PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Albury High School prides itself on its welfare practices and caring for all students. We have a strong sense of values and believe in our three core values of Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation. As part of our local community we understand that from time to time issues and practices from that community will enter the school and may impact on our students. When these events occur we make no apology for following Department and school policies to ensure the safety of students and staff. When help is needed we rise to the fore. Recently the school community pulled together to provide support for a family who lost everything in a fire, there were many donations from staff and students and this fills me with a great sense of pride, both in the actions of our community and its inherent strength. We go to great lengths to foster this spirit within our school. Students often volunteer for fund raising and community events such as the Red Shield Appeal, Carevan and other events. Our Year 12 cohort will sleep rough at the end of the term to raise funds for their local charity. We are rightly a strong and proud comprehensive public high school. You can follow the success of students where we highlight as many as we can through our twitter account @Albury_High.

The school is currently implementing a program called the Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership. This will see us focus on Reading and Comprehension skills of all students, but especially those in Year 7 and 8. A number of staff will be trained as mentors/coaches and there will be a strong focus on literacy strategies and professional learning.

Linked to this is the work we are doing on implementing the Australian Curriculum. As part of this we will be having (as I reported earlier) a Staff Development Day on the last day of term, the 28th June. On this day our community of schools will meet to look at how we can improve our practices together with a distinct emphasis on working collaboratively on the new K-10 curriculum scheduled for implementation next year. Also on this day we will formalise our relationships by announcing our learning community. The schools involved are Albury Public School, Howlong Public School, West Albury Public School and ourselves. We intend to have an official launch in Education Week next term. Our community will use the name ‘Crossing Point’, this is in relation to the transition of Year 6 students into High School, as well as a historical reference to where the inscribed tree by Hume and Hovell become a popular crossing place of the Murray River. The second part of our name is ‘Creating our Future’, a reference to the fact that the students we work with are indeed the most important resource of our country who are and will continue to shape it. We hope to work with parents to give students every chance to reach their full potential.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

ALBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL OF P&C
The next General Meeting of the Albury District Council of P&C will be held at 7.30pm, Thursday 27th June, at James Fallon High School, Glenly St. North Albury.

We invite P&C members, parents, canteen supervisors and volunteers and committee members to our meeting. As part of our meeting we will have several canteen representatives sharing some of the positive attributes of their school canteen operations. A light supper is provided and an excellent chance to network and share ideas. For more information and to assist with planning please contact Donna Davidson on 6021 0103.

P&C MEETING
The Albury High School P&C will meet on Tuesday 18th June at 7.15pm in the Staff Common Room.
PARENT TEACHER NIGHTS
Parent Teacher Nights are currently being held. The following schedule has been organised. Times are from 5:00pm – 7.30pm. We are trialling an earlier time to allow parents to organise their interview times after work. This time block will apply to the year 7-10 evenings.

The Parent/Teacher evenings 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

The standard organisation for these evenings is:

1. Reports are distributed to students a week prior to the evening.
2. Appointment booking information is sent to parents 2 weeks prior.
3. The website for bookings is usually open for bookings 2 weeks prior to the evening.

Letters have been sent to parents of year 10 and year 8 students already. Year 9 parents will be sent a letter in the last week of term and bookings will be open through the holiday period as that evening is in week 2 of term 3. Year 7 parents will be notified next term on the organisation for their evening.

Please take the opportunity to participate in the parent teacher interviews.

Book by following this link

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal - Seniors

CAREERS
Last week students attended the CSU MyDay in Education at Thurgoona.

**Wednesday 19th June**

Year 12 students have the opportunity to attend the Tertiary Session at 9.00am at the Albury Convention Centre. This is an opportunity for students to talk to University representatives from NSW, Victoria, Canberra, UAC, VTAC, Defence Recruiting, Centrelink, private providers and TAFE’s.

Representatives travel from the various universities (roughly 45 from around the states) and give information on courses, pathways, scholarships, accommodation, etc. At this stage, 10 Year 12 students are attending. If you still wish to attend, a note has to be returned to Mrs Madden.

**Friday 21st June**

Students are attending the La Trobe University Experience. This allows them to attend lectures in their field of interest to find out if this is really what they want to do.

**Tuesday 25th June**

The Community Health and Nursing CSU MyDay. We have a number of students taking up this opportunity to ensure they are making the right choice.

**Thursday 18th July**

CSU/LaTROBE/TAFEs will be in the school library at 9.15am for a joint presentation on courses, pathways and scholarships. This will be open to Year 11 and 12 students.

**Tuesday 23rd July**

Years 10, 11 and 12 students interested in finding information on apprenticeships and Traineeships are invited to attend a guest presentation during period 4 in the school library.

**Thursday 17th October**

Army Careers Day will be open to Year 10 students interested in a Career in the Defence Forces. This is a hands on day allowing students to gain first-hand information about the Defence jobs. A list is in the Careers room for interested students to place their name.

Retro Youth Café - Youth Magazine VENT
On each Tuesday afternoon after school in 2012, Rachel Travers, Lachlan Hawkins and Brooke Dillon would meet up at the Café to have discussions based on youth problems and interests. Participants then created at least one article for the VENT magazine based around the group discussions. The Albury City council provided the students with a budget to put towards creating the magazines. The students were recognised for their volunteering by the council with these Certificates of Appreciation which were presented on assembly this week. Rachel remarked, “It was great seeing how we were all volunteering but ended up getting rewarded for our good work. If you get the chance to do it, don’t hesitate.”

Mr Damian Toohey
Deputy Principal - Juniors

Mrs Dian Madden
Careers Adviser
YEAR 10 AGRICULTURE REPORT
On Friday 7th June, 14 Year 10 Agriculture students ventured to the North Wagga TAFE Campus (Primary Industries Centre) to participate in some workshops. These workshops were designed to give the students a "taste" of some of the practical skills that the Certificate in Agriculture Courses offers. There were 5 different workshops based on Agricultural and Horticultural skills and included:

1. Sheep handling - in this workshop students learnt how to drench, mark for identification and move sheep within the yard system.

2. ATV training - in this workshop students had an opportunity to drive ATVs (4 and 2 wheeler motorbikes) correctly and safely.

3. Wool handling - students observed wool as it was moved through the shearing shed and had an opportunity to move wool bales.

4. Fencing - in this workshop, students gained hands on experience in tying off wire and joining 2 pieces for effective stock containment.

5. Landscaping - Students got to prepare and lay pavers to a job specification. This involved levelling and screeding the sand base and then laying the pavers in the correct way.

All students had a great time and were exposed to skills which are sometimes difficult to complete at school. It assists the students in achieving their 50% compulsory component of practical skills that is required by the syllabus. Hopefully it also exposes the students to the range of different and interesting skills that they can obtain in the field of Agriculture which may inspire them to look at Agriculture as a future career. All students participated to an exceptional standard and represented AHS extremely well. Great job Year 10 Ag!

Mrs Tracey Lee
Ag/Science Teacher

GENERATE
The Year 11 Drama group made a stunning debut on the stage at Hothouse Theatre on Wednesday 5th June in the Shakespeare Festival.

The setting was the school yard and they showed that Shakespeare is as relevant today as ever. Outstanding performances were created by students who, only 2 months earlier, had been reticent to engage with the texts. Now we have converts!

From the opening fight scene of Romeo and Juliet with Lauren, Elissa, Anna and Brennan to the closing scene of Macbeth there were stand out performances. Juway and Katie as Petruchio and Katerina; Meg and Brennan as Romeo and Juliet; Jaidyn and Lewis as Iago and Othello and Dylan and Paige Fitzpatrick Boyd as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth were all riveting to watch. A comedic scene from Midsummer Night's Dream with Kalen, Sian, Paige Coombe and Kristen was hilarious.

Congratulations to all students on your professionalism and skill. Entertainment value - 5 stars!!

Ms Margie Gleeson
HT CAPA
DRAMATIC MINDS

The Dramatic Minds Drama Festival will be on 27th June at Hothouse Theatre. This festival seeks to explore issues of youth mental health through creative methods. Five local high schools are performing.

A group of 15 from years 8, 9 and 10 will represent Albury High School at both the Matinee at 11.00 am and the evening performance at 7.00 pm. Tickets are $5 for the evening and Ms Gleeson has 25 to sell.

Our performance is called ‘Connections’ and investigates anxiety in a student. The group have used a variety of theatrical techniques, movement, games and music to create a wonderful and touching performance.

Not to be missed!

Ms Margie Gleeson
HT CAPA

YEAR 12 CHARITY

The Year 12 Charity this year is Broughton House, a subgroup of YES (Youth Emergency Services) Youth and Family Services. Broughton House provides crisis accommodation for 15-18 year olds who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness. As well as accommodation, they also provide trained staff who work with the young people to either return home, or to find safe and stable independent accommodation.

We selected this charity, as we felt it was relevant to us and other students in the school. We have since learnt of the serious impact and sizeable nature of youth homelessness in the local area. There is more demand for this facility than can be catered to and we hope to be able to help them in the expansion of the refuge. To do this we have planned three major fundraising events.

1. On Thursday June 20th, at lunchtime, there will be a bake sale near the canteen. Delicious home baked goods provided by Year 12 students, so bring some change!
2. On Thursday June 27th (last day of term), there will be a trivia night held in the school hall at 6.30pm, for a 7.00pm start. There will be tables of up to 10 people and tickets can be purchased at the school office or in rollcall. Tea, coffee and baked goods will be on sale, as well as raffles throughout the night. All are welcome, bring along your friends and family for a great night of trivia and the chance to win some epic prizes!
3. After the trivia night, a group of year 12 students and teachers will be sleeping overnight in the school grounds. We hope to raise awareness and gain some insight into the difficulties that homelessness creates.

Your support will be greatly appreciated by Year 12 students and Broughton House. We will also be continuing our effort with ‘Loose Change Fridays’ and wish to thank everyone for their support already given.

Year 12 Charity Committee

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The back-up date for school photographs will be on Thursday 20th June from 12.30pm until 2.00pm in the Canteen area of the Hall. All monies must be paid on or before this date if not already submitted.

RED SHIELD APPEAL

The following students received certificates during assembly this week for assisting with the Red Shield Appeal: Austin Crawley, Georgia Seton, Alison Smits, Meg Deanshaw, Maddison Shaw, Erin McDonald, Sally Jenkins, Sarah Rowe, Courtney Ellis, Isobella Stuart, Emily McIntosh, Taylah Hartnett, Jasmine Hartnett and Maria Ivan. Thank you for your wonderful efforts in supporting the community.

NSW U15 ALL SCHOOLS AUSTRALIAN RULES CARNIVAL - BROKEN HILL

The NSW All Schools Australian Rules Carnival was held in Broken Hill during week 6. Four students from Albury High School were selected to attend, representing Riverina Murray Greys. These students were; Max Lynch, Blake Williams, Julian Hayes and Tyler Pinkney. After a long drive dodging all sorts of wildlife, the team assembled in The Silver City.

After taking all before them in their pool, the team were crowned NSW CHS champions. They then played off against CCC North for a spot in the Final. This was a very tough encounter but the side ran out 3 goal winners and saw them reach the Grand Final.

The Grand Final was played against NSW Independent School after they smashed everyone they played throughout the carnival. The team went in as massive underdogs but showed great character to stay with the more fancied Independents. In the end a couple of late goals to the opposition saw us defeated by 2 goals. This was a great effort by The Riverina Murray Greys.

Congratulations to Blake Williams (Year 10) who gained selection into the NSW CHS Merit side.

Mr Adam DeMamiel
Riverina Murray Greys Team Manager
JUNIOR GIRLS’ FOOTBALL GALA DAY 2013

On Friday 17th May, the Junior Girls’ Football Gala Day 2013 was held at Sarvaas Park. Our team, predominantly made up of Year 7’s and a handful of Year 8’s, were keen and gunning for the day.

Our first game was against James Fallon. The girls came out firing and considering that we had never played before, their skills were magic. Goals were scored by Gracie Wilson-Cooper and Shania Jones (1 each) and Mikaela Moncrieff (2). JFHS were soundly beat. Best on ground was Mikaela Moncrieff.

Game 2 was against the team from the “creek”, Billabong High School. This was more evenly contested with the AHS girls getting a taste of their own medicine. Goals were scored by Chelsea Blisssett (2) and Hannah Pitcher-Murphy (1) Although we battled hard in the second half, we went down to BHS. Best on ground was Macy Watson in her second half appearance.

Our 3rd pool match was against the old enemy Murray High. A very physical game as there were some exceptionally hard (but legal) tackles. No goals were scored by either team. There was a dispute over the final score, but we let the Murray High goal umpire have his say and the final score was 3 behinds each (we had it down as 3-2 our way!). This final score meant that we did not make it to the finals. Best on ground was Gracie Wilson-Cooper.

A medal was made available for the coach to hand out to a student for their overall efforts of the day. This Coach’s Award was awarded to Chelsea Blisssett who was quick, agile and played a key position in the centre.

All in all, the girls played hard, behaved well and made the coach very proud. Well done girls and I look forward to next year!

Mrs Tracey "Malthouse" Lee
Coach

BOYS’ HOCKEY

Congratulations to the Boys’ Hockey Team!!!

They recently played rounds 1 and 2 of the CHS knockout.

In the first game they were successful in defeating Corowa High 9 – 0. Goal scorers were Ben Hooppell 4, Zac Kraich 1, Lachlan Goss 1, Arun Poudyel 1, Nathan Lee 1 and Jamin Barrett 1. This game saw the emergence of a number of our rising young stars. They demonstrated that they were up to the task by keeping strong possession of the ball and accurate passing. Subash Poudyel played well in goals and has been given the nod by Ben Hooppell as his successor next year.

The second game was against Murray High. In this game the boys were up against an attacking and skillful Murray team that contained a couple of Riverina reps.

AHS created many opportunities to score early in the game and quickly found themselves up 3 - 0. Some excellent finishing from Jamin Barrett and Michael Wright had Murray on the back foot at half time.

Murray came out much more positive at half time; our young guns worked hard but Murray pushed hard and dominated possession equalizing with 15 min to go. Only the superb reflexes of Ben Hooppell and strong defense of Patrick Brown and Zac Kraich kept the Murray boys from slotting a few more.

After some changes to our forward line, the boys settled down and played much more positive hockey, sticking to our system and eventually the winning goals came from a flash of brilliance from Michael (you should see my chest) Wright and Man of the Match Jamin Barrett. Final Score AHS 5 – MHS 3.

Team for the day was Ben Hooppell (12), Ryen Versteegen (12), Jamin Barrett (12), Michael Wright (12), Nick Rennie (11), Patrick Brown (10), Zac Kraich (10), Nathan Lee (9), Andrew Nixon (8), Nathan Mynett (8), Arun Poudyel (8), Subash Poudyel (8), Oscar Smart (7), Oscar Delmenico (7), Lachlan Goss (7) and Mitchell Nash (7).

Congratulations must also go to Ben Hooppell, Patrick Brown and Andrew Nixon who have returned from competing in the State CHS carnival in Sydney for the Riverina team. Ben Hooppell was selected for the State Open team from this carnival for the 2nd year in a row. Well done, Ben.

Mr Stuart Morrison
Coach

TENNIS REPORT

Last week the AHS boys Tennis team went to Wagga for the Riverina finals of the Stan Jones Cup. They beat Wagga High in the semi-final 6 sets to 2 (45 games - 22) and went on to defeat Temora High in the final 7 sets - 1 (45 games - 17). Congratulations to Aaron Breust, Nathan Scott and Zac Smith (Year 11), Nick Brown and Liam O’Neill (Year 9) and Ashley Wurtz (Year 7) on becoming Riverina Champions for 2013.

Mrs Marita Harriss

13th June 2013
BOYS’ SQUASH

After defeating Murray High comfortably last term and a series of forfeits from other schools, the AHS team went to Wagga last Thursday to play Cootamundra and Leeton to decide the Riverina Champions.

Our number 3 and 4, Nathan Scott and Mark Timmermans from the first round win, were unavailable. At the last minute Captain Courageous – Jack Percy and Mr. Versatility – Ryen Versteegen jumped at the chance for a road trip to Wagga and the opportunity to improve on their hand - eye coordination and footwork.

Number 1 and team leader Daniel Joosten and his trusty number 2 Tom Reid, knew they would have to bring their big game if we were to have a chance. The nerves were showing all the way to Wagga; Daniel didn’t pause for breath as he kept us enthralled with his knowledge of all things motor and non-motor. Reidy was a picture of focus - or was he just blocking the noise? - whilst Ryan and Jack brought a new meaning to travel conversation as they reverted to texting each other from the front to the back of the Tarago.

Our first game was against Cootamundra High, who earlier in the morning defeated Leeton in a close battle. Jack was defeated 3-0, Ryan 4-1, Tom had a victory as number 2, 3-0, Daniel came up against a quality opponent, although he went down 3-0, each game was fought down to the wire, with many tight rallies and excellent returns of serve.

Leeton High, fresh from a rest after their loss to Coota, provided another series of close and hard fought matches. Unfortunately the results were the same as in the games against Coota.

All 4 boys should be congratulated on their sportsmanship and level of effort and tenacity they showed on the day. After a trip to that gastronomic feast that is Maccas, we drove home in the rain, re-living missed opportunities and analysing Daniel’s close-wall game.

Thanks boys for a great day out and well played. We wish Daniel Joosten all the best as he represents Riverina at the end of the month in Newcastle at the State Champs.

Mr Stuart Morrison
Coach/Mentor/Counsellor

FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS

Looking for something fun to book your children into these school holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics has some exciting programs on offer these holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a two hour structured gymnastics program where children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We offer a sprung floor, in ground trampoline and foam pit as well as balance beams and swinging bars. We are also offering trampoline workshops and cheer leading workshops which give children aged 5 - 16 years a great introduction to both of these sports.

Bookings are essential.

For more information on prices and times please call us on (02) 6041 1127.

WEEKS 8 & 9 AND WEEK 1 TERM 3  CANTENE

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.

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