PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to this term. There have been many highlights and our students have been heavily involved in the community. We have enjoyed academic, sporting and cultural successes through the hard work of teacher, students, parents and community in partnership. Thankyou for your support of Albury High School.

On Tuesday a small team of key welfare personel worked with the Head Space organisation on strategies for mental health and school wellbeing. As a result we will improve our web site to give more supportive information for parents, staff and students as well as delivering some more information sessions to follow on from first terms session on adolescent mental health for parents. This will include a session for parents of Year 12 as they head into the busy and often stressful exam and HSC periods. This was a very worth while exercise that helps ensure our school is focused not just on academic excellence but also social and mental well being of all.

This Friday is a pupil free day and the Staff Development Day will include teachers from all of our community schools. The first day of Term 3, 15th July is also a pupil free day and faculties will work on programs. A highlight of the day will be a 2 hour presentation for all staff on student Mental Health and Resilience by Head Space. I hope you enjoy the break and I look forward to working closely with you in Term 3.

Congratulations to:
  - Amy Peters (ex-student 2008) for her selection in the Open Women’s Sprint Squad for Kayaking at the World Championships to be held at Dusseldorf, Germany in August. Also for her selection in the World U23 Championships in the K4 section to be held in Canada.

ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL P&C Notice of Motion to be voted on at July meeting.
“P&C to assist with the cost of Greg’s shed to the value of $4,000.00”

AHS PIERRE DE COURBERTIN AWARD WINNER

Every year the Australian Olympic Committee offers each school the opportunity to nominate ONE student for the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin Award. Nominated students are active participants in sport and demonstrate the Olympic ideals of fair play and sportsmanship. Albury High School had some excellent candidates for this award. At the end of the selection process, Catherine Pratt was named the well-deserved recipient. Catherine has been heavily involved in Water Polo at school since 2008, with subsequent selection in state teams. She has also made good contributions in Hockey and Swimming during her years at AHS. Catherine attended a ceremony in Canberra last Friday to receive her award.

Congratulations, Cat!

Mr Greg King
Head Teacher PDHPE
ATTENDANCE - IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY
The way you train is the way you play; if you miss training or train poorly then you will perform below your potential. Attending classes and applying yourself well, follow the exact same principles.

Developing gaps in a student's knowledge base severely restricts both his/her understanding and progress. It is difficult enough to make up lost ground when a student is genuinely ill, but verging on impossible when away for unjustifiable reasons. Such condoned absences also show a state of mind that places a low value on a student's education.

The days of starting at the bottom of an organization and working your way up are virtually gone. Entry for most jobs/careers relies on a certain level of education and both the willingness and capacity to pursue further training.

Parent condoned absences are eroding students' chances; let's stop the rot.

Should you require support in saying NO to your son/daughter in regard to any absences other than illness, please contact his/her Student Adviser immediately.

Let's all work together to make a difference to your child's future.

"BE ON TIME, BE AT SCHOOL, THAT'S THE RULE!"

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal Seniors

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 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.

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.

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal – Seniors

MEDALLIONS
A large contingent of Year 8 to 12 students were awarded medallions as part of our merit program on Assembly last week.

47 students were awarded bronze medallions, having received 36 individual merit awards. The recipients were:-


Seven students were awarded silver medallions having received 72 individual merit awards. The recipients were:-

Year 11: Austin Crawley, India Fuller, Brianna Harris, Lauren McIntosh and Elise Veneris Year 12: Sammy Delmenico and Tom Duck.

Dylan Harris, Year 11, was awarded a gold medallion, having received 108 individual merit awards. This is an outstanding achievement; the first time a student has received this accolade in a Year other than Year 12.

Congratulations to all those students involved.

Mrs Deb Quinn
Head Teacher Welfare

NAIDOC WEEK AT AHS
The final week of Term 2 was spent celebrating NAIDOC Week at Albury High School. Whilst a week of events is celebrated nationally during the holidays in early July, staff, students and community focused our last week on Aboriginal cultures and history.

On Tuesday our school assembly featured a full focus on the NAIDOC theme of 2013. Lajamanau Lacey-Bird of Year 9 and James Mitchelhill of Year 11 were our chair people. They spoke on the meaning of NAIDOC Week and about the Yirrkala bark paintings, which are central to the theme for 2013. Lajamanau gave a ‘Welcome To Country’ and, together with James introduced Benji Davidson, our guest didgeridoo player and dancer, as well as the musical item for the day which featured Luke Caton (a Year 11 Aboriginal student) on drums.

Throughout the week, we have been conducting an Aboriginal art competition involving Years 7 and 8 students and elective Visual Arts students.

The highlight of the week will be our Aboriginal students and community BBQ – together with bush tucker – to be held on Thursday.

Mr David Hobson
Head Teacher Administration
GERMAN BREAKFAST
On the 20th June, Class 8B were treated to a typical traditional German Breakfast. They have been studying German since the beginning of the year and the last topic was Das Frühstück (The Breakfast). They have learnt how to say “I would like an Apple”, “I will take a Bread-roll with Cheese and Salami”. As a reward the breakfast was offered. All students participated and enjoyed the differences between Australian Breakfast and German Breakfast. The students have also been learning about some of the cultural differences between the two countries, and as it was close to the end of the Term, enjoyed this speciality. Good luck with your new language classes next Term!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Rain was predicted, but the brave decision to hold the AHS Athletics Carnival on 20th May paid off. Despite the few showers that did pass over Alexandra Park, student participation and the competition were fantastic. All those who involved themselves on the day are to be commended on their efforts and willingness to ‘have a go’ in the cool conditions.

House Results:
1st Mitchell 1282 points
2nd Hume 1250 points
3rd Hovell 1099 points
4th Murray 949 points

Age Champions:
12 years April Pinkney Tobi Gilmour
13 years Chelsea Blissett Rhys King
14 years Kara Gratton Jessy Shipard
15 years Laura Roberts Liam Murtagh-Fraser
16 years Jessie Nixon Darcy Locke
17+ years Lucy Smith Kristian Cary

New Records:
12 years Long Jump Tobi Gilmour 4.37m (old record held by S Cremer 4.3m (1994))
12 years Discus Sam Seton 24.76m (old record held by L Evans 24.42m (1991))
13 years Discus Annie Lefoe 23.52m (old record held by J Locke 22.92 (2007))
13 years High Jump Tim Miles 1.51m (equalled old record held by M Hortle (1997))
14 years 100m Bronson Meehan 12.20sec (old record held by S Perry 12.22s (1995))
16 years 800m Maddison Shaw 2.29.99 min (old record held by R Keat 2.35.74 min (1994))
17 years Discus Lucy Smith 27.3m (old record held by A Cary 25.3m (2006))

Albury High School Gift:
Bronson Meehan won this prestigious event for the 2nd year in a row an outstanding result, especially since he was nearly starting from scratch position this year.

Mr Greg King
Head Teacher, PDHPE
ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The forecast rain did cause this carnival to be rescheduled to 7th June. It was initially cold and wet, but our
team of athletes enthusiastically competed against their rival zone competitors. It was good to see individuals
willing to step in where we had gaps in events due to the change of day and sickness/injury. Their commitment
helped earn valuable points for our school team and resulted in an emphatic victory to Albury High School.

Age Champions:
Champions were well distributed across all Zone High Schools with AHS students successful in four age
categories:

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A zone record was set by Ben Hooppell in the 17 years Discus with a throw of 37.62 metres. Well done!

Congratulations to all of our competitors in both carnivals. Based on their strong performance(s), a number of
students have successfully gained selection to represent Albury HS and the Albury Zone at the Riverina Athletics
Carnival, to be held at Alexandra Park on Friday, 26th July. Students should check the list on the sport
noticeboard to see if this includes them, and if so, collect a
permission note from Mr King in the PDHPE Staffroom.

Mr Greg King
Head Teacher, PDHPE