Principal’s Report

Congratulations to:

- **Bridget Johnston** finalist in the Norske Skog Young Achiever Awards. Whilst Bridget did not win on the night she was a strong contender and will be a force to be reckoned with in future. Other finalists included past AHS students Jocelyn Bartram and Ben Hooppell.

- **Georgie Currie, Jacob McCrohan and Mica Torre** from Year 12 who have been successful in gaining an audition with School Spectacular as featured artists. We wish them luck in the upcoming auditions.

This term has been extremely busy with carnivals, sporting fixtures, the Year 7 Camp, Harmony Day, Orange Day (taking a stand against bullying and violence) and countless excursions including our Year 9/10 students who won the local finals for the Engineering and Science Challenge. They are off to Newcastle in August.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, students, parents and the community for their involvement in supporting student learning at Albury High School.

Next term we will have NAPLAN during May for Years 7 & 9, reports are due and many of our sporting teams will continue their run towards the finals. In the first week our ANZAC performance ‘Home Before Christmas’ will occur, tickets are still available at the front office for $10. Students will be able to represent the school in the ANZAC Day march. Students must be in full winter uniform to participate as this is a formal event.

I hope you have a happy and productive holiday and we look forward to working with you in Term 2.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

CALCULATORS – NAPLAN YR 7 & 9

The calculator our students use is the Casio FX82AUPLUS II. Students may purchase these through the school by paying $22 at the Front Office and bringing the receipt to the Maths staffroom where the calculator will be issued and engraved for free. If you purchase a calculator elsewhere we are happy to freely engrave your son or daughter’s name but we do not cover any warranty which, for a school purchased calculator, is same day replacement.

Mr Greg Wright
Maths Teacher

TERMS TWO AND THREE WINTER UNIFORM

The Winter school uniform will be worn during Terms 2 and 3. The first two weeks of next term and the final 2 weeks of the third term are transition weeks during which students can wear EITHER Summer OR Winter uniform.

This will mean the following:

**Girls:** Both seniors and juniors wear a long sleeved shirt (white for juniors, blue for seniors), a school tie and a red jumper worn with either a full length tartan skirt or plain black tailored slacks (length NOT below the heel of the shoe) with black socks. A black school jacket or red polar fleece are optional items.

**Boys:** Grey uniform trousers, a school shirt (grey for juniors, blue for seniors), school tie and grey school jumper. A black school jacket or red polar fleece are optional items.

Albury High School ties are an essential part of our Winter uniform and help us to distinguish ourselves from other schools in the region. Please ensure that these are worn on all school days other than sport days.

In addition, black leather school shoes must be worn, as required by Workplace and Safety legislation.

If students or parents face difficulty in gaining appropriate uniform, the school can help. Phone or send a note to either Mr Hobson or Mrs Quinn at the school.

Be proud and be safe by wearing the appropriate school uniform next term.

Mr David Hobson
Head Teacher Administration
PROCEDURES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS LATE TO SCHOOL

Students and parents are reminded that punctuality and attendance are held in very high regard, not only at Albury High School but in all areas throughout our community. Employers rank both aspects very highly and it is an expectation that people are on time and in attendance in any work environment.

When students arrive late to school, following the roll call period after 9.10am (9.02am on sport days) they are to obtain a late note from the office. Students are required to hand in an explanation from their parents or carers. If after two days the child’s lateness/absence remains unexplained, the school administration office will send an SMS to parents or carers requesting them to contact the school.

A note explaining your child’s lateness to school must be handed in to the office, or roll call teacher, within 5 days of the lateness.

This is a requirement of the Department of Education’s new attendance policy.

Mr David Hobson  
Head Teacher Administration

HARMONY DAY 2015 - A RIOT OF COLOUR

Students dancing, teachers dancing, everyone coloured to celebrate the Hindu festival of “Holi”. This year Albury High School celebrated the difference and diversity of our student population by recognising “Holi”, a Hindu colour celebration which observes the power of good over evil. Around 200 students descended upon the oval after the Harmony Day assembly to participate in our first ever colour run to the tunes of funky Bollywood music. Participants were also rewarded for their efforts with a zooper dooper and a colourful T-shirt.

Our Harmony Day assembly this year came to life with a musical performance from Year 7 and some interesting insights about what Harmony means from our school vice-captains Alex Nero and Paddy Brown. Swedish exchange student Agnes Westlund also spoke about the differences she has encountered since living in Australia and the importance of trying new things, as you will eventually get used to it; she was referring to Vegemite. The guest speaker this year was Ram Khanel. Ram arrived in Australia in 2009 through the Australian government’s humanitarian refugee resettlement program. Two years after his arrival in Australia, Ram graduated Year 12 as Dux of Murray High School. He recently completed a Bachelor of Medical Science from ANU and is currently working as a learning support officer at Murray High School and aspires to become a doctor.

On Monday 16th March some of our EAL/D students went to Yackandandah Kinder and Primary School to demonstrate their traditional dance and games to the students. The primary school students listened to a presentation by Tika Poudel, who also came to Australia through the humanitarian resettlement program. He talked about what life was like in Bhutan and the refugee camp in Nepal prior to being resettled in Australia. The primary students also tried learning a few dance moves as well as participating in traditional games and activities.

Ms Megan Salter  
EAL/D Teacher

SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL (SOCCER) REPORT

The Senior Girls Football (Soccer) Team has successfully made it into Round 3 of the CHS knockout after recording victories over Murray (6-1) and Billabong (9-0). The girls have played some very impressive football in both matches to date, showcasing excellent skills and sportsmanship. Goalscorers are as follows: Round 1 vs Murray; Chelsea Blissett (3), Bella Claxton (1), Christina Stefanou (1) and Emma Timmermans (1). Round 2 vs Billabong; Bella Claxton (3), Maya Davis (2), Kate Fruend (2), Tess Evans (1) and Chelsea Blissett (1).

Trials for the Girls Riverina CHS team were recently held in Albury and the following girls were selected to represent Riverina at the State Carnival in Bathurst (April 27th - May 1st): Bella Claxton, Maya Davis, Anna Parrett, Chelsea Blissett and Christina Stefanou. Congratulations girls and all the best for the CHS carnival.

Mr Peter O’Riordan  
Team Coach/Manager

DIVING

The Albury High School Diving team continues to perform well in all levels of competition. Our team easily placed first in the Zone Diving Carnival which was held on the 24th February at the Lavington Swim Centre. At the Riverina Diving Trials held on the 3rd March, our team had five students qualifying to represent the Riverina at the NSWCHS Diving Championships held last week at Olympic Park in Sydney on 27th and 28th March. Natalie Gibbons stood out with a Gold medal performance for springboard, with Isabel Mitchell and Maggie Power receiving silver medals for their great performances in their springboard competition. Their efforts at this event earned these students selection in the NSWCHS Diving Team which competes at the All-Schools Carnival on 17th May. We wish them all the best in this next level of competition.
SWIMMING

On the 27th, 28th and 29th of March 21 students from Albury High School made the long trip to Sydney to compete at the CHS swimming carnival at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, home to the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Competing at an event like this is something that the students will remember for the rest of their lives. We had nine relay teams, with many students only going there to support their teammates in the one race. All up, there were over 50 individual performances, with most swimmers achieving personal bests with several notable performances. Ben O'Brien secured a silver medal in the 400m Individual Medley, whilst Austin Shepherd made three finals, unfortunately just missing the bronze in one race finishing 4th. Samara Jackson also made the finals in the backstroke.

The 14 year boys relay consisting of Bailey Clemson, Austin Shepherd, Couper Smith, and Matt Riches made the finals for the second year running. The 14 year girls team consisting of Isabel Mitchell, Kaitlin Ainsworth, Bella Campbell and Shayla Taylor managed to secure a silver medal in the invitational handicap relay. The 17 year girls consisting of Samara Jackson, Mikaela Clemson, Jasmina Ainsworth and Grace Mitchell were able to secure the bronze medal, missing out on the silver by 1/10 of a second. This was a wonderful result for them having been in the finals in the previous two years.

I would like to say a special thank you to all the parents who give up their time and money to allow their children to compete at events like these. It is a significant commitment and is greatly appreciated.

Mr Bruce Jackson
Swimming Co-ordinator

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes”. (Marcel Proust, 19th century novelist)

Volunteer to host an international high school student through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at how this unique and rewarding experience can help bring your family together, understand themselves better and see the world in a new light.

We have students aged 15-18 arriving from France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Scandinavia in July 2015 who are seeking welcoming families all over Australia, in both rural and urban communities. They will live like a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Capture the spirit of family and friendship - visit us on Facebook or at www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501 to request a booklet of international student profiles.

Mr Bruce Jackson
Swimming Co-ordinator
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE FOR OUR SPECIAL ANZAC PRESENTATION ‘HOME BEFORE CHRISTMAS’

This performance will be on Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm for senior students, the public, parents and friends. The afternoon performance, which is free, will be for years 7,8 and 9 only.

Tickets for the evening performance are available for $10 and can be purchased at the Front Office or at the door on the night. There are 400 seats available. The evening comprises 2 acts of approximately 40 minutes and a 15 minute interval with refreshments.

The performance is a response to World war 1 and the 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli. It follows the fortunes of one family whose son and daughter go to war. It also brings together the talents of individual actors, musicians, dancers and singers plus the Year 12 Girls Choir and the Year 12 Boys Choir.

Follow our progress on the Albury High School-Home Before Christmas facebook page.

Book your ticket as soon as possible!