Principal’s Report

As this is the last Grapevine for the year I would like to take the opportunity to warmly thank everyone for their involvement in Albury High School and for their contribution in making this school a real community. We are proudly a comprehensive school that caters for all and we genuinely want to continually improve learning outcomes for all involved in the school.

I would especially like to thank the P&C for their continued support of the school. Over the holidays we will install a new watering system for the oval which will improve this facility for all. The P&C are contributing $30,000 to this project.

Also I would like to recognise the many contributions that staff make over and above the quality teaching we expect. From camps, boys and girls programs, to excursions, competitions and support of the arts; the efforts of staff lead to countless opportunities for students. I would like to recognise the exemplar service of Mrs Davis, who is retiring this year, and her service to Languages at Albury High School. We wish her well in her future endeavours. Many students have enjoyed excursions to France with her.

In preparation for next year we are drafting a new management plan built around the vision of ‘Learning for all through Innovation, Tradition and Excellence’. If you have time we would appreciate your input through the ‘Tell them from me’ survey which was emailed to all families. Next year we will focus on writing and components of literacy such as comprehension and inference. Over the holidays we encourage you to support your children in broad reading. Books make excellent stocking fillers.

In conclusion I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas and safe holidays. We look forward to working in partnership with you in 2015.

We would like to congratulate the following students who have left school to pursue a career through means of employment. We wish them all the best for the future:

- **Mark Callanan** - Tiling Apprenticeship
- **Tyler Isenbert** - Work

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

There will be a concert to raise funds for ‘Legacy for Christmas’ on Monday 15th December in the western area. Entry is via Griffith Street only and admission is a gold coin donation. BBQ and drinks will be available. The concert will be held between 6:30pm - 8:30pm with lots of music from our students.

Last year’s concert for the Philippines was such a worthwhile and enjoyable event, we thought we would do another one!

Ms Margie Gleeson
Head Teacher CAPA

STUDENT SUPPORT FOR 2015

Mrs Quinn will be available in her A Block office on Wednesday 21st January, Book Pack Day, from 9.00am to 3.00pm, to assist families needing support with the purchase of uniforms, books and other requisites for 2015. If you have any queries please ring Deb Quinn at the school.

We also have a supply of good quality, used uniform items in the schools clothing pool. The clothing pool can be accessed between 9.00am and 3.00pm on school days.

Mrs Deb Quinn
Head Teacher Welfare
AWARDS AT ASSESSMENT
This week, each of the year groups held their own assembly where Awards at Assessment were handed out and information specific to each year group was discussed. The following students received Awards:-

**Year 7**
- Alexander Howard: Maths
- Amisha Poudyal: English
- Ben Spooner: History
- Blair Sisouk: Science
- Blair Wilson: PDHPE
- Berkeley Macfarlane: History
- Charles Bates: French & Maths
- Chelsea Blom: Visual Arts
- Chelsea Hargreaves: Visual Arts
- Claire Martin: History & English
- Drew Tasker: Maths, Mandatory Technology, Technology, Music, Science, English & PDHPE
- Georgia Groth: A

**Year 8**
- Georgia Payne: English
- Indianna Higgins: French
- Isabel Mitchell: English
- Jacob Hamilton: English
- Jake Telford: Science & French
- Johanna Ratnay: French & Music
- Kaitlin Ainsworth: English
- Karlie Travassaros: Music
- Katherine Brownbill: History
- Keira Croker: Science
- Kekey Shaw: Science
- Lily Schell: French & Music
- Mackayla McMahon: History & Arts
- Natalie Randall: History & Maths
- Paras Padhiar: PDHPE
- Rebecca Lucas: History & Mandatory Technology
- Sabine Jorgensen: Mandatory Technology
- Scott Howsam: Maths
- Skyla Azzi: History
- Thomas Stefanou: Science
- Tom Armstrong: Science
- Tom Salinger: Maths
- Wilson Mack: PDHPE
- Zara Koschitzke: French
- Zoe Honeyman: Music

**Year 9**
- Aaliyah Phommachanh: Maths, Music & English
- Annelja Prior: Japanese & Geography
- Ashley Saultry: Mandatory Technology & German
- Breaillan McCarthy: Geography
- Bria Harper: Math
- Daniel Gibbons: Science
- Durga Koralia: Maths
- Ella Cooper: Geography
- Emily Crawford: English
- Emily Lutton: Maths & Music
- Felix Hunter: PDHPE
- Georgia Hodgson: PDHPE
- Imana Dominguez: French
- Jack Elliott: Geography
- Jasmine Antone: Science
- Kate Freund: Music
- Kate Jenkins: Geography
- Kayla Andronicos: PDHPE
- Luke Wilson: English
- Maddy Deal: Science
- Mariya Bagayeva: Math
- Molly Dick: Geography
- Molly Pleydon: Maths & Science
- Myles Carey: Geography
- Natasha Fenton: History
- Olivia O’Donnell: Science
- Oscar Dean: English
- Patrick Johnston: English
- Rachel Habermann: English
- Rebekah Cain: Maths
- Rebekah Reynolds: Geography
- Rhys King: Maths
- Shae Guttler: Geography
- Syed Rizvi: English
- Tyrone Whybrow: English

**Year 9**
- William Campbell: Science
- Zachary Brinkworth: Music
- Zachary Fordham: German

**Year 9**
- Andrea Li: Photo Digital Media
- Angus Kilby: Industrial Technology - Timber & PASS
- Anna Parrett: History
- Asha Kelly: History
- Britteny Patterson: Industrial Technology - Timber, Music & Geography
- Casey Macpherson: Industrial Technology - Metal
- Chloe Shoemark: Geography
- Cody Binkworth: Geography
- Elizabeth Ehlers: Food Technology
- Emily Archer: Japanese
- Georgia Higgins: Industrial Technology - Metal
- Hannah Lewis: Maths
- Isabella Percy: Industrial Technology - Timber
- Jai McNamara-Lindner: Science & PDHPE
- Jason Nematn: Geography
- Jazmin Priestly: Maths
- Jessica Reid: English
- Julie Farrah: English
- Juliet Whyte: Science
- Kate Crawford: Maths
- Kyle Porta: English
- Lakesha Torney: Music
- Lucy Nagle: French, Science & English
- Mahnee Przibilla: English
- Mary Balassopoulos: Maths & English
- Max Pargeter: English
- Megan Rosewarne: Photo Digital Media
- Miranda Finck: Core History & Food Technology
- Neave Kapoor: Maths
- Nicola Duba: Industrial Technology - Drama
- Nicolas Kohlhagen: Industrial Technology - Metal
- Sarah Morgan: Child Studies
- Shane Barton: Science
- Shania Jones: International Studies
- Shannon Palmer: Science
- Shashini Senadirante: Food Technology
- Sian O’Connor: Science
- Simone Brewer: Agriculture
- Subash Poudyel: Commerce
- Tara Lieschkte: Industrial Technology & Science
- Tess Evans: Food Technology
- Will Petersen: Science
- William Terry: Science

**Classifieds**

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11th December 2014
BOOK PACKS 2015

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

All students have now received Book Pack order forms. If you missed receiving a copy or have lost the form, please see Mrs Wilson in the library for a new one. Forms are also available on the AHS website.

All Year 6 students received their forms at the ‘Taste of High School’ days held earlier this term with forms also available at the Year 7 2015 Information Night.

Payment is made on Collection Day by cash, cheque (payable to AHS P&C Assoc), Mastercard & Visa. There is no EFTPOS on the day.

Barkers OPD will be supplying the AHS Book Packs for 2015. The Book Pack order form also includes voluntary contributions (which include the school magazine), subject fees for Year 7 and 8 and sport shirt and hat orders. Forms can now be taken directly to Barkers in Kiewa Street, Albury (opposite St Matthews).

Elective fees for Years 9 – 12 are billed separately in 2015.

Important dates:

- Friday 9th January, 2015: Last day that forms can be taken directly to Barkers
- Wednesday 21st January, 2015: Book pack collection day at the AHS Old Gym (no EFTPOS payments on this day – cash, cheque, Mastercard or Visa only)
- Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th January: catch up collection 12:00noon – 1:00pm Old Gym

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

CYBER-BULLYING

On Thursday 20th November, Albury High School held their first Market Day. This was to raise awareness of cyber-bullying and sexting within the school community. Students were asked to wear something red, to symbolise taking a stand against cyber-bullying. As part of the day, students in Years 7, 8 & 9 participated in a presentation from Police School Liaison Officer Amy Epstein.

Feedback received indicated students found the information provided to be highly beneficial. At lunch time, these students were provided with a free BBQ lunch, courtesy of the P&C Committee and Thurgoona Bakery who donated the bread. Students were also given the opportunity to liaise with representatives from YES Youth and Family Services, CAMHS, and Albury/Wodonga Headspace who were able to provide information on the services they have to offer young people experiencing cyber-bullying.

For the past 14 weeks, we have worked hard towards the development of this day and resources for those students experiencing cyber-bullying and/or sexting, and its success would not be possible without the contribution of many.
Firstly, a big thank you to the Year 11 Prefects for their assistance in cooking and serving the BBQ, and packing away afterwards. To the school executive, we wish to express our thanks for your support of this day. The P&C who happily provided funding for the BBQ lunch, to all staff for their cooperation in bringing students to the hall for the presentations, and to the students for actively participating in the day. We would like to say a special thank you to Year Advisors Paul Schupina, Tracey Lee and Marita Harriss for letting us come into your guidance classes and work with the students.

A big congratulations goes to Year 8’s Samantha Mackinnon who was the winner of the cyber-bullying poster development competition. Samantha’s poster was judged the winner by Year 7 students with Year 8’s Tia Simpson being the runner up.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere thank you to all students, staff and parents of Albury High School. Your contribution to our research has been invaluable. To Damien Toohey and Darryl Ward, thanks for your assistance, encouragement and belief in us.

What should I do if my child is involved in cyber-bullying and/or sexting? ????

- My child is being cyber-bullied.
- My child has been involved.
- Do not contact the other child/teen or their parents directly.
- Do contact local police if the matter is serious.

- Do contact Albury High School principal, deputy principal or year advisor.

- If your child/teen requires therapeutic support contact YSM, Youth and Family Services 02 60 67 36 and your local Headspace centre.

- If your child/teen requires support for significant mental health concerns contact your local headspace or your local mental health service.

The event is not a race – it is a participation ride involving personal goals, significant challenges, teamwork, communication and a whole lot of fun. The days consisted of early starts (about 5:20am seemed the usual), breakfast, tent/swag packing, delivery of gear to the luggage truck then a ride from one town to the next; an average day of about 85kms or more. Once you arrived it was the challenge of locating your luggage and tent, shower time, then the opportunity to explore the host towns in the company of friends new and old. The food was great and very efficiently delivered, there was music and movies each night, and a great sense of shared achievement from all of the participants who ranged in age from 8 to 88 years of age. All of our riders achieved significant personal goals and thoroughly enjoyed the riding and camping experience. Some of the daily highlights were as follows:

**Day 1 – arrival day in Albury**

We were lucky enough to have the ride starting in our home town but still camped at Noreuil to get used to handling our tents and luggage, set up our bikes and experience life in the school zone. Next time we will avoid camping near the door slamming toilets.
**Day 2 - Albury to Yackandandah (67kms)**

An early start and a tough day in the saddle for most of the 4,000 riders, the ride to Yack took us out to Lake Hume, across the dam wall then to Bonegilla and Baranduda. The early climbs took their toll and the hot weather, combined with the hilly trip along Beechworth Rd to our Yackandandah campsite proved pretty challenging. It was great to be welcomed to town by Mrs Salter and the Kinder kids waving and cheering as we rode in. The town was buzzing as 4,000 cyclists sought caffeine and snacks to replenish their energy levels.

**Day 3 – Yackandandah to Bright (86kms)**

An undulating ride through Dederang and Tawonga South before the big challenge of the day – the 8km ascent of Tawonga Gap. Most riders were able to get to the top of the climb and descend into Bright before the storm hit – thunder and lightning, very, very frightening …and then the hail! Katja completed her quest to ride to the top, albeit in torrential rain, cheered on by yours truly who decided that once you reached 100% saturation you could not get any wetter. Stuck on top of Tawonga Gap, the police closed the road and we enjoyed a coach trip to the rain sodden campground in Bright. Another challenge for all – wet gear; but an experience nevertheless.

**Day 4 – Bright to Moyhu (93kms)**

This was a great day to ride fast and to develop group riding skills. With a slightly downhill gradient we were in for a quick ride through Myrtleford, the King Valley and on to tiny Moyhu (population 200). This was a highlight for most – seeing a tiny town step up to the challenge of hosting 4,000 visitors and doing it all very well. Barefoot bowls, music, and a Tour de France like atmosphere made for a fun afternoon. The Year 10 boys were a hit with the “Crackerjack” crowd and have been invited back to play Pennant Bowls anytime they like!

**Day 5 – Moyhu to Mansfield (87kms)**

An early start to our final day, we set off for Whitfield before turning the corner and starting about 30kms of climbing. This climb was quite tough, with Daniel Norden and his Dad, along with Isaac Wolki, proving to have the strongest legs. Arriving in Tolmie for lunch, before the exhilarating descent into Mansfield, we were informed of the tragic death of a fellow cyclist further down the road. This cast a sombre mood over the rest of the day and after a new route was established, including a 7km gravel stretch, we finally arrived in Mansfield, greeted and congratulated by our families.

We had a fantastic trip – everyone achieved some significant milestones and we eagerly anticipate an even bigger rollout next year. During the event, Bicycle Network unveiled next year’s route – Rediscover the Goldfields. The event, will run from Saturday November 28th until Sunday December 6th 2015, will start in Ballarat and wind it’s way through places like Avoca, Ingleburn, Castlemaine, Heathcote and Bendigo, covering 540kms. If you are keen on participating or would like to know more, then please contact me at school or email me at craig.day@det.nsw.edu.au

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**NSWCHS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS – ROCKDALE**

Ashley Wurtz has been away recently with the Riverina Tennis team at the NSWCHS Boys Tennis Championships. Ashley is in his second year with this team, and 5th year representing Riverina School Sport. He played as the team’s number 2 player against some of the best players in the state at an Under 17 level, winning 4 singles and 4 doubles matches over the competition. A wonderful performance which saw the team finish in 7th place overall.
FARM SALES

Fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables along with free range eggs (subject to availability) are for sale from our school farm. Cash sales can be made between the hours of 8.30am and 12noon at the farm gate near the oval. Purchases can be made during the holidays, except from Saturday 20th December through to Monday 5th January 2015.

Mrs Tracey Lee
Agriculture

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas

And a Safe and Happy New Year