Principal’s Report

Congratulations to:

- the Boys Tennis Team, who came 6th in the State. **Aaron Breust** year 12, **Liam O’Neill & Christian Eberle** year 10 and **Ashley Wurtz** in year 8

You know the year is passing quickly when HSC marking is occurring for practical subjects. Last week Drama performances occurred, this week Music and D&T marking, Visual Arts, Society & Culture and English works all have been submitted. I would like to acknowledge the work of staff who have spent many weekends and nights after school assisting students. I would also like to congratulate students on their efforts and work to date.

At this time, Year 12 should be spending at least 3 hours per day on study, reviewing past exams and organising their study notes. The holidays provide an excellent opportunity to consolidate knowledge prior to the HSC exams next term. I wish the students good luck and remind them that our expectations is that they all try their best. If students need extra support they should be in contact with their teachers in the first week of Term 4.

Lately many sporting teams have enjoyed success which have been reported on Twitter @Albury_High. In particular the U14 Boys 100m Relay Team won gold at the NSWCHS Championships. This is a very impressive result and well done to all involved in our teams.

We are entering a new planning period and as such will need to develop a new School Management Plan that will be implemented by Term 2 2015 for a three year period. Firstly through the P&C, secondly through our School Council and finally via a survey to which we will email a link to you in the next few weeks. The information gathered will assist us in developing a draft plan that can be used for future consultation through focus groups. We look forward to your input.

Another area we are seeking input is around the use of social media. An email has been sent out explaining this survey and informing you that we have 2 La Trobe University Social Work students with us for the next 14 weeks who will use the data to design programs for our context. We are thankful for this support from La Trobe University. I hope you can make the time to respond to this survey.

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holidays and returns to the school ready to do their best.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL ISSUES

The year 12 group have completed their trial HSC exams, Visual Arts, English Extension, History Extension, Software Design & Development, Society and Culture and Textiles and Design projects have been submitted for marking. HSC Language exams and Drama performances were assessed last week and the Music students and Design & Technology projects were examined by the external examiners this week. Teachers are still finishing off course work and course revisions are in full swing. A busy time for all concerned, both students and staff alike.

Year 12 teachers have written their final reports for their students and as soon as Mr Jackson has written his comments they will be issued. Nominations for the Service to School Awards will be reviewed this week in preparation for the Ceremony held on 17th September in the School Hall. Mr Schupina is co-ordinating the academic awards for year 12 which are also being presented. The main dates concerning year 12 students and their families have been posted out to home addresses and a small booklet was issued to all year 12 students last week. The booklet outlines all the major points in the timeline between now and the publishing of HSC results.

The important message that should be prominent in all minds is that the revision program offered by teachers is critical to students’ success in their HSC. Mistakes in the trial exams and areas of weakness in student knowledge are addressed in the last weeks. Student attendance and focus is essential in this period so that they may maximise their marks in the upcoming public examinations.

The last day of formal lessons is Wednesday 17th September. Everyone is expected to be on site and on task until then.

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal Senior School
OKLAHOMA AND DRAMA SHOWCASES
7 weeks to go!!

Tickets are now available at the Albury High School Front Office through Jo Kearney. Please put the date in your diary for the 21st or 22nd October at 7.30pm.

Cast members are reminded to finalise payment of your $25 per term contributions. This will enable us to collect the T shirts, finish costumes and props as soon as possible.

It is all getting very exciting!

Showcase Performances
Year 10 and 11 Drama Performances were showcased this week with a record number of Year 11 students going into Year 12. There is a wealth of talent in these two classes which makes teaching them exhausting but exhilarating! The huge variety of approaches from comedy as well as classic pieces gives us an idea of the breadth of interest and ability.

Ms Margie Gleeson
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY BATTLE OF THE BANDS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following AHS music students who successfully gained second place in the La Trobe University Open Day Battle of the Bands: Nathan Sigmund, Mica Torre, Daniel Mills & Jordan Grant.

This talented group managed to pool a total of $500 prize money for the school and themselves and came second by only one mark (after only two rehearsals!). Great representatives of the school - congratulations!

Mrs Helena Barber
Music Teacher

AUSTRALIAN ECONOMICS COMPETITION RESULTS 2014

This year we had 11 of our Year 12 students and 7 of our Year 11 students enter this prestigious national competition, testing their Economics knowledge and skills against the very best that Australia has to offer.

We had a number of very successful students with the following outstanding results:

Distinctions: Year 12 - Austin Crawley, Year 11 - Jack Day and Joe Munz.

Credits: Year 12 - Elise Veneris, James Mitchelhill and Fergus Little, Year 11 - Alexandra Nero.

Well done to all students who participated and a big thanks to Adam Mills who, through the prize that he generated last year in the CSU GameOn competition, provided the sponsorship to cover the cost of student entries this year.

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2014

We have again excelled in the Australian Geography Competition with students across Years 8-12 involved in this competition that tests map reading and stimulus based responses all the way through to current events in the physical and cultural world.

The following students achieved certificates for their excellent performances:

Year 12 – Ted Hennicke (High Distinction)
Year 11 – Jack Day (High Distinction), Maddie Shaw, Jemilla Cobbin, Margot Hind & Liam Dalton (Credit)
Year 10 – Will Perry (Distinction), Douglas Langford & Nicola Smith (Credit)
Year 8 – Corbin Reid, Claire Macdonald & Zoe Cosgrave (High Distinction), Olivia Sadowskyj, Imana Dominguez & Ella Waite (Distinction), Ethan Smith, Rowan Cranage & Daniel Gibbons (Credit).

Mr Craig Day
Head Teacher Social Sciences

YEAR 12 JUMPERS 2015

Students in Year 11 have been invoiced $80.00 for their Year 12, 2015 jumpers. Final payment is due by 7th November, which is the end of Week 5 Term 4

Mrs Mel Albert
Year 11 Student Adviser
YEAR 8 REPORT
In the last few weeks in Guidance classes, Year 8 have been learning about managing stress. This is the stress to do with test situations, or the stress from day to day living and work. We have studied techniques such as meditation, yoga and relaxation strategies. I have asked all Year 8 to have a go at everything and maybe it will be something they can use later in life too.

Year 8 recently selected their Year 9 elective choices and it was really pleasing to see everyone asking lots of questions and making informed decisions. All forms are now in, choices are being reviewed and subject lines allocated. I have explained to Year 8 that Year 10 into Year 11 subject choices take priority. Consequently, students wont find out which electives they have until well into Term 4. Even then, it will just be the subjects, no details about staff or classes.

A reminder to all parents that I can be contacted at the school on tracey.lee5@det.nsw.edu.au This is probably the most effective way to make initial contact and then we can make other arrangements as needed. I encourage any parents to touch base, even if they haven’t had to before. Its always good to have parental information so I can make contact if required.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday Year 8. I look forward to Term 4!

Mrs Tracey Lee
Ag/Science Teacher & Year 8 Adviser

GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE 2014
This is our first year participating in this annual event and pleasingly we have 11 students ranging from Years 8 to 11, 3 parents and 2 teachers who will be completing the 5 day ride option which will take us from Albury on Saturday November 29th to Mansfield, up in the High Country, on Wednesday December 3rd.

As part of our preparations I am planning to conduct some social rides each Sunday morning to help build capacity and get some much needed kilometres into the legs! Each Sunday for the rest of the year the meeting point will be the front of the Jones Street shops at 9:30am (until further notice) with a two hour ride planned. I would like to extend an invite to all members of the Albury High community to join us, especially those who may be interested in participating in the GVBR next year and who have questions that we can discuss on our Sunday rides. There is no commitment to ride every week, just as it suits you. Please bring a reliable bike, the usual spares for emergencies, plenty of water, sunscreen, a sense of adventure and a heightened tolerance for magpies!

If you have any questions please contact me at school or by email on craig.day@det.nsw.edu.au

SWAN SHIELD KNOCK OUT – QUARTER FINAL
Our U15 Swan Shield has returned home victorious from its Swan Shield KO quarter final clash in Sydney last week.

Picnic Point High School were our opponents and the game was played at Kelso Park in East Hills, Sydney.

Gale force winds greeted the team and made for an interesting contest, as all players struggled to adapt to the strong wind favouring one end.

After winning the toss and kicking with the aid of wind, Albury High School opened up a 27 point lead at quarter time. An early goal against the wind courtesy of Austin Shepherd helped to maintain a 19 point buffer at the half time break.

The wind was so strong that it was actually hard to run at all! The boys adapted well.

Another 4 goals in the 3rd quarter allowed a 7 goal lead at the final break. It was a lead Picnic Point couldn’t peg back.

Final Scores: Albury High School 9-7-61 defeated Picnic Point HS 4-8-32.

Best Players: Jacob Koschitzke, Jessy Smith, Austin Shepherd & Jacob Winter-Weidner.

The team has now qualified for the final 4 of this competition. The final 4 will be played over 2 days in Albury on 17th & 18th September. Teams involved in this stage include Albury, Coomealla, Wagga and Corowa High Schools. It promises to be a tight and tough contest.

Albury High School last won this NSWCHS KO in 2010.
HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER CULTURE!

Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in February 2015 and you’ll be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA. They will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustr@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Lavington – Jindera
Little Athletics Centre
2014/2015 Season

Keep fit…meet new friends…learn great skills…
give Little Athletics a go!

Little Athletics is for children aged 5-16 years. It is a great way for children to develop new skills in running, jumping and throwing.

If you’ve got the skills, come along for fitness and further skills training.

Athletics competition will start on Friday 10th October at 5.00pm sharp at Wodonga Athletics Field.

Registration:

When: Friday 12th September and 19th September
Time: 4.30-6.00pm
Where: Alexandra Park, Cadell St Albury.

Any enquiries phone: Secretary – Melanie Gollan 0449 945 239

WEEK 10 TERM 3
Wednesday September 17th
Service to School Assembly

Thursday September 18th
Year 12 Table Top Excursion - meet at Greenfield Park

Friday September 19th
End of Term 3

WEEK 1 & 2 TERM 4
Tuesday October 7th
Term 4 Commences

Monday October 13th
HSC Examinations Commence

Wednesday October 15th
HSC Assessment Evening for HSC 2015