Principal’s Report

Congratulations to:

- Max Lynch for his selection to represent Riverina in the 2014 NSW CHS Boys Volleyball State Championships
- Harry Duck for his selection into the NSW CHS Waterpolo Team

I would like to start my report by congratulating Erin Macdonald on her success in applying and being accepted to attend the UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy to be held at the Sydney University later this term.

Mr Toohey, who was away last week, is to be congratulated on his role of coach of the U15 CHS boys cricket team who won the final, beating WA last week in the Australian School Boys’ competition. Many of our staff coach or manage regional teams and bring this expertise back to the school.

UNIFORM

Late last year the P&C and the school entered into consultation around proposed changes to the uniform. At the last P&C meeting we ratified the suggested changes. A new clothing item in the form of a black soft shell jacket will be added. This jacket is tailored for women and men and will have the school badge embroidered on it. It has multiple uses; as a jacket worn over our formal woollen jumpers for winter or to wear on its own.

The second change will be the phasing out of the ‘hoody’ which will be replaced with a red, badge embroidered, polar fleece jacket. The ‘hoody’ will remain as part of the uniform for the next 3 years to help ease the financial burden on parents. Both new jackets will be available for this winter from our suppliers.

While on the subject of uniform, can I please ask for support in ensuring that students are wearing leather enclosed shoes for WH&S reasons and that girls have white socks and boys grey or school socks.

As part of our recognition of student achievement, we run regular principal luncheons for students who have been nominated for a Principal’s Award. We have a large number of awards from late 2013 so will be running a special event next week and a second luncheon towards the end of term. It is pleasing to see so many students meeting our core values of respect, responsibility and cooperation and being recognised.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

AHS SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the AHS School Council will be held on Monday 24th March 2014 in the Boardroom of Albury High School commencing at 7.30pm. The AHS School Council General Meeting for March will follow the AGM. Any interested parents can contact the AHS School Council Secretary, Neil Mills, on 0419 254 464.

P&C AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) will be held on Tuesday 18th March at 7.15pm in the School Common Room. All welcome.

At this meeting all executive positions will be declared vacant. The P&C would welcome nominations for any of these positions.

The AGM will be followed by the general meeting.

VACCINATIONS - URGENT

Permission forms for all Yr 7 students and Yr 9 boys should have been handed in by now. Any outstanding forms need to be given to Mrs Quinn this week.

Mrs Deb Quinn
Head Teacher Welfare
PUNCTUALITY MATTERS
Just like employers who value punctuality with their employees, we value punctuality in our students. At Albury High School we try to develop the right habits and behaviours. Being on time is one of those behaviours we want to instil in our students so they can become valued members of the work force and community.

At times, however, being late is unavoidable. In such cases, the following procedures **MUST** be followed for students who are late to school:

- If students are late to school, but arrive before the end of roll call, their roll teacher will mark them present at school, but late. It is then up to the student to bring a note to explain the reason for their lateness. The note should be given to the roll teacher on the day, or as soon as possible afterwards.

- If they are late and arrive at school after roll call and DEAR, after 9.10 am, they are to report to the main office in ‘A’ block where they will receive a late note. It is up to the student to bring a note to explain that lateness. It should be given to the roll teacher on the day, or as soon as possible afterwards.

Lateness is seen by the Department of Education as a partial absence and all absences must be explained.

While being late may be unavoidable at times, there should be no reason for not following these school procedures. Consistent lateness without explanation may incur some sanction from the school.

Mr David Hobson
Head Teacher Administration

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 2014.

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.

Mrs Francis Tilbrook
School Administration Manager

YEAR 10 ROSA ASSESSMENTS
Following the distribution and information session for the Preliminary HSC course, the Year 10 Record of School Achievement assessment schedule was issued to all year 10 students on Monday 3rd March. The RoSA is the first education credential students can attain in their lifetime of learning. Students will be given a grade A to E in their course comparing them with students throughout the state and this will be recorded on their RoSA. If they are leaving school at the end of year 10 they also can sit an online Literacy and Numeracy test which will be included on the RoSA when required. This is a good indicator to employers of the student's ability in these areas and is the only across the state moderator used at stage 5. The successful attainment of the RoSA is a pre-requisite for students to proceed into the HSC Preliminary courses in year 11.

The school's policy in year 10 is different from the stage 6 (Yrs 11 & 12) assessment programs. The penalty for late submission for year 10 will be - 20% of the total marks available per day as opposed to the zero (0%) mark given for late tasks in the stage 6 (Yrs 11 & 12) assessment programs. All students will be advised on the RoSA requirements and I urge all parents to read through the assessment schedule so that they are aware of the substantive assessments required for the award of this credential from Albury High School.

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal

ANGLICAN PARISH OF NORTHERN ALBURY
DEBUTANTE BALL
The Anglican Parish of Northern Albury is again hosting two Debutante Balls to be held at the Albury Entertainment Centre on:

**Friday 29th August and Saturday 30th August**

Rehearsals will be held weekly (excluding School Holidays) in the Albury High School Hall on Sunday evenings from either 5.00pm - 7.00pm or 7.00pm - 9.00pm (depending on numbers)

To register you interest, please contact:

Rev’d. Christine Page 6040 2188 or 0418 224 644
Rev’d. Lee Weissel 0459 390 410

Information Meeting
Will be held at the Albury High School Hall at 7.00pm on Sunday 1st June to provide debutantes, partners and parents with more information. This should last about one hour.

First rehearsal: Sunday 15th June
P&C GOOD SPORT AWARD
The Albury High School P&C have sponsored a Canteen voucher which is issued to a student who has worked to produce quality results and shown effort during school sport. Each week teachers place raffle tickets into the draw to acknowledge these students. The draw occurs at assembly.

The winners so far have been:

Week 3 - Declan Johnston
Week 4 - Annabel Jones
Week 5 - Darcy Larkin

Ms Erin McNair
Sports Organiser

NATIONAL CRICKET CHAMPIONS
During last week Mr Toohey coached the NSW 15 Years All Schools team at the School Sport Australia Championships in Canberra. The team had wins against South Australia, Northern Territory and Tasmania in the preliminary pool games, followed by close victories against ACT (6 runs) in the semi-final, and Western Australia (2 runs) in the final. The team consisted of students from all over NSW, with 10 of the students attending country schools.

With the backing of Cricket Australia, the School Sport Australia team are now playing home and away tours against a number of other countries. This year they are touring Sri Lanka in May. Certainly a good reason to get the bat and ball out and start playing some regular representative cricket.

YEAR 8 REPORT
Welcome back all Year 8 students and parents to AHS for another exciting year. I hope you enjoyed your break. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our brand new Yr8 students who have joined us this year. To Syed Rizvi, Oscar Dean, Bridie Simpkin, Anastasia Davies, Xeno and Micah Holdgate – a warm welcome is extended to you and your families. We hope you enjoy your time here at AHS.

A common concern from parents is “My child says they have no homework!” In Guidance classes I have given all students a study planner template that they should be filling in and then placing somewhere prominent in the house (I have more copies if you or your child needs more). On this they dedicate time each night to subjects for completing set homework and REVISION. It’s this revision you can remind them of when they say they have no homework. Revision can entail the following:-

- In Maths, not all questions from the text book are done in class time, so more practice can be done.
- In Science, we have set up all Yr8’s to access the Science Moodle course. This can be accessed via http://moodleahs.org/moodle2/login/index.php or the AHS website through the Links page. Students have all been given a user name and password and they can then complete online quizzes and interactive activities based around their current topic.
- In all subjects, re-read the notes from that day. Write some questions from the page and get your child to answer them. It has been demonstrated that going over material later in the day increases retention rates.

Either way, a student never has NO homework. There is always something that can be done to assist their understanding.

Recently in Guidance classes we have been discussing Yr9. Although a long way off, in Term 3 Yr8 students will face the decision of choosing electives. I have provided some brief information to students on the kinds of things they could choose. I do not want them to decide straight away, but a conversation you may have with your child is what subjects they are thinking about doing and the kinds of questions they should ask their teachers about the electives. They can also come to me with any queries. A student who is well prepared with information will be better informed when it comes to decision time.

Lastly, I would like to remind parents that I can always be contacted by email. My address is tracey.lee5@det.nsw.edu.au. Email if you have any concerns or if you would just like to touch base so I have your contact details on file. I look forward to working with you all, not just during Yr8, but over the coming years here at Albury High School.

Mrs Tracey Lee
Year 8 Adviser
ALBURY WODONGA BIG SPLASH
This event was held at the Albury Swim Centre on Wednesday 5th March to promote an awareness of mental health and to raise funds for Headspace and SOS (Survivors of Suicide and friends).

The following students participated in a butterfly relay against other schools in the area:

Mikaela Clemson
Harry Duck
Samara Jackson
Mikaela Moncrieff
Ben O'Brien
Austin Shepherd

Mr Bruce Jackson
Swimming Manager

LOCKER ROOM
Library Museum
Are you interested in film making, photography, games and all things to do with technology? Then this is the group for you! Put down your school bag and get ready for some after school fun.
Suitable for upper-primary to secondary school students.

Each Thursday during NSW school terms 4.00pm – 5.00pm.
Bookings: 02 6023 8333

BOOKS & STUFF
Lavington Library
Kids, do you love reading? This is a great opportunity to chat about your favourite books and enjoy some fun after school activities. Suitable for ages 8 - 12 years.

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month during NSW school terms (11 and 25 March, 8 April, 13 and 27 May, 10 and 24 June) 4:00pm - 5:00pm.
Bookings: 02 6043 5645

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
If you would like to improve your child’s school environment then please join members of the P&C for a fun morning of gardening.

Our aim is to revitalise the Year 9 lunch area.
Good company and good food guaranteed!

WHEN: Saturday 5th April 9.30am - 12 noon
WHERE: Albury High School grounds
All tools supplied, bring gardening gloves if possible. Students welcome.
Any questions call Kerrie Warburton phone 6027 1466

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.

A variety of vegetable seedlings are also available.

Mrs Tracey Lee
Agriculture

‘ROCK WARRIORS’
TEEN CLIMBING CLUB
Do you like to have FUN while getting STRONG?

Then why not grab some friends (or come along and meet new ones!!) and sign up for our Saturday morning TEEN CLIMBING CLUB where our friendly and highly experienced staff will introduce you to the powerful and exciting sport of indoor rock climbing!!

WHO CAN JOIN? All teens from age 12 to 17
WHEN IS IT? Every Saturday from 10.30am to 12noon
HOW MUCH? $25/session or $200/term (all gear inc)

KEEN? Contact Albury Climbing Centre - 6040 ROCK WHERE? 15 Hudson Crescent, Lavington, NSW

WEEKS 7 & 8
COMING EVENTS

Tuesday March 11th
A Taste of High School Yr 7 2015 for students from Albury Public School

Thursday March 13th
Riverina Diving Carnival

Tuesday March 18th
A Taste of High School Yr 7 2015 for students from all other schools
P & C Meeting 7.15 pm Staff Common Room

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