Principal’s Report

Congratulations to:-

- Erin Macdonald, Kaitlyn Fletcher & Drew Junck-Gonzales for being selected to play in the NSW Riverina Girls Basketball Team

Last week we had a very successful Prefects’ Induction with our guest, Mr Howard Whitton, the past Captain of 1965. I would like to thank him for his speech, the effort made to travel here and for the donation of books to our school library.

REMINDER

In the last Grapevine I mentioned the change to sport from Wednesday to Tuesday and the fact that Year 11 will not be required to attend sport. A letter will be sent home to Year 11 parents this week explaining the new arrangements.

FURTHER COUNSELLING UPDATE

We have been advised that we will get a school counsellor for an extra 2 days a week starting in Term 2. Until then, current arrangements will remain.

The school is implementing the Mind Matters program this year. Students are currently studying in faculties and guidance, issues around Bullying with a focus on skilling bystanders to step up and assist (positive bystander behaviour). On the 20th March we will take a stand against bullying. On this day students will be able to wear something orange to show their support. More information to follow in the next newsletter.

STAFF CHANGES

Mr De Koeyer in Social Science has accepted a position at Murray High School and Mr Joe Addison makes a welcome return to Albury High School by working part time in his place.

ALBURY GOLD CUP

The Albury Gold Cup will be held on Friday 27th March. This is a gazetted half day holiday and therefore the school will be closing at 12.00 noon. Buses will operate as normal, however there will be no supervision at the bus bay in the afternoon.

ASTRA TO AD ASTRA

As many would be aware, our motto is ‘Ad Astra per Aspera’ which means ‘To the stars through challenging ways’. Last year staff and the SRC ran a very successful event called ‘ASTRA’ which showcased student work and performances.

As a school we have many students, staff and teams successful in a variety of areas ranging from music and performance, public speaking to sporting and academic areas. We have promoted these achievements in the past through newsletters, local media, the school website and twitter, and will continue to do so. From now on you will also notice a new ‘TAG’ for this. ‘Ad Astra’ which translates to ‘To the Stars’. The idea is to build on our ASTRA evening by highlighting the various opportunities students have here at Albury High School. Two recent examples:- two Year 7 English classes have had special tuition at the Albury Library to enter the ‘What Matters’ writing competition and all students in Year 7 English will be supported in class if they wish to enter. This will be promoted under the Ad Astra banner. Year 9 & 10 Science students were given the opportunity to go to Wagga for the Science and Engineering Challenge, another Ad Astra opportunity. Keep your eyes peeled for opportunities for your child/ren under this banner.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

YEAR 10 ROSA ASSESSMENTS

The Year 10 Record of School Achievement assessment schedule was issued to all year 10 students on Thursday 26th February. The RoSA is the first education credential students can attain in their lifetime of learning. Students will be given a grade A to E in their course comparing them with students throughout the state and this will be recorded on their RoSA. If they are leaving school at the end of year 10 they also can sit an online Literacy and Numeracy test which will be included on the RoSA when required. This is a good indicator to employers of the student’s ability in these areas and is the only across the state moderator used at stage 5. The successful attainment of the RoSA is a prerequisite for students to proceed into the HSC Preliminary courses in year 11.

The school’s policy in year 10 is different from the stage 6 (Yrs 11 & 12) assessment programs. The penalty for late submission for year 10 will be - 20% of the total marks available per day as opposed to the zero (0%) mark given for late tasks in the stage 6 (Yrs 11 & 12) assessment programs. All students will be advised on the RoSA requirements and I urge all parents to read through the assessment schedule so that they are aware of the substantive assessments required for the award of this credential from Albury High School.

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal Senior School
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Statements for student fees are being posted to families this week. School contributions are maintained at low levels. They consist of a voluntary school general contribution and subject contributions. The subject contributions cover equipment, materials and textbooks for use by students for their elective subjects. The voluntary contribution includes a school magazine which will be distributed in Term 4. We would appreciate prompt payment of these fees to assist the faculties to cover costs. We thank those families who have already paid school contributions in 2015.

Upcoming excursions may be listed on these statements, however they may not be due for payment now and are included for your information only. If you have paid for fees and excursions over the last few days they may still be listed but please disregard as printing of statements was carried out earlier this week.

Mrs Francis Tilbrook
School Administration Manager

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.

AHS P&C AGM
The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) will be held on Tuesday 17th March at 7:15pm in the School Common Room. All welcome.

At this meeting all executive positions will be declared vacant. The P&C welcomes nominations for any of these positions.

The AGM will be followed by the general meeting.

AHS HOMEWORK CENTRE
The HW Centre will change from a Tuesday to a Wednesday 3.30pm to 5.00pm once the permanent timetable comes into operation. Please note this change.

All students are welcome at the HW Centre as long as they have HW or assignments to work on. An information and permission note is available from the Front Reception, the Library or Ms Mortimer.

Ms Tanya Mortimer
Head Teacher Home Ec, VET & Careers

JAPANESE EXCURSION
Students interested in going to Japan in the September holidays need to return their notes to Miss Wall by the end of next week.

Miss Rebecca Wall
English & Languages

The 2015 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge has started!
All students in Years 7, 8 & 9 are encouraged to participate in the PRC in 2015. To join, Google NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2015 and sign in using your Portal logon and password. Reading lists are available online and on the library enquiry terminals. A list of new additions to the reading list is also available online and in the library. Sign up and start reading today.

Mrs Chris Wilson
Teacher Librarian

AD ASTRA PROGRAMS
UNSW ICAS TESTS
The UNSW ICAS tests are being conducted in NSW schools in term 2 and term 3. These tests are conducted independently and they compare student achievement both nationally and across some twenty countries.

The ICAS tests are approved by the NSW DEC but are separate from the program.

The tests will be conducted at Albury High School on dates yet to be advised during term 2 or term 3. There are three separate English literacy tests with each having an entry fee. If students wish to participate, a form will need to be completed and returned. Forms are available from the English staffroom.

The competitions are:
English $6.00, Spelling $12.00 & Writing $18.00

Mr Denis Haynes
Head Teacher English

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION
As a part of our school’s ongoing commitment in the pursuit of excellence, we would like to offer students the opportunity to once again participate in the Australian Geography Competition. Conducted on Wednesday 25th March, the Competition costs just $3.00 to enter and consists of 40 multiple choice questions across a range of general knowledge and skill based categories.

If you can answer this question then you are in with a shot! We have a great tradition of success in this competition having previously attained a 5th and 11th ranking in a field of 60,000 entrants. All students who enter receive a certificate.

If you would like to enter then please bring your $3.00 to Mr Day in the Social Sciences staffroom and spend some time getting acquainted with your atlas!!!!

Ms Tanya Mortimer
Head Teacher Social Science

In Figure 1, which country is located in the western part of the map?

A Cambodias
B China
C Colombia
D Croatia
E Cuba

Mr Craig Day
Head Teacher Social Science
INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION
The Albury High School Faculty of Science, in conjunction with the Ad Astra Program, invites your child to enter the following competition to be conducted during school time.

2015 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) - SCIENCE

Date: Wednesday 3rd June 2015
Test: 45 multiple choice questions in 1 hr
Entry fee: $8.00

The competition is a challenging but rewarding experience and provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

All students receive a certificate and an individual report indicating which questions they answered correctly, their total score as well as their average compared with the rest of the students in the state. These documents are suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

The last day for student entries will be Wednesday 25th March 2015.

Unfortunately no refunds can be provided for students who are absent from school on the set test dates.

An entry form is available from the Science staffroom or your child's Science teacher.

Mr Mark Ellis
Head Teacher Science

WRITING COMPETITION

What Matters?

What actions do you think should be taken to build a better society? What would you change if you could? What do you want other people to care about?

What Matters? is a writing competition that gives Year 5 – 12 students in NSW and the ACT a chance to say what matters to them in society today.

Albury High School students are strongly encouraged to enter this upcoming writing competition.

How to enter

Write a 400-600 word opinion piece on what matters to you and why. Entries must be typed on A4 paper. Strictly one entry per student. All entries must be accompanied by a signed entry form. Entry forms are available from your English teacher.

Closing date

Wednesday 6th May 2015.

Student Prizes

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation. Prizes are awarded in 4 categories: Years 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12. Plus, an ipad for the overall prize winner. To find out more, students should ask their English teacher and/or visit this website for more information:

Miss Jenna-Lea Peel
English

YEAR 10 VISUAL ARTS

Year 10 Visual Arts are refining their portrait drawing skills this term. They have been learning how to draw facial features, proportion and studying Pop Art portraits in the critical and historical component of the course. The students are creating a body of work based on either family or self portraiture. These works will go on exhibition later next term.

Mr Tim Sanson
Team Manager/Coach

RIXON CUP CRICKET

Albury High School (AHS) took on Murray High School (MHS) in the NSWCHS Davidson Shield Knockout on Friday 27th February at Albury High School Oval.

After winning the toss and electing to bat AHS managed to compile a respectable 8/172 off its 40 overs. Angus Kilby 39no off 65 balls, Avery Weilandt 27 off 55 balls and Liam Mackay 27 off 68 balls were the best with the bat.

All was set for an intriguing contest and with 2 key wickets early, things were set for a close game. From that point things turned in MHS favour with Tyler Young making a fine 105no to steer MHS to a comfortable 6 wicket victory.

Darren Keenes 2/43, Avery Weilandt 1/19 and Dean Simmons 1/25 were the only wicket takers.

The knockout format of the Davidson Shield means our senior team will have a break until term 4. We do however have our junior team still alive in the Milliken Cup. They are scheduled to play MHS in a semi-final in Week 7. Good luck boys.

Mrs Sharon McEachern
Visual Arts
GREAT VIC BIKE RIDE 2015 – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
After successfully participating last year, expressions of interest are sought from cyclists who would like to join an Albury High School group to participate in the Great Vic Bike Ride which this year is called “Rediscover The Goldfields”. The event will start in Ballarat on Saturday 28th November and finish in Bendigo on Sunday 6th December. The full ride covers a total of 540kms and from Ballarat, winds its way through Avoca, Inglewood, Heathcote and Castlemaine. The ride is a recreational one, not a race, and last year was a fantastic experience. Riders camp at each destination along the route, with all meals and transportation of equipment included. There is plenty of entertainment, a strong sense of teamwork and a wonderful sense of achievement waiting at the finish line.

Parents are most welcome to participate. Last year we had a group of 16 – 11 students from Years 8 to 11; 3 parents and 2 staff members. I strongly encourage our Year 12 students to actively consider this ride as a healthy and fulfilling alternative to the clichéd “Schoolies” options that abound.

At this stage we are seeking an expression of interest only and would appreciate it if you could contact me at school on 6021 3912, via email craig.day@det.nsw.edu.au or via a message with your child. If this could be done as soon as possible it will facilitate planning from my end of things.

You can check out the details online at https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/racv-great-victorian-bike-ride/the-event/ but the most pertinent details, those involving cost, are as follows:

9 Day Option 28th Nov – 6th Dec
Student - $695 (Early Bird Prices by 5th August)
Adult - $955

5 Day Option 28th Nov- 2nd Dec
Student - $480 (Early Bird Prices)
Adult - $655

This year we will pursue a cycling option during Sport, supplemented by organised training rides at other times during the week.

Mr Craig Day
Great Vic Bike Ride 2015 Coordinator

SUPER TUESDAY BICYCLE SURVEY
On Tuesday 3rd March from 7:00am - 9:00am, two students from Year 11, Tim Lutton and Angus Mackinnon assisted with the annual bike survey conducted by Bicycle Network. The students were responsible for monitoring usage rates of the roads and pathways around the intersection of the Bungambawartha Creek pathway and Kiewa St. This information is collated with other survey points around town and made available to groups like Albury City Council for their use in planning for a more bike friendly community. We observed 68 bike movements during our two hour survey period. I think we need to spend more time on our bikes folks!

For our efforts we raised $50 toward our group participation in the Great Vic Bike Ride mentioned above.

Mr Craig Day
Bicycle Network Volunteer

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Once again it was a dominant display by our Albury High School swimmers at the recent zone swimming carnival. AHS’s total of 916 points was more than double that of the second place team. We had many personal successes on the day:

Zone Swimming Results
13yr Female Champion  Natalie Gibbons
14yr Male Champion      Austin Shepherd
16yr Female Champion    Mikaela Clemson
17+ Female Champion     Samara Jackson
17+ Male Champion       Harry Duck

Three records were broken, all by AHS students.

Records set at this Carnival
=F 13Yr 50m Backstroke Natalie Gibbons 35.26
(Old record Victoria Amer (AHS 2004) 35.26)
M 14Yr 100m Freestyle    Austin Shepherd 1:02.40
(Old record Judd Ditchfield (AHS 2005) 1:03.99)
F 16Yr 100m Freestyle    Mikaela Clemson 1:03.53
(Old record Jane White (AHS 2007) 1:04.26)

All these records have stood for 8 years or more; well done to these individuals.

Also of particular note was that AHS won every single relay event, showing the depth of our school’s swimming representatives. All up, 57 students have made it through to the Riverina carnival which will be held on the 6th March at Leeton. I wish the swimmers all the best of luck.

Mr Bruce Jackson
Swimming co-ordinator

RUGBY 7S GALA DAY - STEAMERS CUP
On Friday the 27th February Albury High School competed in the Rugby 7s Gala day - Steamers Cup. There was keen interest in the competition and as a result we were well represented in each of the age groups. We had one team in Year 7-8, two in Year 9-10 and one in Year 11-12.

The boys played their hardest and gave their all and we were fortunate enough to win the Years 11-12 and 9-10 age groups. Both teams showed fantastic endeavour and a ‘never say quit’ attitude which allowed them to perform at a very high level. Special mention must be made to the Years 9-10 team who did not concede a try the entire day.

Congratulations should also be made to Michael Brownsea and Joe Cass who also won the Grand Final MVP. Well done lads.

All the boys who represented the school on this day did so with humility, dignity and sportsmanship and should be very proud of their efforts and the way they handled themselves.

Thanks should also go Richard “Eddie Jones” Leahy who helped guide the Year 9-10 team as well as helping out throughout the day. Also to the parents who came along and supported the boys, thank you.

Mr Andrew Mollison
Team Manager/Coach
**WEEK 7 2015**

**Wednesday March 11th**

A Taste of High School
Year 7 2016 - Group 1

Registrations are now open for the 2015 soccer season.
AIA Vitality MiniRoos U6-U10 boys & girls & Jnrs U11-U17 boys & girls.
Registrar Jodie Greshke m. 0418407805
e. registrar@alburyunited.com

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**WEEK 8 2015**

**Tuesday March 17th**

AHS Athletics Carnival
Year 7 2016 - Group 2

**Wednesday March 18th**

A Taste of High School
Year 7 2016 - Group 2

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**Respite Matters**

Are you a parent/carer of a child/adult with a disability? Would you like to increase your knowledge of respite services and how to access services when you need respite? If so....COME ALONG!

Cerebral Palsy Alliance in conjunction with Aspire Support Services is hosting a free information session on Respite Services available in the region.

The information session will provide you with an understanding of:
- What is Respite
- What are different types of respite
- Information from local service providers about their respite services including:
  - Aspire
  - Greater Hume Children’s Services
  - Upper Murray Family Care
  - Interchange

**WHO**
Parents/carer of a child/adult with a disability

**WHEN**
Thursday 12th March

**TIME**
9:30 - 12 Noon

**VENUE**
Aspire Support Services
220 Borella Rd
Albury

**COST**
Free

**RSVP**
Friday 6th March
Shivi Ctn 02 6065 8161
sotim@cerebравlaly.org.au

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**Earth Hour**

MUSIC BY MOONLIGHT
7.30PM SATURDAY
28 MARCH 2015
ALBURY BOTANIC GARDENS
JAPANESE PONDS
EARTH HOUR 8.30PM TO 9.30PM

_Hume Bank_

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Home Before Christmas

Thursday 23rd April 2015  7.30pm  Tickets $10

Albury High School Hall(Entry through Griffith Street)