PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Congratulations to:

- Isabella Claxton, year 9, on her selection into the Boomers FC senior women’s team for this weekends AWFA women’s Grand Final. Isabella will also be playing in the Under 14 Boys Grand Final to be held at Jelbart Park on Sunday. In December Isabella will travel to Fiji to play against teams from New Zealand, Fiji & Samoa.

I would like to welcome two La Trobe University Students who will be working in the school in the field of Social Work. They will help the school develop resources in identified areas of need. As part of their role they will link with our community and parents to establish the needs or areas for action. So if you get a survey or call from them please assist us in making Albury High School a great place to attend. This program is part of our efforts to form worthwhile and mutually beneficial relationships with local universities. Next term we will have four speech pathology students placed here from Charles Sturt University to work with students.

BOS Information
This week students in Years 10 and 11 (if not already activated) have received an email from the Board of Studies (BOS) asking them to activate Students Online which is a website designed for Senior Students. Grades for years 10, 11 and HSC results are released from schools online.

It was with great pleasure that I read Fridays paper and in particular the article about the Rock & Water program at Dellacourt Nursing Home. The work of students and staff is a credit to themselves and the school and I would like to acknowledge this publicly. Similarly the work done by students volunteering with the ‘Know your Gizmo’ program at Age Concern was excellent and we look forward to a new program next term.

A final word for Year 12; there is no substitute for hard work and it’s never too late to learn. Good luck with the study over the upcoming holidays.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

CHANGE TO ASSESSMENT POLICY AHS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS
Albury High School will be making a change to its assessment booklet and practice, effective for the current Year 11 cohort moving into the HSC for 2014 and all future Year 11 and 12 students. It has been our practice to subtract 20% per day for late tasks, whereby after 5 days a mark of zero is awarded. Students still need to submit tasks to meet course outcomes and Board of Studies (BOS) requirements. From Term 4 2013 all late tasks will now automatically be awarded zero marks. Tasks will still need to be completed to meet BOS requirements and to meet course outcomes. This moves us into alignment with BOS policies.

The AHS assessment booklet is issued to each student and available from our website. The new procedures and expected submission times will be spelt out in this book. For large cohort subjects, such as English, the submission time is normally in class time and this is highlighted in the task material when handed out.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Statements for student fees have been posted to families this week. School contributions are maintained at low levels. They consist of a voluntary school general contribution and subject contributions. The subject contributions cover equipment, materials and textbooks for use by students for their elective subjects. The voluntary contribution includes a school magazine which will be distributed in Term 4. We would appreciate prompt payment of these fees to assist the faculties to cover costs. We thank those families who have already paid school contributions in 2013.

Upcoming excursions may be listed on these statements, however they may not be due for payment now and are included for your information only. If you have paid for fees and excursions over the last week they may still be listed but please disregard as printing of statements was carried out last week.

Francis Tilbrook
School Administration Manager
SIGN OUT NOTES
It is becoming apparent that a number of students are signing out on Wednesday to avoid compulsory school sport. When providing a note to the school, you must state the reason why you are signing a student out, with the appointment time and venue. The note should contain a contact number of the parent who is writing and signing the note and the parent's signature. Sports organisers and executive teachers will be calling these numbers during sport.

As schooling is compulsory we hope that appointments are made out of school time, but we also understand that this is sometimes not possible. A condition of this is that students will attend appointments and then either return to school or go to their place of residence. Heading down to the centre of town to "hang out" or going to places like the skate park is not acceptable.

The absence from school for an appointment is only approved by the Principal for that appointment.

On a Wednesday if your child has a note to sign out and will be returning before school ends, they must go to the Deputy Principal in the morning to have it authorised and then to the office to organise their sign out note. They must not leave it until recess as this is a very busy time. In recent weeks students have missed appointments due to the fact they have had to wait in long queues to get their sign out notes. If students are signing out and not attending sport due to an appointment, they must see the Sports Organisers in the PE staffroom at recess.

Mr Damian Toohey
Deputy Principal - Juniors

SUCCESS AT ALBURY EI
STEDDFOD

Ruxi Geng Piano
13/14 years Piano
1st Baroque
1st Classical
1st Romantic
1st 20th/21st century
1st Own Choice
1st Junior Chopin Piano Solo
13/14 aggregate winner; Intermediate Championship winner.

Studio B Trophy for best all round piano.

Peter Haddow Trophy for best instrumentalist 14 years and under.

Jean Belt Memorial for most promising pianist
Ruth Whyte Trophy 13/14 years Piano

Katja Jorgensen Flute
2nd Australian Composer
1st Classical
1st Romantic
2nd 20th/21st Century
1st Own Choice
3rd Own Composition
1st 16yrs and under sibling duo
15/16 years aggregate winner.

Rotary Club of North Albury Trophy for 15/16 year old instrumentalist.
Ruth Whyte Trophy 15/16 years Woodwind

KNOW YOUR GIZMO
Secondary students assist older residents in the use of smart phones, tablets, Facebook and Twitter!
An innovative volunteer project developed successfully in Albury is set to expand across NSW thanks to a new collaboration between the Office of Communities and the Albury Wodonga Volunteer Resource Bureau.

The ‘Know Your Gizmo’ project saw Albury High School students volunteering to spend time with older residents to familiarise them with using smart phones and tablets and social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter.

Office of Communities CEO, Donna Rygate, said the program has been such a success that NSW Volunteering is now providing a ‘Know Your Gizmo Project Pack’ on its website. Anyone within the State can now run the well received program within their own community.

“Here in Albury, 14 Year Ten students from Albury High School received training on volunteering and communicating with older people, organised by the Albury Wodonga Volunteer Resource Bureau,” she said.

“Forty-eight older residents then worked with the teenagers over a series of eight weeks to develop their confidence and expertise in using smart phones, tablets, GPS, laptops, digital cameras and digital music devices.”

Feedback from students included:

“All elder participants helped us feel like our opinion was valued” and “another highlight was the pride you felt from helping people with the everyday objects.”

Feedback from the senior participants included:

“The students coped very well with our lack of knowledge and endless questions!” and “I really enjoyed the students’ commitment, help and knowledge.”

The highly successful program was originally developed by the Albury Wodonga Volunteer Resource Bureau with grant support provided by the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network limited (ACCAN).

Narelle Clark ACCAN Director of Operations said ‘Know Your Gizmo’ has been their most successful project.

“There is something special and incredibly powerful about watching teenagers pass on knowledge to an older generation.

“Even more special was watching both groups gain confidence and develop such strong bonds and respect that went each way. I’m really excited to see it propagate further!”

Proud Member of Crossing Point Learning Community ‘Creating our Future’
WHITE BALLOON DAY
White Balloon Day is an event held during Child Protection Week to raise awareness about child sexual assault and to help empower survivors to break their silence.

Eleven of our Year 10 students assisted Mandy Wilson, the Youth Development Officer from Albury City Council, with fundraising activities as part of White Balloon Day. They visited local businesses and distributed balloons on Tuesday 3rd September.

Congratulations to all those students who volunteered their time to be part of the day. Their efforts and behaviour were described as ‘exemplary’ by Mandy Wilson. Students involved were Brianna Clark, Rui Huang, Sally Jenkins, Claudia Grenfell-Uijland, Erin Macdonald, Ebony Nugent, Erin Pollard, Logan Reid, Rachel Rituper, Georgia Seton and Mica Torre.

Ms Deb Quinn
Head Teacher Welfare

P&C SOCIAL MOVIE NIGHT
The P&C will be holding a Social Movie Night, on Friday, 11th October. We are inviting staff, parents and P&C members to come along for a night of friendly chat, finger food, drinks and a movie. The movie is “GRAVITY” starring George Clooney and Sandra Bullock.
Time: 6.00pm for movie at 7.00pm
Tickets are available to purchase from the School Office (from Monday 2nd Sept) Cost $20, which will cover movie and finger food. Drinks available to purchase.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
On the 22nd August we travelled to Sydney to participate in the Secondary Schools’ Student Leadership Program for School Captains. The program aims to provide an opportunity to develop students knowledge of constitutional and parliamentary proceedings and the role of the governor.

We began at the New South Wales parliament house with an address from a variety of Members of Parliament and the NSW Minister for Education. They discussed their responsibilities within the parliament and the variety of functions they attend. This was followed by a view of proceedings in both the Legislative Assembly Chamber and the Legislative Council Chamber. Our member for Albury, Greg Aplin, also showed us the media room and the views from both his office and the roof of parliament house.

Once the service was completed, Father Peter invited everyone to attend a morning tea in the church grounds. Mr Ward introduced us to The Governor who spoke very highly, of not only the young people present, but also about her belief in our entire generation. Her kind words were priceless, instilling in us a belief that despite the previous generations conflicts, we were the key to a future of love, hope and peace.

Tom Duck
Vice Captain
ALBURY WOOL & UNIFORM HAVE MOVED
1104 MATE ST, NORTH ALBURY
Next door to Sam’s Warehouse (old CBA)
Re-opening Wednesday, September 4, 2013

From Wednesday, Sept 4 – Saturday, Sept 14 we will be having a 20% opening sale on all floor stock only. This includes both Summer & Winter Schoolwear, Corporate, hospitality, etc. and 10% discount on all orders placed with 50% deposit paid, on order, during the above period.

We are pleased to announce that we will be re-introducing our free Schoolwear Bonus Club for our Schoolwear families. Ask about this when you are in store. Schoolwear is manufactured onsite in our store in North Albury please support us as we support you and your schools.

Our hours will be:
Monday – Friday 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

ENTRANCE & CAR PARKING AVAILABLE AT BOTH THE REAR OF THE BUILDING & ALSO ON MATE STREET

SS&A JUNIOR BASKETBALL
SS & A Junior Basketball Club are looking for players, male and female, in all age groups to commence in term 4, 2013. If you are interested please contact Sharon Kirby by phoning 0419 374 454.

LAVINGTON PANTHERS JUNIOR BASKETBALL
Lavington Panthers Junior Basketball Club are looking for boys and girls for their U10 teams to commence in term 4, 2013. Please direct all enquiries to Lorraine Crawford on 0428 638 124.

NORTH ALBURY JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB
REGISTRATION DAY
North Albury will be holding a registration day at Bunton Park North Albury, between 10.00am and 12.00noon on Saturday the 14th of September for Under 12, 14 and 16 year olds and also for the younger kids for Milo Cricket. If you have any queries please contact:
Craig 0400 466 062 or Rob 0408 625 674

WEEK 10 & WEEK 1 TERM 4
COMING EVENTS
Tuesday September 17th  P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday September 18th Service to School Assembly
                        Last Day of lessons for Year 12
Thursday September 19th Year 12 Tabletop Excursion
                        (meet at Greenfield Park )
Friday September 20th  End of Term 3

WEEK 1 TERM 4
Monday October 8th   Public Holiday
Tuesday October 9th  Term 4 commences

WEEK 10 & WEEK 1 TERM 4
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.