Riverina Drama Camp 2015

And we’ll stamp and we’ll roar for the times that we’ve shared here
We’ll stamp and we’ll roar till the dining hall groans
There’ll be no more sorrow, though we’re leaving tomorrow
As we know that the mem’ries live on in our bones.

The Drama community in the Riverina has been mourning the death of fellow Drama teacher Stephanie Scott. But rather than dwell on the sadness we have felt, 110 students and 10 staff came together to celebrate life and drama and do what we do best - play.

I have attended Riverina Drama Camp for all but one of the last 15 years. It is cold and tiring but exhilarating. We work from 7.30am, when some accompany a tutor on a brisk morning walk, till 10.00pm when tutors team up to tell or create wacky bedtime stories. For teaching staff it is often another 2 hours before the camp falls silent. In between we hold a huge vocal and physical warm up, playbuilding for each group and electives in a myriad of dramatic forms. This year these included, Meissner, Improvisation, Theatre Sports, Commedia del’arte, Mask, Stage Combat, Musical Theatre, Monologue Preparation, Analysing Scripts, Costume Design, Shakespeare, Physical Theatre and more.

Of course no camp is complete without the night time activities:- drama games, a Theatre Sports Competition (Won by a team with Max Lynch and Matt Davison), ‘Thank God You’re Here’ night and the book signing. Finally on our last night is the Performance at Wagga High School where the toil of the week is presented to parents and friends.

Playbuilding is the essential content of the NSW Drama syllabus 7-12. Each student belongs to a mixed group who create a 6 minute piece that mimics the HSC Group Performance task. Confidence and experience in this is a fabulous way for Drama students to prepare for the HSC year. The pirate ship and raging ocean created on stage for the finale was a triumph of collaboration. As was the sea shanty that accompanied it.

I am often asked ‘why study Drama’? Drama Camp embodies all the reasons why I encourage students to elect Drama as a subject. We are students of the human condition. We use motivations to understand what makes people tick, we engage with the stories of our culture and look at how it compares to others, we engage all the senses and spend our lessons negotiating, experimenting, inventing and solving problems. Whether you are from a small or large school, whether you are 14 or 18, whether you are male of female is not important.

Drama Camp gives Drama students a ‘tribe’ to belong to; one that understands immediately how important it is to play and to care and to love performance. To belong to such a group is a privilege.

So thankyou to all my students that accompanied me to RDC this year! I am very proud of you!

Ms Margie Gleeson
Head Teacher CAPA

Issy Brew, Max Lynch and Gabbie Copley

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Principal's Report:

Congratulations to:
- **Karlie Travassaros - Year 8**
  Who has won a national competition for cartography/mapping in the 13-15 years division.
- **Open Girls Basketball Team**
  Who qualified for the CHS finals.

STUDENTS SHINE:

The last two weeks have been full of wonderful achievements by students and staff. Most recently the Open Girls Basketball Team beat Nowra in overtime to make the CHS finals in Terrigal.

Students who assisted with the ANZAC badge selling received their certificates on assembly this week.

Congratulations to **Jack Day** in Year 12 who was fourth in Australia, in the Australian Geography Competition, an outstanding result.

Two students made the Riverina Golf Team, **Jackson J Payne** and **Rachel Foreman**.

**Claire Macdonald** and **Katja Jorgensen** made the State Music Camp and **Claire** was also selected in the State Senior Wind Band.

There were many other successful students and teams in the last fortnight including Soccer and AFL.

For full details you can follow us on Twitter.@Albury_High
CHARITY WORK:

Congratulations to the students and staff who supported our Nepal Earthquake Appeal. The final total raised was over $1,800.00

This week we will be promoting the White Ribbon day which targets violence against women.

In particular we will ask students to wear yellow in memory of Stephanie Scott from Leeton High School.

This will take place on Friday 29th May. Money raised from wearing yellow will be donated to the Leeton High School SRC for them to use as required.

Our Students are to be congratulated on their work in support of the community.

WINTER SOLSTICE EVENT:

Later in this edition is information regarding this event, which is an event to support families, friends and community members who have been affected by suicide. It will take place in QEII Square on Sunday 21st June at 5.00pm and I recommend this event to you.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

YEAR 11 STUDY SKILLS/CROSSROADS:

The school’s Year 11 Study Skills/Crossroads is to be held at the La Trobe University’s Wodonga campus from 1st to 3rd June. The venue of the University’s Wodonga Campus reinforces the links Albury High school already has with this tertiary institution and provides the students with a snapshot of life at university. All Year 11 students must attend this program as it covers important content mandated by the Department of Education and Communities and the study skills program; which is seen as an integral part of senior study. It provides our senior students with those extra skills that will assist them in undertaking their Preliminary HSC course and their HSC course next year. It is also a time for students to reflect on their progress in their stage 6 education program and be informed on issues that will confront them in their status as young adults.

Staff from Albury High School and various presenters will be conducting workshops and presentations throughout the three days. There will be an introductory session with presenters from La Trobe and the school.

Casual clothes can be worn at the 3 day program. Students should bring a pen and note pad with them. The cost of the program of $60 includes bus travel and lunch at the La Trobe Student’s Association each day. Busses leave for La Trobe Wodonga at 9:00am from the AHS Bus Bay and will return before 3:30pm. No private transport is permissible.

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal - Senior School

REFUGEE WEEK ACTIVITIES AT ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL:

At 7.00pm on Thursday 18th June we will be screening the film ‘The Good Lie’ in the Performing Arts Centre at Albury High School. Tickets will be $8.00 presale and $10.00 at the door.

Come and support Refugee Week by watching this powerful movie which describes the life of a group of children known as ‘the lost boys’ and their journey from Sudan via Kenya to the USA.

Ms Megan Salter
EAL/D Teacher

DEBUTANTE BALL 2015:

A reminder that the Anglican Parish of Northern Albury’s Debutante Ball Information Night will be held on Sunday 21st June in the Albury High School Hall from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

Please register your interest by calling Ann Mitchell on 0438 617 966.

P & C NEWS:

The P&C are establishing a Canteen sub-committee and are looking for interested parents to participate. A preliminary meeting/light lunch will be held to discuss how this new committee can best serve the canteen and school community.

Join us for a bite to eat on 4th June at 1.00pm in the canteen. Use this as an opportunity to discover where the P&C generates the majority of the funds that it provides to the school.

Everyone is welcome. If you are interested but can’t make the 4th June please provide your details via email – ahscaanteen@gmail.com or phone Betty Edwards or Sharon Wendt 6021 1730 for more information.
COMMUNITY NEWS:

Albury High School Portrait Prize 2015
Students of West Albury PS, Albury PS, Howlong PS & Albury HS

K-12 Art Competition
Albury LibraryMuseum
Official Opening 23rd July, 5 - 6pm
Exhibition 23rd July - 28th August 2015

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WEEK 7

1st, 2nd & 3rd June
Year 11 Crossroads
- Study at La Trobe

WEEK 8

Wednesday 10th June
School Photo’s
Thursday 11th June
School Photo’s
Friday 12th June
Riverina Cross Country