Congratulations to:

- **Isabel Mitchell** who was announced as the 2014 National Level 6 Trans-Bass Champion for Gymnastics
- **Alex Nero, Isobelle O’Riain & Claire Macdonald** on their excellent effort in the Rotary Debating, unfortunately St Paul's Walla were the overall winner.

Welcome back to Term 4.

HSC exams commenced this week for all Year 12 students. We wish them luck, not only for their exams but for their future endeavours.

The administration building has been completed and the office staff have now relocated to the newly refurbished administration area. We are still experiencing some problems with the phone lines which should be rectified by the end of the week. Thank you for your continued support, well wishes and understanding throughout the disruption caused by the fire.

At assembly this week students were reminded that as of next week the summer uniform will need to be worn. They were also informed that random inspections of uniform will be undertaken in particular we will be looking at shoes and socks. Students who are not wearing the correct school uniform and do not have a legitimate reason, will be given detentions with myself or the deputies during breaks. The random checks will commence next week.

Students are reminded that balls are not to be thrown or kicked in the playground. The oval has been designated for this purpose. Anyone found in breach of this will have the ball confiscated.

I would like to congratulate Alex Nero, who has been selected to attend three different academic programs which are taking place during December and January. They are:

- The **Honeywell Engineering Summer School** - a week long program held in Sydney with 99 other students. (Sponsored by Rotary)
- The **University of New South Wales Women in Engineering Camp** - a prestigious event for 30 young females. It is a 5 day program and is held in Sydney.
- The **National Youth Science Forum** - held in Canberra for two weeks. Students from all over Australia as well as other countries world wide, such as New Zealand and Canada are selected to attend. (Sponsored in part by Rotary).

I am sure Alex will represent our school with pride.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

**MOTION OF APPROVED SPENDING**

The P&C Association wishes to advise that the following three (3) motions for approved spending were moved at Tuesday night's P&C Association meeting and are to be voted on at the next P&C Association meeting to be held on Tuesday 28th October 2014.

- **Kitchen Bay:** That an upgrade to one kitchen bay be completed to a value of $12,000.
- **$8,000 for ten sets of Outdoor Seating**
- **$6,000 for 32 Library Tables**

The above three (3) motions were moved by Neil Mills and seconded by Delphine Nicholson.

Ms Alison Mildenhall
AHS P&C Secretary
ENROL NOW FOR LITERACY & NUMERACY TESTS

Students intending to leave school before completing the HSC have the option of taking online Literacy and Numeracy tests at school from 23rd to 29th October.

The tests are prepared and marked by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES).

Students completing the tests will receive reports detailing their level of skill in literacy and numeracy. Discussions with employer groups reveal that the ability to provide tangible evidence of these skills is highly regarded when they are making a decision to employ.

The tests consist of a range of short-answer questions that relate to aspects of everyday life such as reading a recipe, preparing a quote and providing directions to a location.

If your son or daughter is interested in taking online Literacy and Numeracy tests, it is important they notify Mr King – DP by Monday 20th October so they can be enrolled.

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal – Senior School

BOOK PACKS 2015

Book pack sales are the major fund raising initiative of the Albury High School P&C. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Organisation is well underway for Book Packs for 2015. The P&C has already sought and awarded the contract for their supply and subject requirements have been determined as elective choices have been made. The Book Pack order form also includes voluntary contributions (which include the school magazine), subjects fees for Year 7 and 8 and sport shirt and hat orders.

Book Pack order forms will be distributed to all students in mid November, with completed orders due back to AHS on Friday 28th November. Year 7 2015 students will receive order forms at the Year 7 Parent Information Evening and at the “Taste of High School” days.

Book Pack Collection Day is Wednesday 21st January, 2015 at the AHS Old Gym

Further information will be given in subsequent issues of The Grapevine. Please consider supporting the P&C when purchasing school requirements for 2015 as all profits from sales plus voluntary school contributions are used in projects within the school.

Mrs Chris Wilson
Book Pack Coordinator

A NOTE FROM THE P&C

This year has seen a growing number of parents attend our meetings, offer support and contribute to discussions and conversations for a positive P&C committee within our school.

At our last meeting the Funding and Expenditure Committee reported to the full committee, from which several motions are to be announced in the Grapevine.

In addition to this, we wanted to let the school community know about the various areas in which we have approved spending that is beneficial both to present students and into the future. Some projects have been solely funded by the P&C, while others are joint funding initiatives with the Department of Education and Communities.

- New tables and seating for students
- Canteen upgrade
- Plants for school gardens
- AHS Hall sound system
- Hospitality kitchen upgrades
- PAC electrical work
- Upgrade of the oval
- Formal student events and end of year activities
- Replacement of sport uniforms for several school teams
- General Assistant’s shed
- Science Department microscopes
- SRC camera and support for their activities

It’s important to know that some of these projects have been completed, some are planned commitments and others are of an ongoing nature. We review decisions to ensure we can fulfil our commitments and are satisfied that as many students as possible will benefit from what is offered.

All parents are welcome to attend our meetings or to make contributions to the P&C in any other way they can.

Mr Alistair MacDonald
P&C President

ENGLISH

Albury High School students recently participated in the Rotary “Write Around the Murray” Competition. Students who received prizes in this competition were:

- Seth Wilson Yr 8, who received the Encouragement Award for Poetry
- Ephraim Zilberman Yr 8, who received a $50 prize for Poetry
- Annabelle Jones Yr 10, who received a $50 prize for her short story
- Imana Dominguez Year 8, who received prizes for both Short Story and overall winners (shared) for the Short Story section.

The school also received $250, which is part of Imana’s win.

We congratulate these students on their excellent achievements.

Mrs Chris Wilson
Book Pack Coordinator

Mr Denis Haynes
Head Teacher English
VIETNAM 2014
This year's Vietnam Trip consisted of 20 students and 10 staff and their partners. The trip allowed students to gain a valuable insight into another culture and way of life far removed from their own. The trip also helped them appreciate what a young and dynamic country Vietnam is despite a century of conflict. Vietnam has one of the highest annual growth rates in the world and one can only marvel at the development of airports, highways and bridges.

The group visited the Mekong Delta and the famous Cu Chi tunnels. At the Long Tan Cross we conducted our own mini Anzac Day service to commemorate the sacrifice of the soldiers who were sent to fight in this conflict. At Nha Trang we got to re-energise at the local mud baths and enjoyed a typical Vietnamese style barbecue.

The ancient town of Hoi An was a highlight for many and they tested their culinary skills at a local cooking school. We then drove over Hai Van pass to the Imperial city of Hue. Here we visited Tien Mu Pagoda, the Imperial City and the tomb of the emperor Tu Duc.

Next stop was a cruise on the World heritage listed Halong Bay. Then it was on to the capital, Hanoi. The group visited Ho Chi Minh’s mausoleum and museum, the Army Museum, a silk village and the museum of Ethnicity, which featured the life, costumes, houses and culture of Vietnam’s 55 ethnic groups. Being rowed through the stunning flooded valleys of Ninh Binh and the ancient capital of Hoa Lu was next on the agenda.

After a slow overnight train trip to Lao Cai on the Chinese border, we drove the winding mountain road to Sapa. Here we mingled with the ethnic Hmong and Red Dao peoples, trekked through hill tribe villages and stood in awe at the spectacular scenery.

Everyone got home safely with fond memories of the country and its friendly people.

UPDATE ON STUDENT EXCHANGE IN AUSTRIA
My summer was spectacular (but I can't really say much about a warm European summer this year..). The European Tour was absolutely amazing! The three weeks I spent travelling around Europe, meeting other exchange students from all over the world and seeing places that I never thought I would see, was absolutely amazing.

I also went to Milan for four days and stayed with friends from the Europe Tour at their host family’s home. We spent time in Milan and in a place called Rogno, Italy. Italy is such a beautiful country, and the Italian cuisine is my favourite!

I also spent three weeks in the Austrian state of Carinthia with my host family, and that was a good few weeks! We stayed close to the border of Slovenia, so I managed to be able to run to another country!

And now summer is over, into autumn and school is back. I am attending German courses again, so hopefully my German will keep improving. Now I can speak at least some German, the language barrier I had at the start of the year is no longer there and that has enabled me to make much better friends at school.

After lots of travelling in the summer, I hope to be able to do more travelling coming into the last couple of months of my exchange. I still have another trip to Venice coming up in November (let's be honest, no one can go to Venice enough) and more travelling around Austria to do.

The time this year has gone so quickly, and soon enough it will be Christmas (my fingers are crossed for a White Christmas this year!).

Enjoy the rest of the school year.

Liam Mackay

Mr Barry Overs
Head Teacher History
U15 BOYS BASKETBALL
On Tuesday the 14th October, Albury High School took on Sydney Boys High at Lauren Jackson Sports Centre, with the matchup regarded as a “David vs. Goliath” contest. Our boys were up against one of the strongest and most successful basketball programs in the State and their team this year was again very strong and deep. Sydney Boys won 64-49, but the score didn’t reflect the way our boys battled, with only a late run by the Sydney siders blowing out the margin from single digits in the last five minutes.

Our boys played tenaciously and never gave an inch in the game, keeping the opposition within reach for the majority of the time. Jessy “His Airness” Wilson was the most dominant player in the game compiling 32 points, 6 assists, 5 rebounds and 2 steals to boot. He was ably helped out in the middle by Campbell “The Dream Olajuwon” Gale who was double and sometimes triple teamed when going for a rebound, he was that aggressive on the boards. Jay “Penny Hardaway” Nish also never gave in and played some important minutes for the team. Overall though the team played one of the most complete games without getting the win, with every boy playing their minutes and giving their all while on the court.

All team members who played in the games this year should be very proud of not just their efforts in todays game, but also the previous games. The thing that shone through in all games was their sportsmanship in all games we have played, they have represented the school proudly. A special thanks go out to Marcus Magginity, Aiden Pretious and Kenna Watson who scored throughout the competition. Also to the support of the parents who helped with car pool in some of the away games, I thank you.

We look forward to next year and hopefully coming away with even more success than this year.

Mr Andrew Mollison

RIVERINA TENNIS
Kiersti Martin represented Riverina last week in tennis. Being her manager, it was a privilege to take her away and she has represented your school in an excellent manner. She was very courteous on and off the court. In Kiersti’s last doubles match, she and her partner were told that they were the nicest and fairest opponents all week.

I was also very impressed with her tennis. Over the 3 days she improved greatly and remained focused at all times. She was a great team member.

Ms Vicki Breust
Riverina Tennis Convenor & Riverina Girls Manager

2015 SOUTHERN SPORTS ACADEMY’S SPORT NOMINATIONS
The Academy is now calling for nominations for its 2015 Basketball, Hockey and Water Polo programs.

The selection criteria for each sport is fully outlined in its nomination forms which are available online at the Academy Web Page www.ssa-nsw.org.au.

All scholarship holders will participate in an ongoing program of intensive coaching covering all aspects of their sport. This program will include specific workshops in practical skill training, fitness testing, strength and conditioning advice, nutrition and hydration principles, recovery strategies and sports medicine advice. Athletes will also attend personal development workshops designed to assist them with issues off the sporting field.

If you require additional information concerning the program or the Southern Sports Academy, please do not hesitate to contact Greg McLay on (02) 6931 8111.

Mr Greg King
Head Teacher PDHPE

GREAT VIC BIKE RIDE
Participants have been hitting the roads (and dodging magpies) in preparation for our debut in this fantastic community event.

A reminder that anybody is welcome to join us on our informal training rides leaving each Sunday morning at 9:30am from the Jones St shops.

A reliable bike, plenty of water and all the necessary safety gear is required.

Mr Craig Day

At The PCYC
Cnr Keene & Andrew Sts Albury
STARTS Friday 17th October 2014
7.30PM - MIDNIGHT

FREE REGISTRATION!!
DINNER AND UNIFORMS PROVIDED
AND WE BUS YOU HOME

IF YOU'RE 12 TO 18 YEARS, REGISTER NOW!

Register on line at http://www.midnightbasketball.org.au/Locations/ALBURY
CAREERS

Year 12 2015 are getting organised for the excursion to University of Wollongong Discovery Day in February. Students are given the opportunity to attend lectures of their choice, gain an awareness of living away in university accommodation and university life.

Year 11 Work Studies will be working with Albury West Public School in the coming weeks. We will have some photos to share in upcoming issues.

The Army Logistics Day held at Latchford Barracks for students and families is on 15th November. Registration is through the Defence Force.

The school is offering a WHS White Card course before the end of year and students have been asked to register their interest in the Careers Room. Cost $65.

A reminder that TAFE enrolments for 2015 courses open on 1st December.

Year 12 students seeking work in a GAP Year please note the jobs being advertised in the Border Mail on Saturdays. Check out ATEL website and MP Personnel. Job vacancies are updated on the www.alburyhighcareers.com website each week and sent to Year 10 - 12 Det portal emails.

Mrs Dian Madden
Careers Adviser

MOVEMBER 2014

It's on again! Advance notice of the upcoming Movember festivities amongst the Year 11 student group.

Willing Mo Bros and their Mo Sistas are gearing up.

You can follow their exploits on Instagram by following @movemberahs.

Stay tuned for more details or visit http://au.movember.com/team/1574109

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