Welcome back to second term. Just before the holidays we received a very welcome announcement that will see $216,000 come to the school under the Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership. The funds must be used during 2013 and 2014 to target literacy or numeracy for students who are under the national benchmarks. The money is also to support the introduction and use of the new K-10 continuums in literacy or numeracy. We must conduct a ‘situational analysis’ by the 17th of May and this will be based on benchmarking students against the continuum. We then will establish a number of yet to be designed programs and professional learning to improve the targeted students learning. This is a K-10 program and will help us in the formation of our learning community with our feeder schools. To meet the deadline, students in Year 7 and 8 may be asked to participate in some school based testing and we will use NAPLAN results to help inform us of the students we need to work with.

I would like to finish by thanking all students and staff who attended the ANZAC Day March last week and who organised and ran our school based assembly to recognise the sacrifice of our servicemen and women both in the past and now in Afghanistan. A top job by all involved.

**Congratulations to:**
- **Jake Howie** for his selection in the NSW All Schools Diving Team
- **Alex Chapman, Jess Brown, Tegan Rennie, Cassie Lee, Jess Nixon, Maddy Horsburgh, Hannah Chapman and Jaiden Hamilton** for their selection in the NSW All Schools Girls Hockey Team. Eight of the fourteen students selected were from Albury High School, which is a fantastic effort
- **Chloe Moses, Isabelle Stuart and Claudia Grenfelt-Uijland** for their selection to participate in the Riverina Dance Camp
- **Erin and Claire Macdonald** for being selected to participate in the Riverina Combined Schools Music Camp
- **Ben Hooppell**, year 12 who returns to school after competing in the Australian U21 Men's Hockey Championships in Brisbane. Ben was the Goalkeeper for the Victorian team which finished a credible third just missing out on the gold medal match with a 5-6 loss to NSW. Ben won't be getting much rest and has already started selection trials for the Victorian U18 State team. We wish Ben well and look forward to the outcome of these trials later this month.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

**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"
UNIFORM AND ATTENDANCE ADVICE
Students and parents are reminded that winter uniform needs to be worn during Terms 2 and 3, with the first two weeks being a transition period. This means they can wear either uniform in the first two weeks. You can check the school website or collect uniform requirement sheets from the office if you are unsure of the requirements. Please inform the school in writing if, and when, your child cannot be in uniform.

The attendance of students at Albury High School is a major concern and a priority for 2013. While attendance levels are at a satisfactory level, they could be better. Students need to be aware that missed lessons, or a day missed, is an opportunity missed. 100% attendance helps make a 100% effort and will put students in the best position to achieve academically, socially and with their mental and physical health. For this reason full attendance is a main policy direction for this year.

In 2012 the Albury High School Attendance Policy was updated to reflect current Department Policies. A short overview for parents of attendance procedures is given below:

- Student rolls are marked during roll call at the beginning of each day (8.55am – 9.02am)
- Students who are late to school must get a late note from the main office. Parents must explain this lateness on a note, or on the return late slip given to the students by the main office. Continued lateness without explanation may incur some form of detention.
- Students who are absent from school must present a note to their roll teacher on their return to school. This should be done as soon as possible.
- Regular reminders of overdue notes are sent to parents every two weeks and random ‘spot’ telephone calls will be made home to students listed as absent on any one day.

Schools are healthy, exciting, vibrant places where students engage in active, healthy social and academic communications. It’s not only a legal requirement that students are at school, it’s also necessary for their everyday health and wellbeing.

Be Cool – Be At School!

Mr David Hobson

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
We would like to establish a register of community members who have a current light bus license and would be willing to drive for excursions that go for the day. You would need to meet RTA log book requirements and working with children checks. Please contact the office on 6021 3488 if you are interested.

SCHOOL TIES REQUIRED
Mrs Johnson is seeking spare junior or senior Albury High School ties. If you have any that you no longer require, could you please drop them off to her at the school office.

Thank you.

Mrs Johnson

PARENT/TEACHER EVENINGS
The Year 11 and 12 interim reports are currently being written and collated. The year 12 report is a single page report showing students’ course rank at the half way stage of the HSC program. The year 11 reports will show how students have adapted to the Preliminary HSC course and senior study. Results in the examinations that many faculties undertook at the end of term 1 and course ranks will be included. Reports will be issued in the next 2 weeks prior to the Parent/Teacher evening which is scheduled for Tuesday 21st May. To co-ordinate the interviews we have employed an online booking system (Schools Online Booking System) to assist parents in securing their preferred interview times. The procedure is as follows:

- In your web browser type in the school website and navigate to the Curriculum and Activities TAB and choose the Assessment and Reporting button on the left. Click on the link for Parent/Teacher interviews at the bottom of that page. The URL is -http://www.sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=602
- If you do not have access to the internet your local library may be able to help, or alternatively you can call the school office.
- The booking system will only be accessible from 6.00am on 7th May through to 3.00pm on 21st May to book an interview. Your appointments will be sent to the email address you are required to enter upon starting the process.

The Parent/Teacher evenings for the other years are as follows:

Tuesday 18th June Parent/Teacher night for Year 10
Tuesday 25th June Parent/Teacher night for Year 8
Tuesday 23rd July Parent/Teacher night for Year 9
Thursday 1st August Parent/Teacher night for Year 7

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal Senior School
BRONZE MEDALLION PRESENTATION

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded bronze medallions at assembly on Tuesday 9th April. 36 merit certificates are required in order to qualify for a bronze medallion. A fantastic effort by all of these students.

**Year 8:** Emily Archer, Asha Kelly and Lucy Nagle  
**Year 9:** Billy Guttler, Samara Jackson, Lewis Parrett, Milla Reid, Rhiannon Schilling, Kathryn Smits, Antonio Stefanou and Tina Tran  
**Year 10:** Roksanna Boglari-Davykosa, Brianna Clark, Jake Hill, Ebony Nugent, Logan Reid, Holly Shepherd and Alijah Tanner  
**Year 11:** Tymeeka Brown  
**Year 12:** Racheal Clark, Lewis Maclean, Kain Pollard and Tayla Shepherd  

Ms Deb Quinn

WORLD CHALLENGE LAUNCH MEETING

A meeting will be held at James Fallon High School on Thursday 9th May from 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

This meeting is for all Yr 9 students who have already signed up and for those still interested but have not committed.

It will be a chance to meet our Program Facilitator - Jonathon Campbell.

Jonathon will introduce the pre-departure program and go through the destination options in detail. It’s also a great chance for him to assist in any fundraising ventures the students may want to run. In addition to this, he will take students through their personalised website, do some teamwork and communication building and generally address all the questions students may have at this point.

If students still wish to sign up to this program but have not as yet completed the application process, please see Mr Morrison for details and forms.

All students were given an envelope in roll call this week for the annual donation drive for Stewart House.

Stewart House provides programs and opportunities for children who are in need of a break from their everyday life due to difficult circumstances. Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle. Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the childrens’ stay are met from charitable donations.

Thank you for your support.

TENNIS 2013

The first three rounds of CHS tennis were played at the Albury Grass Courts. Both girls and boys had a first round bye as they had done so well in 2012.

The second round saw the girls defeat James Fallon High School while the boys easily accounted for Corowa. Round three saw a very close tussle for the girls, with Billabong High just winning 3-3 (sets) and 32-25 (games). The boys had another easy game against Billabong 8-10.

Congratulations to the girls on such a competitive effort. Eloise Maddox, Rachel Koschitzke and Sarah Rowe, all from year 11 along with Mahnee Prizibilla and Kiersti Martin of year 8 showed great sportsmanship on the day. Hopefully a win next year.

The boys who included Aaron Bruest, Nathan Scott and Zac Smith of year 11, Liam O’Neill and Nick Brown of year 9 and Ash Wertz of year 7 now move on to the Riverina finals rounds in May, to be held in Wagga. Good luck to a strong team, who hope to emulate the success of 2012 in becoming Riverina Champions.
CHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Between the 4th and 6th of April, Harry Duck, Emily Evans, Natasha Fenton, Samara Jackson, Grace Mitchell and Catherine Pratt competed in individual events in the CHS swimming at the Homebush Olympic stadium. The 12, 13, 15 girls relay teams and the open Girls Medley relay team also competed. The competition in Sydney is very tough, with many races being decided by fractions of seconds. To be able to get through to these championships is something the competitors should be very proud of and congratulated for.

Most students swam personal bests and came away satisfied with their times. There were some excellent results with Harry Duck, Samara Jackson and the girls 15 relay team all making the finals. Some of the relay girls were surprised by their success, having to suddenly change flight times back to Albury to compete a few hours later in the final.

There were also some hard luck stories, with Mikaela Clemson being injured prior to the event and unable to attend, having been listed for 8 different events. The under 13’s were also unlucky being selected for an invitational final, however, not all of the team could remain for it, so they had to withdraw.

Many thanks also to the parents who took the time and effort to get their children and others to this carnival as well as the carnival in Leeton. Without your efforts, they would not be able to enjoy these opportunities.

GRAPEVINE SPORT REPORT

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Term 2 sport started this Wednesday. Students in Years 8-11 have a large number of sports to select from. Students in Year 7 will rotate around a variety of no cost sports this term.

Travel to sport either includes walking under the supervision of staff or travel by bus at a cost of $4.00.

Sport starts at either 1.10pm or 1.30pm depending on the travel and sport requirements.

Sport finishes at 3.10pm at school. Students are not permitted to bring a note and leave directly from the venue. Students are allowed to leave school at 3.10pm on sport day. Those students who travel by bus to school are supervised in the bus shelter until their bus leaves.

There is a room provided at school for students who are injured or ill on a sport day. Students need to bring a note from home explaining the reason for attendance in the Non Sport room.

Albury High School encourages students and parents not to make appointments during sport time.

Any student who leaves the school on sport afternoon without signing out of the front office, will receive an after school detention. Your support is appreciated in this area.

If you have any questions regarding sport, feel free to phone the school and ask to speak to one of the Sport Coordinators.

Mrs Carolyn Ratcliffe and Mr Tim Sanson
Albury High School Sport Coordinators
SHARE AND BE AWARE

Albury is served by a network of on-road and off-road trails and pathways providing cyclists and walkers with a safe and enjoyable means of exploring the city and its surrounds. There are over 40 kilometres of interlinked pathways and most trails are flat, shared pathways that you can walk or cycle along with ease.

The recently constructed paths are indicated in the latest Albury Trails Guide. This guide features maps showing all of the trails. The Albury Trails Guide is available from Albury City Council and all Albury Bicycle stores.

When sharing a cycleway it’s important to:
- Stick to the left, ring your bell and/or call “passing on the right” when wanting to overtake.
- Pass at a safe speed and be mindful that the paths are used by cyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities.
- When walking a dog keep your dog on a leash and only let it off its leash if it is a designated AlburyCity off leash area.

Tips for safe cycling
- Be mindful that roads are shared by motorists, cyclists and pedestrians and everyone needs to be aware.
- When exiting your vehicle, check for cyclists who may be cycling along the road or in a designated cycle lane.

Start pedalling and be sure to grab your guide to help you explore our beautiful city!

A message from AlburyCity’s Road Safety Officer.

FALCONS HOCKEY CLUB

Season has started, registrations still open: New players welcome.
New u9 teams in 2013- school age boys & girls
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WEEKS 2 & 3 COMING EVENTS

Wednesday May 8 AHS Cross Country
Friday May 10 Year 11 Study Day @ La Trobe
Tuesday May 14 NAPLAN for Years 7 & 9 (Language/Writing)
Wednesday May 15 NAPLAN for Years 7 & 9 (Reading)
Thursday May 16 NAPLAN for Years 7 & 9 (Numeracy)

WEEKS 2 & 3 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.