Principal’s Report

Congratulations to:

- **Lachlan Summers** for being selected to compete in the NSWCHS Riverina All School Boys Softball Team. Lachlan was also selected for the Victorian State U17 Development Squad

- **Lucy Crawford** for representing Victoria at the National Young Riders Horse Trials at Naracoorte. Lucy also attended the State Horse Trials

- **Nathan Lee** for being selected as part of the 2014 NSWCHS Boys Hockey State Championships

- **Lucy Nagle, Hannah Lewis, Isabel O’Riain and Roksy Boglari-Davykoza** for their excellent efforts in the recent Rostrum and Sydney Morning Herald Public Speaking competitions

- **Georgie Currie** for being selected to audition in the second round for a lead roll in School Spectacular

- **Jacob McCrohan** for being selected to attend the Talent Development Program for NSW auditions for singing

Good luck and congratulations to you all.

On reading the two previous Grapevines, you will note it is a busy time of the year. I would like to thank staff, students, parents and the community for their contributions to our successes. Thanks to the P&C for catering at the recent Parent Teacher Evening. This will now become a regular event.

Mr Darryl Ward  
Principal

While incidents of this nature are not common, the school wants to inform parents so they can discuss the safety of travelling to and from school with their students. It is important that students of all ages consider their personal safety.

### The school recommends the Safe People, Safe Places practices provided by police.

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don’t talk to people you don’t know and never get into a car with someone you don’t know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don’t know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, ‘Go away, I don’t know you’. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don’t know.
- Students waiting at school for a parent to pick them up can do so on the school grounds; there is also active supervision at the bus bay after school until the last bus leaves.

The school will also reinforce these messages and urges students to report any matters of concern to their Year Adviser, school executive or a trusted teacher.

If anyone witnessed a white ute with a silver tray waiting around the school on Tuesday with a white male wearing a fluoro yellow beanie could they please contact the Albury Police on 6023 9299.

SECURITY ALERT

Yesterday afternoon near the school, a man motioned to a student to get into his car.

The student is to be commended for ignoring the man and quickly reporting the matter to a teacher.

The matter has been reported to police and School Safety and Security. The school will fully support their investigations.
PARENT/TEACHER EVENINGS

Parent Teacher Nights are currently being organised for the Semester 1 Assessment and Reporting period. The following schedule has been organised.

**Times - 5:00pm - 7:30pm**

The Parent/Teacher evenings 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

The standard organisation for these evenings is:

1. **Reports are distributed to students a week prior to the evening.**
2. **Appointment booking information is sent to parents 2 weeks prior.**
3. **The website for bookings is usually open for bookings 2 weeks prior to the evening.**

Letters will be sent to parents of the year 10 cohort next week and I will also email parents from the email contact given to the school via the 'Yellow Card' system. Year 8 parents will be contacted the week after that. Year 9 parents will be sent a letter in the last week of term and bookings will be open through the holiday period as the Year 9 evening is in week 2 of term 3. Year 7 parents will be notified next term on the organisation for their evening.

Each evening is included on the calendar within the school web site. For each calendar item the link to the booking site has been included - [http://sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=602](http://sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=602)

Please take the opportunity to participate in the parent/teacher interviews.

**Mr Andrew King**
Deputy Principal Senior School

PARENT TEACHER EVENING REFRESHMENTS

The P&C are excited to provide 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.

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 have been issued to students 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

THE VAMPIRE SHIELD

The Albury Blood bank has a competition running between all schools in the local area called the "Vampire Shield". The school that donates the most blood wins. Movie tickets and items of interest to teenage students are offered as prizes. The program co-ordinator, Cathy Chapman, has given the school some block bookings covering the term. Bookings are available through the school on: Tuesday afternoons at 1:30pm and Friday mornings at 9:00am.

Students new to the program must be over 16 years of age and weigh more than 50kg. As of this year, students under the age of 18 years of age can only donate once in a 12 month period. For students over 18 years of age and adults a donation can be made every 3 months. Students sign into the school through the front office after they have donated or leave at lunch for the Tuesday time slot. This is a great way for students to contribute to the "Blood Donor Program" and I urge interested students to pick up the appropriate permission slips, brochures and make a booking at my office.

**Mr Andrew King**
Deputy Principal Senior School

RIVERINA DANCE FESTIVAL TICKETS

In the previous edition of Grapevine we included an article about the success of our dancers and their inclusion in the Riverina Dance Festival at Wagga Wagga.

The Festival will take place on Friday 20 June at the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre; the matinee at 12:30 pm and the evening performance at 7:00 pm. Tickets are now available from the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre on (02) 6926 9688.

- Adults: $25
- Concession: $20
- Children (under 16): $15

Please come along and support our dancers and enjoy a truly fantastic day/night of entertainment.

**Miss Jenna-Lea Peel**
Classroom Teacher
YEARS ADVISERS’ CORNER

Year 8

Welcome back all Year 8’s and parents to another term at AHS. I have been speaking to the Year 8 cohort about the fact that Term 2 is a very busy time of the year with reports on the horizon. Consequently, teachers will be conducting tests and assignments across all subjects. I have emphasised this fact to all students in Guidance classes and encouraged them to be organised at home. I have recently emailed them a study planner template to their DET portals. The planner can be used to better organise their time. We have practiced in Guidance classes how to fill it out. See my report from a previous Grapevine about what students can do if they say “I have no homework”.

In Guidance we have been working on a unit to do with multiculturalism and in particular students that come to AHS from other countries. Students have watched video clips of students from AHS being interviewed about their experiences when arriving in Australia and how different the schools are. This will culminate in producing some poster material promoting harmony and inclusiveness at AHS and I hope that Year 8 are developing some empathy along the way too!

Recently all of Year 8 participated in the Science excursion to CSU to assist with their studies in the Ecology unit. By all reports, every student who attended did so with enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour. Consequently, I will be writing a merit award for all of those who attended. Congratulations Year 8 and good luck with the remainder of Term 2. I look forward to reading your reports later in the term.

Mrs Tracey Lee

LEARNING AND SUPPORT NEWS

The Learning and Support Team is responsible for ensuring support for students with disabilities at Albury High School. The members of the team meet weekly to discuss strategies and support for identified students and their teachers.

The term ‘disability’ includes children with an intellectual disability, physical disability, vision impairment, hearing impairment, language disorder, mental health conditions, learning difficulties, behavioural disorders or autism. These children have diverse abilities and learning needs. Children with learning difficulties experience difficulties with learning in one or more areas of the curriculum. These difficulties may vary in cause, nature, intensity and duration. (Department of Education and Communities, 2013)

During Term One, all staff at Albury High School completed mandatory training in the Disability Discrimination Act and the Disability Standards for Education. This training further assisted teachers to plan for every student to participate and learn. Students with a disability join in the same curriculum activities and learning programs as other students in the class with the support of suitable adjustments. This involves explicit teaching and scaffolded learning, teaching both the concepts on which the task is based and the language demands of the task, enabling all students to participate in the curriculum. Catering for a diverse range of students requires teaching strategies that offer multiple means of representation, engagement and expression. For some students, this includes identifying and reducing barriers to learning. For example, Information, Communication Technologies (ICTs) and assistive technology can play an important role in minimising barriers to learning and optimising student management and learning.

As appropriate, teachers adjust their teaching to help children learn. An adjustment is any change made to help a student participate at school, learn, and be comfortable and safe. There is a wide range of adjustments that are possible for students including adjustments to curriculum, teaching strategies and assessment. Some examples include:

- providing specialised equipment
- modifying a classroom environment to make it more accessible
- making class notes available in Braille
- adjusting the level of complexity of lesson content
- use of signed communication, including interpreters where necessary
- providing additional support
- using alternative methods to complete an exam or assessment task e.g. video, computer, digital recording device, etc
- providing a student with extra time to complete an exam or assessment task.

Understanding the specific educational needs of individual students with disability is a vital element in identifying and planning the personalised support and adjustments that they need, in consultation with parents. Parents of students who are receiving support will be contacted to discuss the adjustments that are being provided for their child. The Learning and Support Team looks forward to meeting parents and discussing their child’s needs with them.

Learning Support Team

ALBURY LOCAL ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP

The next AECG meeting will be on the 18th June, commencing at 1.30pm. Venue to be advised.

For more information please contact the President, Rebecca Lea via email at bec.lea@bigpond.com
RIVERINA DRAMA CAMP

18 students from Albury High School in years 10 and 11 attended Drama Camp at Borambola last week. The performance on Saturday evening at Wagga High School was an amazing tribute to their creativity, focus, skill and good humour. I was very proud of them and have forgiven all for keeping tutors awake at night with their antics!!

Riverina Drama Camp has been running for 26 years and is an example of the best that can be done in Drama education. Students are involved in skill based workshops and, in a group, create a devised piece of original theatre for the final performance. This is a powerful way for students to ready themselves for the HSC Group Performance. This year performances told stories about feminism, boredom at school, rituals, musicals that should never be made and the pain of growing up. Students work with other Drama teachers and industry professionals in an intense week. There is also lots of room for fun and laughter in an internet free environment!

The week always produces confidence, great friendships and open honest communication.

Only 51 weeks till the 2015 Drama Camp...........

Mrs Margie Gleeson
HT Creative and Performing Arts

UBS YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP 2014

On the 7th April this year I hopped on a bus with 49 strangers. One week later, it was hard to say goodbye!

Since 2005, in the April school holidays, UBS (the Swiss global financial services company) has offered a one-week leadership program for 50 young women across NSW, VIC and ACT. This year I was lucky enough to be one of those 50 girls and was given the chance to live on campus at the University of Sydney in the Women’s College.

Just so you know a bit more about what the program is about, here are the main goals they wish to achieve…

- Introduce us to a diverse group of contemporary women leaders
- Provide some assistance in helping us dream beyond our experience
- Demonstrate the possibilities and satisfaction of a career in business
- Encourage leadership aspirations in young women

After the general introductions and awkward hellos we got down to business and met our 3rd year uni students that we would be staying with over the week. I was put with Rachael Kwa, an absolutely amazing and genuine person who was in her Bachelor of Conducting and Masters of Music Performance.

The following days consisted of workshops on public speaking and interview tips, first impressions, goal setting, social media safety and a tour of the Art Gallery of NSW. We also heard from strong women leaders such as headspace's Dr Patricia Spencer, UBS Global Asset Management's Anne Anderson and Macquarie University media professor Catharine Lumby. Somewhere in between all this we found the time to have a personal training session and zumba class, decorate cupcakes and watch a few movies...not a minute was left to spare. Finally we were able to take a tour of the UBS offices in Sydney and were given the opportunity to see what goes on in the largest financial trading floor in the southern hemisphere. Staying for a canapé function with the CEO of the bank and many of their most respected employee's, we put our new learned skills to the test and picked their brains for important tips and trade secrets...it was a great experience!

Looking back now, I can’t believe the things I was able to do and the strong friendships that were formed after just one week. The UBS Young Women’s Academy is an experience I will never forget and has given me skills I will use for the rest of my life. Thank you to the teachers who gave me the opportunity to apply for the program, allowing me this once in a lifetime opportunity, and to the 49 other girls who made the whole week so enjoyable!

Erin Macdonald
Year 11

CAREERS

Recently students completed their WHS White Card. Students have had opportunities to attend talks either at school or in public venues from Deakin University, Monash University and University of Melbourne. On Monday, 5 students are engaging with Border Express and Wilson's Transformers to develop career awareness working with the Australian Industry Group.

Students are encouraged to attend the MyDay CSU Community Health next Tuesday and the MyDay CSU Teaching on 13th June at CSU Thurgoona. Students need to register online.

Albury TAFE has an Open Day on the 11th June while on the 5th June I am taking a few interested students to the Wodonga TAFE Agricultural and Horticulture Career Day covering the following career industries: Agriculture; Agribusiness; Arboriculture; Horticulture; Land, Conservation and Environment; Landscaping; Farming, and Sports Turf Management.

TIS Day for Year 12 is on the 18th June and we are hoping to offer a parent session during the day. Experience La Trobe is on the 20th June and is now open for students in Year 10, 11 and 12 to register.

Next week I will be seeking students who wish to attend the Trade Day on the 22nd July in Wodonga. More details in the next newsletter.

Mrs Dian Madden
Careers Adviser

Proud Member of Crossing Point Learning Community 'Creating our Future’
STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION AT SYDNEY TOWN HALL

It was an exciting day for Gobi and Goma Mahat on Tuesday 20th May as they embarked on a trip to Sydney to receive the “Friends of Zainab” Scholarship from the Public Education Foundation at the Sydney Town Hall. The girls were presented with the scholarship by Justice Michael Kirby and the NSW minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli. They were on the stage alongside 29 other students from refugee backgrounds, mostly from city high schools. Being awarded this scholarship was a true recognition of the hard work and effort both Gobi and Goma have put into their studies and schooling life since arriving in Australia in July, 2012. This was also the first time the girls had been to Sydney and they also had the opportunity to see the Opera House and Harbour Bridge on a quick ferry trip to Manly in the few hours preceding the ceremony.

Oliver Hunter should also be congratulated for making the solo trip by train from Wollongong to Sydney to receive the “Walter and Eliza Hall Trust” scholarship for students with a disability going on to study in a tertiary institution. Oliver is studying a Bachelor of Media and Communications at Wollongong University. Well done.

Ms Megan Salter
EAL/D Teacher

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

AHS was represented in the highest regard at the Zone Athletics Carnival held at Alexandra Park on Tuesday 20th May. AHS student involvement, cooperation and competition were outstanding. Congratulations to those students who participated to the best of their abilities on the day and especially to those students who filled in for students who were sick or injured.

Carnival Results
Albury High School 1299
Murray High School 908
James Fallon High School 846
Billabong High School 784
Corowa High School 635

Age Champions
13 Years Male Joshua Koschitzke
14 Years Male Jackson Whiley
15 Years Male Dayan Bakulic
17 Years Female Jessie Nixon

New Zone Records
17 Years Triple Jump James Mitchellhill 12.25m (old record 12.19m)
17 Years High Jump James Mitchellhill equalled the record of 1.90m

Regional Athletics Carnival
The Regional Athletics Carnival will be held at Alexandra Park on Tuesday 24th June. Students should check the sport noticeboard to see if this includes them, and if so, collect a permission note from Mr King in the PDHPE Staffroom.

Miss Jaimee Cohen
Placement Teacher, PDHPE

STATE NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two weeks ago we went to Wollongong for the U15 State Netball Championships. We went up on the Tuesday and then on the Wednesday we had our first day of games.

We played 7 games which had 10 min halves. It took us a while to get used to everybody’s game but once we got our rhythm we played really well and ended up beating a sports high school! We won 4 out of 7 games.

On Thursday we started off the day firing and won our first 3 games and played really well for the rest of the day.

Overall we played and fair well against some very competitive teams. While versing some of the really hard teams we improved our netball.

During the tournament all the players voted for who they thought played the best during every game. Kelsey Mason ended up getting the players, Player Award, which was definitely deserved. The coaches and referees also voted and Kenna Watson received coaches’ award for most valuable player.

On behalf of the team I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Ratcliffe for coming on the trip with us and especially to Miss McRae for not only being an awesome coach but for organising the whole trip and spending her time training us so we could play to the best of our ability. We obviously couldn’t have done it without you so thank you so much.

We would also like to thank the P&C for providing us with our brand new uniforms!

The trip was so much fun and I learnt so much over the two days. Thank you to everyone who made it possible!

Emma Martin
Team Captain U15 Netball
BOYS’ HOCKEY

Congratulations to the Boys’ Hockey Team!!! They recently played rounds 1 and 2 of the CHS knockout.

In the first game they were successful in defeating James Fallon HS 3 - 1. Goal scorers were Nathan Lee, Nick Rennie and Oscar Smart. This game saw the emergence of a number of our rising young stars. They demonstrated they were up to the task by keeping strong possession of the ball and accurate passing. Cooper Tanner played well in goals and looks the goods to take over as our number 1 keeper.

After a consolation game, due the absence of Corowa HS, we were set to play Murray HS in the Final. It was during this consolidation game that we sustained a number of injuries that set us back. Lachlan Goss was hit in the head from an opponent’s stick – off to hospital for some stitches and Zac Kraich was smashed across the forearm – out for the rest of the day.

In the final, the boys were up against an attacking and skilful Murray HS team that contained a couple of Riverina representatives. We created many opportunities to score early in the game and quickly found ourselves up 2 : nil. Some excellent finishing from Tim Miles and Oscar Smart had Murray HS on the back foot at half time.

Murray HS came out much more positive at half time; our young guns worked hard but Murray HS pushed hard and dominated possession scoring 2 goals in the first 15min. Only the superb reflexes of Cooper Tanner and strong defence of Patrick Brown and Oscar Delmenico kept the Murray HS boys from slotting a few more.

After some changes to our forward line, the boys settled down and played much more positive hockey, sticking to our system and eventually the winning goals came from a flash of brilliance from Nathan Lee and Angus Kilby. Final Score AHS 4 – MHS 2

Team for the day was Nick Rennie (12), Patrick Brown (11), Zac Kraich (11), Nathan Lee (10), Angus Kilby (10), Nathan Mynett (9), Tim Miles (9), Matthew Porter (9), Arun Poudyel (9), Subash Poudyel (9), Oscar Smart (8), Oscar Delmenico (7), Lachlan Goss (8), Cooper Tanner (7) and Alex Howard (7)

Congratulations must also go to Nathan Lee, Patrick Brown and Zac Kraich who are competing this week in the State CHS carnival in Wollongong for the Riverina team. Andrew Nixon was selected but was not able to attend due to injury.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS

The Australian Army Cadets is a leading national youth development organisation with the character and values of the Australian Army. We provide activities and experiences set in a military-like structure that develop skills and confidence in young people.

It teaches young Australians both male and female, aged between 12.5 and 19 years, the values of friendship, self discipline, respect and a spirit of adventure.

As a Cadet you will:

- Make new friends
- Be part of a team
- Learn to take responsibility
- Have fun
- Gain leadership skills
- Understand and apply self discipline
- Uphold values such as courtesy, respect and integrity when dealing with others.
- Learn skills like communications, field craft, orienteering, map reading, and cooking
- Undertake adventure training and go bush, use Defence firearms and attend annual camps and activities during school holidays and on weekends.


Local Unit Details for 37 ACU
Parade Times: Thursday Nights 6-9 pm (during school terms)
South Bandiana Building 915
Telephone: (02) 6055 2628 (during parade times)
Mobile: 0448 881 670 (ah)
Email: 37ACU@cadetnet.gov.au

WEEKS 6 & 7 COMING EVENTS

Friday June 6th Year 11 Study Day @ La Trobe
Monday June 9th Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Friday June 13th Riverina Cross Country

Mr Stuart Morrison
Coach