**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Wednesday, February 10th 2016  
Venue: Albury Pool

ALL students make their way straight to the pool for a 9.00am start, unless they are involved in the 8.45am events. Bus travellers who are unable to get directly to the pool must meet at the back of the AHS hall and walk to the pool under staff supervision.

**Schedule for the day:**

8.45am - 100m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly events. Students competing in these events need to be at the pool by 8.45am

8.50am - Roll Call (at the Pool) for ALL students

9.15am - Marshalling for Backstroke events

3.00pm - Carnival will conclude approximately at this time.

Enough time will be allowed for students to walk back to school if they need to catch a bus.

Entry: $3.50 (have correct money please) OR $0.50 when you show your season pass (you MUST have it with you)

Uniform: It is an out of uniform day and students are encouraged to wear their house colours to promote house spirit.

Mitchell (green); Murray (red); Hume (yellow); Hovell (blue)

Please note – all AHS students are expected to attend the Swimming Carnival for the whole day. If a student needs to leave the pool early for any reason, they MUST bring a signed note, clearly stating the reason and a contact phone number. This note must be signed by Mr. Hobson at the kiosk gate before they leave.

Sunscreen, drinks, protective hats and clothing are a must!
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new school year and opportunities at Albury High School. I encourage students to listen to messages given during roll call to ensure they do not miss out on the many sporting, cultural, academic and performing arts excursions and activities that we support each year.

Congratulations to our 2015 HSC cohort on results which reflect their effort and ability. Many students have progressed to work, TAFE, apprenticeships or University. Students achieved 32 Band 6 (the top band). This represented 22 students achieving one or more Band 6. There were 138 Band 5 results. Our highest ATARs were 90.00, 95.95 and 95.75. Eight students that I’m aware of had ATARs over 90. Many students had pre-entry confirmed to university prior to the results being announced. I would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

During 2016 Mr Ellis will be relieving Deputy Principal with the retirement of Mr King. As such, a new structure, has been put in place for the Deputy Principal’s positions. Mr Toohey will now look after Years 8, 10 & 12 while Mr Ellis will oversee Years 7, 9 & 11. This means that the Deputy Principal position will follow the year group through their entire schooling, helping build relationships with students and parents (for example Mr Toohey had Year 7 last year and now moves with them to Year 8 and so on next year).

REMINDERS

PHONES
Last year we strengthened the mobile phone policy and the adherence of it at school. Students are not to have their phone out in class at any point unless under the direct instruction of staff for educational purposes. This includes using headphones for music. Phones will be confiscated and if it is the second time, the phone will need to be collected by the parent from the relevant Deputy Principal.

OUT OF CLASS
Students out of class will be required to have a note. Students who present to class late without a plausible reason will be given a detention by the teacher. Students should always ask for a note to be out of class.

UNIFORM
For 2016 we will have a particular focus on correct footwear and socks. Students who are not in correct school uniform without a note will be given a detention. If there are any issues with uniform please see Mr Hobson or Mrs Quinn, Head Teacher Welfare. Students out of uniform may not be allowed to represent the school excursions.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education (SRE) will take place Wednesdays period 3 for students in Year 7 and 8 who have nominated to take part on their enrolment forms. These will be combined 7/8 classes and SRE will be delivered by the Catholic Church and the Albury Christian Education Association representing Albury Presbyterian Church, Albury Bible Church, Albury Baptist Church, City Central Church, Albury Lutheran Church, Anglican Churches in Albury, River Community Church and the North Gate Christian Church. Students not participating will be involved in completing homework or reading. No new work will be given in this time.

CHANGES TO OVAL USAGE

Due to Work Health & Safety (WH&S) concerns, we have had to make changes to the use of our school oval. It is closed to the public from 8:00am to 4:00pm for child protection reasons.

The oval has also been used extensively by dog owners and some people have not cleaned up after their dogs. As a result of consultation with the Council and our Local Branch, the oval is now permanently closed as an area for use with dogs. This is covered under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 Revised 2013 point 1e.

Mr Darryl Ward

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Angus Mackinnon who has been selected to attend The Arts Unit Solo Vocal Camp 2016
- Angus Kilby who has been selected to compete at the 2016 NSWCHS Boys Cricket Championships

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

You are warmly invited to attend the AHS School Council AGM on Monday 21st March at 7.30pm in the AHS Board Room. A General meeting will follow directly after the AGM.

If you are interested in finding out more about the School Council and its role, please contact Leanne Wheaton on 0428 263 297 or Judy O’Keefe on 0408 415 196.
SPORTING NEWS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS

Students and Valuable Items

During PE lessons it is not practical nor appropriate for students to carry valuables with them. There can be up to 180 students involved in PE lessons at any one time, and although change rooms are locked, there are times when students might return up to five minutes earlier than another class to get changed, or students may still be in the toilets after students have left. While we would prefer that students do not bring valuables to school at all, we do understand that this is sometimes necessary. We encourage students to hand in valuables to their PE teacher for storage in our storeroom safe at the beginning of the lesson. There are often over 50 mobile phones, wallets, ipods, etc in this safe. We supervise the collection of these valuables at the end of the lesson. To ensure students collect ONLY those valuables that belong to them, it is important that all items are placed into a clearly labelled snaplock bag - this makes redistribution of items faster and more efficient. We require ALL students to use this method to keep their valuables safe and together. The Department of Education & Communities does not insure student's valuables at school and therefore students bring them to school at their own risk.

Mr Greg King
Head Teacher, PDHPE

CAPA NEWS

ABORIGINAL MURALS

Towards the end of last year we had the privilege of working with local Aboriginal artist Ruth Davys in creating three murals. The murals tell the stories of the Wiradjuri culture. Ruth spent four days working collaboratively with indigenous and non-indigenous students to research, design and paint these three fabulous murals. The students presented these works to the school on assembly Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by an excellent speech by year 9 student Rylie Loy. The murals will be permanently displayed in the school quadrangle for all to appreciate.

Mrs Sharon McEachern
Head Teacher CAPA
Drama Fun in 2016

Classes involve creative thinking, improvisation through character development, script work, dramatic movement and vocal work developing confident and imaginative individuals through theatre workshops.

All groups devise a performance for the end of year production at the Cube Theatre or the Albury Entertainment Centre and have the opportunity to participate in the Albury/Wodonga Sight and Sound Festival.

For further information go to the web site: www.shdrama.com. Contact Sharyn Hill: 0411 181 655 or admin@shdrama.com
UNIFORM POLICY

Football Players Wanted

Brock – Burrum Saints in the Hume league

are seeking players for their under 14’s and under 17’s grades.

Pre-season training is at Noriel Park each Monday and Wednesday at 6.30pm.

For more information contact either

Danny – 0413703129 or

Mitch 0447220894

Enquiries: (email) 37ACU@cadetnet.gov.au