**Principal’s Report**

**Congratulations to:**

- **Emma Hooppell & Andrew Nixon** who will be competing in the 2014 Australian Hockey Championships in Hobart (women’s) and Perth (men’s) over the Easter break. We wish them well in the competition and look forward to hearing their results.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and students for their participation in the athletics carnival this week. It was a great event and well attended.

I would like to highlight the Year 7 camp; student behaviour was excellent and they enjoyed the activities despite the rain. Well done to all involved, especially Mr Schupina who organised the event.

The first day of next term is Monday 28th April. This is a pupil free day as staff will be involved in professional learning activities based in faculties. Topics will include assessment for learning and differentiating the curriculum amongst others. Students start school on Tuesday 29th April. Staff have also been completing online training on the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. As a result of this training we will be undertaking reviews of our assessment and discipline policies to ensure they are inclusive of all students.

One of the strengths of Albury High School is its link to the local community. The School Council plays a pivotal role in this by providing support as well as advice to the Principal. The School Council adds value to school planning and direction. We currently have a vacancy for a parent representative. If you are interested you can contact myself for more details.

**FAMILY DETAIL REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL FUNDING**

- **Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI)**

This week, students were given a form to be completed by you in relation to family details. This information will ensure that our school’s data for the Family Occupation and Education Index is accurate as some of this information has not been collected since the enrolment of your child. It would be of great benefit to the school if you could complete this form and return it to the school prior to the 9th April 2014 to enable our admin staff to enter the details into our database before the end of term. Students can give it to their roll call teacher. The information you provide could make a substantial difference to the amount of funding provided to the school by the Department of Education & Communities.

I would like, in advance, to wish everyone a safe and happy holidays.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

**THE RULE OF LAW INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA**

On 17th March Albury High School hosted Nick Clark, Education Co-ordinator from the Rule of Law Institute of Australia who spoke to Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies students from a variety of local schools on ‘mandatory sentencing issues’ and ‘sport and the law’. The Rule of Law Institute of Australia is an independent, not-for-profit organisation which promotes discussion of the rule of law in Australia. It supports principles such as access to justice, the presumption of innocence, fair trials as well as accountability and transparency in government.

The Institute makes submissions to Government committees on a range of issues and provides education programs for teachers and students to understand current legal issues. Nick’s topical presentation was very informative and well received by the students who attended.

Ms Deb Quinn
Head Teacher Welfare
UPDATE ON EXCHANGE STUDENT - LIAM MACKAY

I have settled in well, been to the snow and to a few other places in Austria. It has been wonderful. I have had a bit of homesickness but it passes soon enough. My German is coming along well, I have started a German course for University students which will run for a semester, so hopefully, after this course I will know a lot of German!

School here in Austria is a little bit different. The class stays the same for each class, and they have their own classroom. So unless there is a practical lesson in Biology or Physics, we stay in the same classroom and the teacher comes to us. And we also wear no shoes, as when it snows the shoes get wet and therefore the floors get wet, so we leave our shoes in the locker and only wear socks. But we do not go outside at all. What they learn here is similar to what we learn in Australia, however they learn it a different way ie. different formulas, different styles of teaching.

CALCULATORS

The calculator our Students use is the Casio FX82AUPLUS11. Students may purchase these through the school by paying $22 at the School Office and bringing the receipt to the Maths staffroom where a calculator will be issued and engraved for free. If you purchase a calculator elsewhere we are happy to engrave it with your child’s name, but we do not cover any warranty. A school purchased calculator is covered by same day replacement. Year 7 will need them for the NAPLAN testing only and have full use of them next year.

Mr Greg Wright
Maths

CRAZY HAIR DAY

Albury High School will be holding a Crazy Hair Day on 2nd May, the first Friday of Term 2. Students are invited to colour and style their hair in a crazy way! Participation will be through a gold coin donation and all money raised will be going to the Albury High School World Challenge group. Get behind this great cause.

MEDALLION PRESENTATION

The following students were awarded their medallions at assembly on 24th March. To earn a bronze medallion students require 36 merit awards, a silver medallion 72 merit awards and a gold medallion 108 merit awards.

This is an enormous effort on behalf of these students. They are to be commended for their positive contribution to the fabric of the school. Congratulations in particular to Courtney Ellis and Ruxi Geng who are the youngest ever gold medallion recipients!

BRONZE AWARDS

Year 8: Molly Dick, Claire Macdonald, Cooper Sheffield & Oscar Smart

Year 9: Banksia Bartlett, Emma Hooppell, Matthew Hughes, Tabitha Little, Oscar Little, Jason Nemeth, Jazmin Priestly, Hunter Smith, Alexandra Ward & Kenna Watson

Year 10: Tyler Adams, Alex Brouwer, Katey Byrns, Claire Farrar, Elyse Hannan, Drew Junck-Gonzalez, Jed Klein, Manau Lacey-Bird, Angus Mackinnon, Phoebe Orton, Gabi Palmer, Monia Poudel, Flynn Shaw & Matthew Weniger

Year 11: Alhanna Delarue, Emily-Rose Foreman, Justin Frost, Lachlan Haslam, Michael Heran, Roopneet Kaur, Darcy Larkin, Dana Martin, Phoebe Nicholson, Madeleine Saultry, Emma Squire, Ricky Taylor, Narelle White & Blake Williams

Year 12: Lucy Crawford & Jacqueline Dodd

SILVER AWARDS

Year 10: Bridget Johnston, Katja Jorgensen, Chloe Nugent & Taneesha Smith

Year 11: Erin Macdonald

Year 12: Grace Kelly

GOLD AWARDS

YEA 10: Courtney Ellis & Ruxi Geng

Ms Deb Quinn
Head Teacher Welfare

ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL P&C EVENT

Gardening Working Bee

Saturday 5th April
9.30am - 12noon
Meet in the school grounds - Year 9 lunch area (western side of school)
Bring gloves if possible
Delicious morning tea provided!
Contact: Kerrie Warburton - 60271466 or 0418 427730
YEARS ADVISERS CORNER

Year 8
Year 8 have been travelling along nicely this term. It’s really good to see that as a year group, uniform is of a very high standard. There is still some room for improvement as there is a small number of students who don’t follow the rules. These students are continually out of uniform and not following procedure. That is, bring in a note signed by a parent or guardian stating why the student is out of uniform and for how long. The note must be given to the roll call teacher and an Out of Uniform Note collected. Staff understand that shoes get broken, items are in the wash or money is being saved to purchase new items. Students need to bring in a note so that they are covered and they don’t end up with a detention.

Mrs Tracey Lee
Year 8 Student Adviser

Year 10
In Guidance lessons this term Year 10 have been discussing their interests, strengths and abilities and how these may transfer to future career paths. We have been using many of the links from the Albury High Careers Web site. http://www.alburyhighcareers.com/. This is a good web site that you may find beneficial when discussing with your child options for next year and beyond.

At this stage of the term many subject areas are assessing students in the form of tests, assignments or in class tasks. Year 10 should now be familiar with the use of a diary to manage the completion of these tasks on time. I encourage you to continue to work with them on their time management as this will become more important in their HSC years. If your child has been absent or you know they are going to miss a task please contact me at school and I can work with their teachers to make alternative arrangements.

All students would have come home with a yellow contact information card. Could these please be completed and returned to me ASAP.

We are fortunate to have 3 exchange students from Germany join our year group this year. Their names are Helena Dahm, Felix Mulitzer and Christian Eberle. They have settled well into our school and are even helping out in some junior and senior German lessons each week. I encourage all Year 10 to continue to make them feel welcome, invite them to social and sporting gatherings and into your homes.

Our students involved with World Challenge are continuing to raise funds for this adventure. We are planning many fundraising initiatives for the year and seek your support for these when they arise. On Tuesday night they had a planning meeting to organise their training expedition which will occur late Term 3 or early Term 4.

I was very pleased with the effort, sportsmanship and level of healthy competition demonstrated by Year 10 at Tuesday's Athletics Carnival. It was great to see so many enter events and have fun together. I hope they continue to show this level of maturity and leadership over the next couple of years. Well done!!

Mr Stuart Morrison
Year 10 Student Adviser

Year 12
Year 12 students are approaching the midpoint in their final year. Studies for some students are progressing nicely whilst others need to realise there is not much time left to make a positive and substantial improvement on the end of year results. Many students will be looking forward to their mid-course exams that will occur shortly.

The charity committee has been meeting and it’s ‘hoped’ that we can announce the charity we will be supporting this year, which is based in the ‘country’. (Clues are within).

I am anticipating the Year 12 jumpers will be here soon. It needs to be recognised, that with a cohort of 160 students it takes longer for all students to bring in their money, as well as taking longer to actually make the garments than any other school in the district. Whilst talking about being patient, it would be appreciated if the yellow data collection cards could be returned ASAP. Thanks to those students who have acted responsibly and have already done this. Once the jumpers arrive they will be distributed without delay. For others, we may need to make a trade!

The year 12 boys’ choir is strongly supported and they have been practicing in their dulcet tones. Keep an ear out. The state of the year 12 area has been improving as time has gone on, keep up the good work and show the leadership entrusted upon you.

Finally, remember I am here to support parents and students in any way I can, you only need to ask. If I can’t fix it, I can usually find someone who can.

Mr Bruce Jackson
Year 12 Student Adviser

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION
Entries close this Friday April 4th for the 2014 ICAS NSW Uni International Science Competition. The cost is $8.80 which goes towards the preparation of the test papers, certificates, etc. Entry forms can be provided by any science teacher. Each year we have many students demonstrate their ability by performing well in this competition and it give students an extra chance to show their ability above and beyond the normal curriculum.

Mr Bruce Jackson
Science
CHS SWIMMING
From 6th - 8th April, we will have 21 swimmers hitting the water a total of 76 times in the CHS swimming championships at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

Many students are only involved in relays and I commend and congratulate these students and their families, who will travel to Sydney to represent AHS, as well as backing up their fellow relay members. It is a big ask of many to undertake such a journey with the time and expense involved and I thank them for the support they have shown each other.

Some of the students have big programs over the three days. Samara Jackson will compete in 10 events, Mikaela Clemson and Ben O’Brien 9 events, Austin Shepherd 8 events, Matthew Riches 6 events and Jasmina Ainsworth and Mikaela Moncrieff 5 events each.

I wish all the competitors the very best of luck and hopefully some will be able to make the finals as it is always a very competitive event.

Mr Bruce Jackson
Swim Team Manager

GIRLS OPEN BASKETBALL
The Girls Open Basketball team played in the Riverina finals last week. Unfortunately they lost but played with great team spirit and enthusiasm.

Ms Tara McRae
Basketball Coach

NANA-TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP 5: PICKLING
Local experts, Jacky Cronin and Helena Foster, will host the final in our series of food preservation workshops. This workshop will focus on use of pickling techniques to preserve your excess zucchini, cabbages etc.

Jacky will discuss and demonstrate how to make chutneys, relishes, sauce and pickles while Helena will tell us of her experiences with the lacto-fermentation method, including sauerkraut and Asian style pickling.

This is a free event, sponsored by Albury City Council.

Where: Albury Community Wood Fired Oven, Hovell Tree Park

When: 3pm-5pm, Sunday 6th April

Online listing: http://ecoportal.net.au/event/nana-technology-workshop-5-pickling

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

Albury Netball Association
Saturday Junior Competition 2014
Nomination Day Saturday 5th April 2014
9.30am - 10.30am @ J C King Park

Net Set Go (Funnet and Netta) @ 9.30am
11 & Under and 13 & Under @ 11.00am
15 & Under and 18 & Under @ 12.30pm

For more information check our Facebook page,
email: alburynetballinc@bigpond.com
or call Kathryn Dalton on 0418 699 853

Competition begins Saturday, 3rd of May, 2014

WEEK 11 TERM 1
COMING EVENTS
Monday April 7th
CHS Diving & Swimming Carnival

Tuesday April 8th
CHS Diving & Swimming Carnival

Friday April 11th
Last Day Term 1

WEEK 1 TERM 2
Monday April 28th
Pupil Free Day
Staff Development Day

Tuesday April 29th
First Day Term 2 for students