Principal’s Report

SMS PARENT ALERT SYSTEM
LATENESS & WHOLE DAY ABSENCES

As parents would be aware, the DECC has recently made some significant changes to Absenteeism & Lateness policies. In order to address these changes Albury High School will be introducing a SMS Parent Alert system of notifying parents of unexplained whole day absences and unexplained lateness.

If any whole day absence remains unexplained for 4 days, on the 4th day a message will be sent to parents via a mobile phone number of the primary contact person on our data base. The message will ask the parent to notify the school either by phone or send a letter with the student to explain the absence.

With lateness, when a student signs in late a slip is printed out for the parent to sign & return to school with an explanation of the lateness. If a lateness remains unexplained after 2 days, an SMS alert will be sent to the parent advising them of the lateness and requesting an explanation. This can be by phone or by returning the slip originally printed at the time of the lateness, when the student signed in at school.

We are unable to modify absences or lateness after seven days.

As parents would be aware, it is extremely important to keep our data bases up to date with correct contact numbers for parents and emergency contacts. Please advise the school of any changes ASAP.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

MESSAGE FROM ALBURY POLICE

Many parents are parking in the NO STOPPING Zone out the front of the school.

Please be aware that this will incur a $311 fine and the loss of 2 demerit points.

Albury Police

P&C WORKING BEE – SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

When? 9.00am to 2.00pm, come along even if you can only spare a couple of hours.
What? Painting the corridor between the art classrooms at the top of C block.
Why? To create a gallery to showcase student art work. It will look great!
Who? Everyone is welcome.

What to bring? Paint brushes, rollers, trays, extension arm & drop sheets. Or nothing, there will be some equipment available. Don’t forget to wear old clothes!

Delicious BBQ lunch supplied and good company guaranteed.

P&C together with AHS will supply water based paint.

If you are interested please contact Kerrie Warburton on 60271466 or warjenks@bigpond.net.au

AHS SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the AHS School Council will be held on Monday 23rd March 2015 in the Boardroom of Albury High School commencing at 7.30pm. The AHS School Council General Meeting for March will follow the AGM.

Any parents interested in joining the Council can contact Judy O’Keefe, on 0408 415 196 for information.

ALBURY GOLD CUP

Please be advised that Albury High School has been gazetted the half day public holiday for the Albury Gold Cup.

School will finish at 12noon on Friday 27th March. There will be no supervision after this time.

Buses will be running to their normal scheduled timetable, therefore alternate arrangements may need to be made.
CURRENT EVENTS FOR YEAR 7, 11 & 12

**YEAR 7** An invitation will be given to Year 7 parents to attend a Forum evening on 1st April. Beginning at 6.00pm, parents, staff and students can meet in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy a BBQ provided by the School Prefects in the Western Area. At around 7.00pm, the year 7 students’ performances will precede an evening where key players in the school will speak to the assembled.

**YEAR 11** will be sitting Term 1 assessments for their courses in weeks 9 and 10 of this term. These will be reported on in the Preliminary HSC mid-course report issued within Term 2. A parent teacher evening will be held on Wednesday 20th May for both year 11 and year 12 where parents can book interviews with teachers to discuss the progress of their sons, daughters or charges. More details next term.

**YEAR 12** Interim course reports are now available for completion by staff and these mid-course reports will be available early in Term 2.

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal Senior School

WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM
Enrichment, Education, Excitement - Become a Volunteer Host Family!

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."

- Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

For more information contact:
Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733
Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: http://www.wep.org.au

HOLIDAY PROGRAM - GROOVERS OF THE HeART
Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity to learn skills from local artist Linda Keevers. Create amazing effects using recycled objects that you would normally throw away. Make beautiful gifts for family and friends. Suitable for teenagers. Don't miss out!

**DATES:** Thursday, April 9th & Friday, April 10th
**TIME:** 1.30pm to 3.00pm
**COST:** $20 per session
**CONTACT:** (02) 6043 4550

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.

Mrs Tracey Lee
Agriculture

THE WORLD’S MOST COLOURFUL EVENT COMES BACK TO ALBURY
Sunday April 12, 2015
AND raises funds for local charities

www.rainbowmyrun.com.au

An unmissable FUN event for all ages.

Jog, walk or dance through avenues of colour with funky music

Albury Racing Club on Sunday April 12, 2015

The Rainbow colour Run brings the worldwide phenomenon of running with colour to the heart of Albury

Share with friends, family or groups, wearing your most “colourful” whites and be transformed into multi coloured individual masterpieces.

Early Entry Open NOW at www.rainbowmyrun.com.au

FUN – RUN – WALK – DANCE & COLOUR YOUR DAY.
WEEK 9 2015
Tuesday March 24th
Thursday March 26th
Friday March 27th

COMING EVENTS
Year 7 Camp departs
Year 7 Camp returns @ 3.00pm
CHS Swimming & Diving Carnival in Sydney
Albury Gold Cup half day - Public holiday from 12noon

WEEK 10 2015
Wednesday April 1st
Thursday April 2nd

COMING EVENTS
Year 7 Forum Night
Last Day Term 1
Tickets available from the office for our special ANZAC presentation ‘Home Before Christmas’

Albury High School presents

Home Before Christmas
Thursday 23rd April 2015 7.30pm Tickets $10
Albury High School Hall(Entry through Griffith Street)

Like us on Facebook Albury High School-Home Before Christmas