom with the NSW Combined High School Cricket Team.

Tickets can be purchased by phoning:
David Christy 0400 485 429 or Anthony Baker 0419 602 050
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The AHS Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 20th May (Week 4).

This is a whole school carnival - all students are expected to attend and are encouraged to participate to the best of their ability.

Venue: Alexandra Park Athletics Complex
Times: Start - 9.00am
                    (Rolls will be marked between 8.45am and 9.00am)
Finish - 3.00pm (approx)
Travel: Students make their own arrangements to get to Alexandra Park. Many students get dropped off directly at the ground by parents. There will also be a bus available from school to Alexandra Park at 8.50am (departing from the bus bay). Students MUST leave their name with PE Staff by the end of lunch on Friday, May 17th and pay an additional $4.00 if they wish to catch this bus. This bus will return to school at the end of the day in plenty of time to catch other buses.

Cost: $4.00 (paid on entry to the ground)
Uniform: AHS Sports uniform + Hat (this is NOT a dress-up day, but a House-coloured shirt may be worn instead of the normal white polo top).
Hovell - Blue; Hume - Yellow; Mitchell - Green; Murray - Red
Lunch: Bring your own lunch and drink. Council also operates a kiosk on the day for students to purchase their lunch.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mr Greg King
PDHPE

NSWCHS GIRLS FOOTBALL CARNIVAL REPORT
Albury High School recently hosted the NSW Combined High Schools Girls Football carnival at Jelbart Park. Riverina had not hosted this carnival since 2001. Mr Peter O’Riordan was appointed Carnival Manager and was congratulated by the State Convener for his work and the outstanding facilities our community provided. Many of our students also assisted in the canteen, on the BBQ and as officials for games.

Five AHS students represented the Riverina team, which finished 9th. They were Rachael Clarke (Yr 12), Sally Lynch, Alex Davis, Lucy Smith (Yr 11) and Jasmine Baily (Yr 10). The girls were tremendous ambassadors for the school and displayed excellent skill and sportsmanship. Mr Fahey was manager for this team, who lost three of their pool games by only one goal, and lost 2-1 to the eventual carnival winners, Sydney East.

It was great that AHS was able to host this event, as we have many students and teachers who represent Riverina and NSWCHS in a variety of sports, travelling all over NSW each year. Also of note is that Wayne Sutton, a former Head Teacher PDHPE at our school, was also in attendance as manager for the North Coast team.

Mr Damian Toohey
Deputy Principal

AHS CROSS COUNTRY
The Cross Country Carnival was held in glorious sunshine last week. Those involved are to be commended on their effort and good sportsmanship. Good times were completed by the majority of runners. Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

12 years Kelsey Mason Tobi Gilmour
13 years Chelsea Blissett Raymond Kausche
14 years Bella Claxton Jessy Shipard
15 years Emma Timmermans Max Lynch
16 years Maddison Shaw Blake Codgell
17 years Mary Bartel / Lily Marshall Alex Blissett
18+ years Andrea Wendt Will McIntosh

House Championship points were as follows:

4th Hovell 248
3rd Mitchell 363
2nd Murray 365
1st Hume 411

The Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held at Mungabareena Reserve on Friday, May 24th (week 4). Students who finished in the top 10 in their age group are part of the AHS Zone team. Collect a permission note from Mr King (PDHPE). If you were absent from the Cross Country due to illness or injury and wish to be considered for the Zone team - you also need to see Mr King ASAP.

Mr Greg King
PDHPE

WEEKS 4 & 5 CANTEEN

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.

WEEKS 4 & 5 COMING EVENTS

Monday May 20 AHS Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park
Tuesday May 21 Parent Teacher Night for Years 11 & 12
                              P&C AGM Meeting
Friday May 24 Zone Cross Country
Friday May 31 Zone Athletics