Principal’s Report

Congratulations to:

- **Mica Torre** who was awarded the Murray Conservatorium Bill Kell Scholarship for 2014. Mica will receive lessons in singing and be a member of the choir.

- **Bronsen Meehan** who represented Riverina at the 2014 CHS Greater Southern U15 Rugby League trials.

- **Andrea Wendt** who has received the Albury City Council Scholarship for Medicine at the UNSW.

- **Keisha Deppeler** who has been selected in the NSW/ACT U18 Youth Girls Team to compete at the National AFL Championships in Canberra.

- **Bridget Johnston** on her selection as a NSW All Schools Team Member in Water Polo. Bridget has also been selected as part of the Australian Born ‘98 Youth Girl’s squad and will travel to New Zealand to compete in the 2014 Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival in July.

- **Grace Kelly** who has been selected as a member of the 2014 Football (Soccer) NSW State Team Program.

- **Oscar Dean, Claire Macdonald, Ruxi Geng, Katja Jorgensen, Hannah Chapman & Erin Macdonald** who have been selected to participate in the Riverina Combined Schools Music Camp.

Our students proudly represented Albury High School at the ANZAC day parade in Albury and during our school ANZAC ceremony. Mr Docksey attended and read the ODE while Mr Overs and Erin Macdonald of Year 11 delivered speeches.

I would like to thank parents and students for their excellent efforts in the correct wearing of the winter uniform. It’s great to see the new jackets being worn. The standard of uniform being worn at the moment is very high.

Our recent School Development Day was very successful. Staff worked in faculties implementing the new Australian Curriculum with a focus on assessment and planning. Next term we will work with our Learning Community on the Literacy Numeracy Continuum. This day will take place at Albury West Primary School.

A constant area for vigilance is the use of Social Media. Students need to understand that what is texted and shared remains searchable and recoverable. Unfortunately some students express negative comments about others. Parents need to monitor students use of social media accounts and provide guidance. We often run courses at school in support of this. The worst possible scenario is ‘sexting’ which can have both legal and social consequences for all involved.

We recently held a seminar for Year 8 with the Law Institute on this very issue. We look forward to your support in addressing concerns in this area.

We currently have 30 Year 10 students preparing to travel overseas at the end of the year as part of a World Challenge Expedition. On Thursday 28th May we will have a short presentation by the World Challenge Organisation for current Year 9 students who could possibly take part in the 2015/16 Expedition. A parent evening will be held at James Fallon High School on Tuesday 3rd June at 6.30pm. We work with our public education colleagues to make this a viable proposition.

**Mr Darryl Ward**
Principal
PARENT/TEACHER EVENINGS
The Year 11 and 12 interim reports are currently being written and collated. The year 12 report is a single page report showing students' course rank at the half way stage of the HSC program. The year 11 reports will show how students have adapted to the Preliminary HSC course and senior study. Results in the examinations that many faculties undertook at the end of term 1 and course ranks will be included. Reports will be issued in the next 2 weeks prior to the Parent/Teacher evening which is scheduled for Wednesday 21st May. To co-ordinate the interviews we employ an online booking system (Schools Online Booking System) to assist parents in securing their preferred interview times. The procedure is as follows:

- In your web browser type in the school website and navigate to the Curriculum and Activities TAB and choose the Assessment and Reporting button on the left. Click on the link for Parent/Teacher interviews at the bottom of that page. The URL is - http://www.sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=602
- If you do not have access to the internet your local library may be able to help, or alternatively you can call the school office.
- The booking system will only be accessible from 6.00am on 7th May through to 3.00pm on 21st May to book an interview. Your appointments can be printed or sent to the email address you enter upon starting the process. A letter has been posted to all parents outlining the process for making a booking and detailing the use of the SOBS site. Canteen facilities will be available for light refreshments on the evening.

The Parent/Teacher evenings for other years are as follows:

**Thursday 19 June**  Parent/Teacher night for Year 10
**Wednesday 25 June**  Parent/Teacher night for Year 8
**Wednesday 23 July**  Parent/Teacher night for Year 9
**Wednesday 30 July**  Parent/Teacher night for Year 7

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal - Senior School

HOME WORK CENTRE
The Homework Centre has proved very popular this year with between 45 and 70 students attending each week. It has been great to see so many students attend on a regular basis. One student from Charles Sturt University started as a mentor and assistant last term. We welcome Sarah Toole to our Homework support team and take the opportunity to thank Miss Frost, Mr Schupina, Mr Ellis, Ms Bertazzo, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Salter, Mr Salmon, Mr Bray and Ms Mortimer who are always there to render assistance.

For those who have not attended before and who are interested in coming along, a registration form can be collected from the Front Office, Mrs Wilson in the Library or Ms Mortimer in Home Economics. All students are welcome and a light afternoon tea is provided.

RIVERINA CAMPS
Six Music students and Ms McGuinness spent the second week of term at Borambola Sport and recreation Facility for the Riverina Music Camp. This is a great opportunity for students who play an orchestral instrument to play with others in the Riverina.

On 20th May, 18 drama students will go to Borambola with Ms Gleeson for the Riverina Drama Camp. The organisers were overwhelmed with 145 applicants for this camp and unfortunately some of our students missed out.

The Performance for this camp will be at Wagga High School on Saturday 24th May at 7.00pm. Tickets $5 for adults with free admission for school children.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
School photographs are scheduled to occur on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th June. Individual and other special interest groups will take place on the Wednesday while sport’s team photographs will be taken on the Tuesday. It is very important that all students are in full winter uniform on the Wednesday. This includes:

- Junior boys - junior tie, grey jumper & grey shirt;
- Senior boys - senior tie, grey jumper & blue shirt;
- Junior girls - junior tie, red jumper & white shirt;
- Senior girls - senior tie, red jumper & blue shirt.

Students involved in sporting team photographs need to organise with their coaches as to the uniform requirements for their photograph. In general black track pants, the AHS sport’s shirt, white sport’s socks and black or white runners are required.

Please note the photograph envelopes will be issued to students this week and all students have an individual photograph taken even if they are not purchasing photographs.

Please contact either Mr Greg Wright or Ms Tanya Mortimer if you have any queries regarding school photographs.

Ms Tanya Mortimer
School Photo Coordinator

Ms Margie Gleeson
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts
YEAR ADVISERS CORNER

Year 7

In Guidance class last week, Year 7's learnt more about recycling. This instruction was given by Nina McHardy from Cleanaway.

In each lesson contents of a bin were emptied onto the ground and every item of waste was analysed for recycle potential. A great range of items were in our school waste. Not surprisingly, many items of school waste can be recycled. Moreover, many items of rubbish could be eliminated if better packing choices were made for food; eg items could be stored in a reusable container rather than cling wrap or disposal bag.

It was very disappointing to see so much food waste.

From this week, Year 7 will begin recycling rubbish in the Year 7 area where six conventional recycle bins will be located.

Only items for recycling need to be placed in these bins - as a general guide these are paper, cardboard, hard plastic, bottles and cans. All other waste items should be placed in the other bins for landfill.

Contamination of recycling bins with non recyclables is a major problem. Year 7 seek the cooperation of the whole school community to ensure that only recyclables are put into recycling bins.

Mr Paul Schupina

Year 9

Year 9 are participating in a program provided by Hume Medicare Local which aims to educate adolescents on how to use health services and build confidence, skills and comfort in seeking health care.

The program was designed by the Centre for Adolescent Health and has been broadly implemented in schools in recent years.

In early Term 2, class groups will attend 2 workshops (70 minutes each) over a two week period, run by a local GP and the Youth Health Program Manager of HELP4U, Anne Shaw. They will cover topics such as Medicare System, Confidentiality Issues, the range of Health Services available, Reproductive Health & Building Healthy Relationships.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact the school on 6021 3488.

Mrs Marita Harriss

PRACTICAL LESSONS AND VALUABLES

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

Physical Activity & Sports Studies

During Physical Education lessons, it is not practical or appropriate for students to carry valuables with them. We can have up to 150 students involved in Physical Education and/or Physical Activity and Sports Studies lessons at any one time. Although due care is taken to lock change rooms during lessons, this is NOT a completely safe method of storing valuables. For example, some classes might return two or three minutes earlier than others to get changed.

We encourage students to hand in valuables to their PE teacher for storage in our storeroom safe. We supervise the collection of these valuables at the end of the lesson. Although we would prefer that students do not bring valuables to school at all, we understand that this is sometimes necessary.

So that we can promptly and accurately return students valuables, particularly mobile phones and iPods, we ask that students have them externally engraved, labelled or preferably placed in a labelled zip lock bag. Valuables that are not externally engraved or labelled will not be accepted by staff or placed into the storeroom safe.

During Sport afternoon students will either keep their valuables nearby and in sight or their teacher will lock their bags in a classroom for the afternoon. This will be at the discretion of the teacher in charge of that activity.

The Department of Education and Training does not insure student or teacher valuables at school and therefore students bring them to school at their own risk.

Mr Greg King
Head Teacher, PDHPE

REFORMS TO P&C FEDERATION

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.
2013 PREMIER’S ANZAC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

How can a person describe the best experience of their life in one short article? How can you sum up 2 weeks, 12 scholars and memories to last a lifetime in a few words? I’m not sure I can, but I’ll try my best…

For those of you who don’t know, in November/December last year I was privileged enough to receive one of 12 scholarships offered to students across NSW that allowed me to retrace the footsteps of our ANZAC’s throughout Europe for 2 weeks.

We began our journey in Paris, visiting many war museums and, of course, the iconic sites. From there, we ventured towards the countryside and across the Somme battlefields where our tour guide, Pete Smith, took us to some truly amazing battlegrounds and remaining trenches from WW1.

After 4 days, our journey headed North to Belgium where we spent a week visiting war graves, giving presentations to schools and attending official services and commemorations. I think it was at this point that everyone in our group started to realise that this was a serious trip…not just a free sightseeing tour of Europe. Standing in the middle of a cemetery surrounded by tens of thousands of white headstones really had an impact on everyone. For me, one of the hardest moments of the trip was coming to the realisation that the majority of the soldiers buried there were 21 or younger. Some of them hadn’t even had the chance to start a family, to see the world or even just to celebrate their 18th birthday!

Finishing our trip on a brighter note we travelled to London where there was a lot of visiting museums and sightseeing…It was a chance to reflect on all the amazing experiences we had had over the past 2 weeks and our last opportunity to pay our respects to the fallen ANZAC’s in Europe.

Since returning to Australia, there is one inscription from a young soldier’s headstone that has stuck with me… “They gave their today, so we could have a tomorrow”. These soldiers gave their lives so that we may have freedom, choice, opportunity, respect and peace…the ANZAC Legacy…

So next time you want to sleep in on ANZAC Day instead of going to the dawn service or march, think again. It’s the least we can do to say thankyou for how much they have given up for us!

As part of the scholarship, each of us had to put together a small presentation about our journey and experiences while over there… I have posted mine on youtube so feel free to have a look!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jMkRgkVQ48

The Fallen… By Erin Macdonald

I would like to thank all the teachers who helped me apply for this amazing experience and especially Albury High School for allowing me this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Erin Macdonald
Year 11

PARENT TEACHER EVENING REFRESHMENTS

The P&C are excited to trial light refreshments for purchase at the Parent Teacher evenings. Mixed sandwiches, soup and bread, toasted sandwiches, scones and slices all made in the school canteen will be available. If any teacher requires a meal on that night or a take home meal this can also be arranged.

GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest are sought from cyclists who would like to join an Albury High School group participating in the Great Vic Bike Ride which this year leaves from Albury. We are intending on completing the 5 day option which runs from Saturday 29th November to Wednesday 3rd December 2014. Students from the Year 10 Elective Geography class will participate and others are welcome to join us. Parents are also invited to attend. After camping in Albury on the first night, 4 days of riding will take us from Albury to Yackandandah, to Bright, Moyhu and finally, Mansfield up in the High Country. Accommodation is camping style, with all meals provided. Participants will require a well serviced, reliable bicycle. A road bike would be the best option though a mountain bike or hybrid with “slicks” would also be acceptable.

Published entry fees for the 5 Day Option are:

$465 (Early Bird price) for students
$625 for Adults (Albury High School numbers may allow for a discounted price on this figure)

Please feel free to visit https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/racv-great-victorian-bike-ride/the-event/ for more information and contact me at school on 60213488 or via email at craig.day@det.nsw.edu.au with any questions or to express your interest in participating. I will need firm numbers by the end of May as Registrations for Schools opens on June 2nd. There are no guarantees that we will gain a place on the ride but prompt registration maximises our prospects of success.

Mr Craig Day
Ride Co-ordinator
UPDATE ON OKLAHOMA!
Oklahoma is proceeding at a great pace. The band under Ms Kelly McGuinness and cast under Ms Gleeson are now being assisted by Ms Mardi Sergi and Mrs Robyn Krowicky.

Costuming
If your son or daughter is in the cast then they have been given a note explaining their commitment to the production. Students will need to wear boots and boys will require a hat, cowboy style or akubra would be appropriate. Boys have been asked to find black, brown or blue jeans and a collared long sleeve shirt. Flannelette shirts would be too hot under stage lights and with the activity on stage.

Ms Mortimer is arranging patterns for the cutting out of girls’ costumes. We will be calling for volunteers to assist us. Textiles student may also be assisting in Term 3.

Rehearsals
At this point Rehearsals are every Tuesday afternoon 1.10pm to 3.10pm with principals remaining until 3.30pm. Further rehearsals for singing will be scheduled at lunchtime.

Publicity
Year 11 Visual Arts students are working on a logo design for T Shirts which will be ordered at the end of this Term.

We will be inviting all schools and local Nursing Homes in the district to the matinees on 21st and 22nd October.

Albury Entertainment Centre Celebrations
The Albury Entertainment Centre is 50 years old this year and will be celebrating this at a concert on 22nd May. Our leads Jacob McCrohan and Mica Torre have been asked to perform the opening scene from Oklahoma! They will be aided by Jemilla Cobban and Andrea Li. This is fantastic publicity for our show.

Margie Gleeson
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts

AGRICULTURE REPORT
With the recent rain and the last of the warm weather, things are very active at the school farm. Students have been busy planting lots of different vegetables. Hopefully they will bring them home, but any surplus is then available for purchase by the general public. You can go directly to the farm gate to purchase seasonal vegetables and eggs. We have recently had to increase our egg price to $5 a dozen. Farm gate sales are available from 8:30am - noon, Monday to Friday.

Year 7 have been getting an introductory lesson into agriculture covering the basic terms and breeds of animals.

Year 8 classes are currently working on a chicken feeder design unit which means they are designing their own version of a feeder and drawing up plans.

This will also involve designing a poster to advertise the benefits of chicken meat and hopefully we can have a BBQ at the end of term sampling some chicken products.

Year 9 has just started a beef production unit that will conclude at the end of Term 2. The Ag staff are delighted to have Mrs Courtney Hutchings from UNE who is undertaking her 4 week practicum at AHS. She will be teaching such things as beef cuts and marketing. Year 9 will attend an excursion later in the term to a cattle farm to practice some husbandry skills. More information will come out at a later date.

Year 11 are currently working on their Farm Case Study in the Preliminary Course. This will involve an excursion on Friday 16th May to a local farm where they will speak to the manager and then collate all information into a report for assessment.

Year 12 are well and truly into their HSC course and should now be spending time revising and preparing for upcoming assessments.

Mrs Tracey Lee
Ag Teacher

SOLAR CAR 2014
The official launch of the 2014 Solar Car Challenge was held on Wednesday 7th May, with participants, mentors and the Mayors of Albury and Wodonga in attendance. Albury High School was represented by Mr Darryl Ward and Mr Mark Crowhurst and our industry mentor Mr Cameron Walker.

Albury High School is pleased to welcome Mr Walker and his company KDEC Electrical and Data/Solar Solutions as our mentor for the solar challenge. Staff and students look forward to an exciting and interesting period working with Mr Walker and his company.

Several Year 9 students have already expressed their desire to be involved as part of the 2014 Solar Car Team. Students will work on the design and construction of the solar car during sport on Tuesday afternoons. They will also have an opportunity to participate in a soldering workshop conducted by Apex Tools Group and attend industry tours.

Successful students will be advised and a note will come home shortly detailing activities team members will be undertaking.

Mr Mark Crowhurst
RIVERINA DANCE FESTIVAL 2014

Our talented group of dance students have been successful in gaining a place at the Riverina Dance Festival 2014. The students auditioned in front of a panel of judges on Wednesday 9th April and received outstanding feedback.

The group includes: Rochelle McLeod, Renee Boyd, Molly Dick, Paige Duncan, Miranda Finck, Kara Gratton, Jemma Habermann, Rachel Habermann, Asha Kelly, Chloe Moses, Gabi Palmer, Jessica Reid, Laura Roberts, Chloe Sheridan, Rebecca Smits, Juliet Whyte and Grace Mitchell.

The dance item is called Fighting Insanity and communicates ideas about people fighting to tame their wild, insane side. After spending time and effort during sport and lunch times to choreograph the dance, the girls are thrilled to be performing at the Festival.

The Riverina Dance Festival will be held at the Civic Theatre Wagga Wagga on Friday 20th June; there will be a matinee and evening performance. I encourage anyone to come along and show support for these students. Further information about ticket prices and times will be provided at a later date.

Albury High School has representatives in the Senior Albury District Dance Ensemble who will also be performing at the Riverina Dance Festival.

Miss Jenna-Lea Peel
Teacher

AHS CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country Carnival was held in glorious sunshine last week. Those involved are to be commended on their effort and good sportsmanship. Good times were completed by the majority of runners. Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

12  Wendell McFarland & Keira Croker
13  Joshua Koschitzke & Johanna Ratnik
14  Jackson Whiley & Bella Bartasius
15  Dayan Bakulic & Laura Thomson
16  Andrew Scott & Sienna Douglas
17  Bryce Tinley & Jessie Nixon
18+  Spencer Hunter & Lily Marschall

House Championship points were as follows:

1st  Hovell  526
2nd  Mitchell  521
3rd  Murray  427
4th  Hume  408

The Zone Cross Country Carnival will be held at Mungabareena Reserve on Friday 30th May (week 5). Students who finished in the top 10 in their age group are eligible to be part of the AHS Zone team. Collect a permission note from Mr King (PDHPE). If you were absent from the Cross Country due to illness or injury and wish to be considered for the Zone team you also need to see Mr King ASAP.

Mr Greg King
Head Teacher, PDHPE

DIVING

Four members of the Albury High School Diving team recently represented the Riverina at the NSWCHS Diving Championships in Sydney on 7th and 8th April. Each of our students represented our school with distinction. They all dived very well considering our diving facilities had been closed a number of weeks prior to competition, leaving no opportunities for practice. Angus Mackinnon is to be commended on his efforts up against strong competition. Our other divers took home medals - Maggie Power (Gold Medal, 12 years springboard); Isabel Mitchell (Silver Medal, 13 years springboard); and Katy Smits (Bronze Medal, 16 years springboard). Our medal winners were also selected to compete at the All School Diving Carnival on 5th May. Maggie and Isabel competed at this carnival and, despite not coming away with a medal, they were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Mr Greg King
Team Coach/Manager

This year’s championships also shared in the 125 years of CHS Sport Celebrations by holding a special event to recognise traditional competition - a standing dive, a running dive and a fancy dive off the 1 metre and 3 metre boards and another off at least the 5 metre platform. Maggie bravely dove from the 5 metre (having never dived from this height before). We held our breath as she entered the water in superb style - well done. Congratulations to all of our competitors!
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
A great day was had by all at the AHS Athletics Carnival held at Alexandra Park on 1st April. Student participation, cooperation and competition were commendable. All those who involved themselves on the day are to be congratulated on their efforts and willingness to be involved. The highlights of the day were the long-standing records broken by Jackson Whiley and James Mitchelhill. Their outstanding performances brought the carnival to a standstill.

House Results:
1st Hovell 1238 points
2nd Murray 1154 points
3rd Hume 1092 points
4th Mitchell 1049 points

Age Champions:
12 years Tiarna Whybrow Wendell McFarland
13 years Karli Travassaros Joshua Koschitzke
14 years Chelsea Blissett Jackson Whiley
15 years Kara Gratton Dayan Bakulic
16 years Milla Reid Harry Duck
17+ years Jessie Nixon Jack O'Shea

New Records:
14yrs 200m Jackson Whiley 24.39sec
old record held by B Doolan 24.90 (1987)
14yrs 100m Jackson Whiley 12.16sec
old record held by B Meehan 12.20 (2013)
14yrs High Jump Jackson Whiley 1.71m
old record held by D Henderson 1.65m (1999)
17+yrs High Jump James Mitchelhill 2.00m
old record held by D Henderson 1.85 (2002)

Albury High School Gift:
Winner: Dayan Bakulic (12.21 sec. off 95.21 metre) in front of a fast finishing Jackson Whiley (12.22 sec. off scratch)

Zone Athletics Carnival:
Based on their strong performance, a number of students have successfully gained selection to represent AHS at the Zone Athletics Carnival, to be held at Alexandra Park on Tuesday, 20th May. Students should check the list on the sport noticeboard to see if this includes them, and if so, collect a permission note from Mr King in the PDHPE Staffroom.

Mr Greg King
Head Teacher, PDHPE

FREE FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING FOR ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2014
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support are provided to our participants.

We would like to invite your students and families to a FREE Information Evening in Wangaratta on Tuesday, 29th April. The session is being held at the Wangaratta Community College, Room 2 back, 17-19 Chisolm Street, Wangaratta and starts at 7:30pm.

Students can find out more about our exchange programs to over 25 countries, listen to former exchange students share their experience and learn about our scholarships and discounts on offer in 2014.

"You come back a different person, with so much more confidence & you feel that you can conquer the world" Jessica, Semester Program to Italy

Hear from returned students, find out more about discounts, scholarships available and ask questions.
Tuesday, 29th April - 7.30pm
Wangaratta Community College
Room 2 Back
17-19 Chisolm Street

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au
or call 1300 135 331 for more information
WEEKS 4 & 5 COMING EVENTS

Tuesday May 20th
Zone Athletics Carnival
P&C Meeting 7.15pm

Wednesday May 21st
Parent Teacher Night HSC & Preliminary Courses

Hume Dance School
Experience and enjoy a variety of dance disciplines, catering for all ages from 2yrs. Monday to Thursday from 4.00pm onwards.
Term fees do apply. Membership fees may apply.
Contact Chantelle Hutchins for further details on:
(02) 6040 6221

Police Citizens Youth Club, Albury
Mon-Thu : 10:00 am - 7:30pm
Fri : 2:00 pm - 5:00pm
Sat & Sun : Closed
Cnr Keene & Andrews Streets, Albury NSW 2640

Like us on Facebook, at PCYC Albury

TABLE TENNIS

New players wanted for an after school competition!
Commencing Thursday 15th May at the Table Tennis Centre Albury (between JC King Park and Greenfield Park)
4.00pm til 6.00pm
$5.00 per week
For more information please contact Kerry Bell on 0401 984 085