PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to:
- Renee Boyd, Claire Hemsley, Jessica Reid, Laura Roberts, Chlo Sheridan & Rebecca Smits on their acceptance into the Riverina Albury Dance Ensemble at the Northern Spirit 2013 concert
- Emma Hooppell on her selection in the Victorian U13 Girls Hockey Team to contest the Australian Championships in Hobart later in the year
- Andrew Nixon on his selection in the Boys U15 Victorian side. Andrew will travel to Darwin for the Australian Championships
- Ben Hooppell on his selection in the NSW CHS Merit Team following their Tri-State Championships earlier this Year. Ben then went on to the Australian U18 Championships as goalkeeper for the Victorian Team, winning their first Australian Title in 14 years. Ben has been nominated for Australian Futures selection and is awaiting the outcome of the selection process.

Albury High School provides supervision for its bus travellers and support to the drivers to ensure behaviour and safety meets our expectations. One issue that has come to light recently is students attempting to travel either without a pass or using someone else’s pass. In this situation the driver and bus company are responsible for the decisions made. Students would either need to pay the fee for travel or may be removed from the bus. If students refuse to leave, our staff on duty may intervene to help the driver.

At the time of going to print the senior boys soccer team are travelling to Sydney for their semi-final game, so I would like to wish them well.

From the 9th September, we will have two La Trobe University Social Worker students in the school completing block placements. This is an exciting and new collaboration between us and La Trobe. The students will be embedded in our welfare team for 14 weeks where they will conduct a needs analysis in areas we nominate. They will design and research a program based on best practice and then deliver the program. At the end of their practicum we will have a program/s to be used in the future. They will be working with staff, students, community and parents. Possible programs include strategies around the appropriate use of multimedia, peer relations, bullying incidents and a welcome to school program for new students, with a particular emphasis on students from a non-English background. Once we have a more detailed idea of how they will be working I will inform you.

Finally I would like to thank the P&C for the provision of a new and clear PA system in the hall. It’s so good I could order my fish and chips from the Jones Street shops while on stage! The project cost $17,000 and is a great example, along with the new seating in the Year 11 & 12 area, of the resources being provided by the P&C, which is partly due to the success of our canteen. These are fantastic projects which will benefit us all.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

P&C MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th August in the Staff Common Room, commencing at 7.30pm. All welcome

UPDATED MEDICAL FORMS
Reminder to those families who have received Medical Forms for updating, that they are to be returned to Mrs Johnson by Wednesday 21st August. Please ensure the student name is written on the top of each form.

Mrs Cheryl Johnson
Administration

YEAR 12 DRAMA PERFORMANCE NIGHT
The HSC markers will be arriving at Albury High School to mark the performances of the HSC on 27th August. In order for students to be ready and confident there will be a performance night in the PAC on Thursday 22nd August commencing at 7:00pm until approximately 10:00pm. Two Group Performances and 10 Monologues will be performed.

Come along and support year 12 who have been working solidly all year on these performances. I'm sure the students would appreciate your support!

Margie Gleeson
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts
LEAVING SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS
There has been a large increase in the amount of phone calls received to sign out students out, or to remind students of appointments throughout the day.

We would like to remind parents and students of the correct procedure to sign out during the day, as outlined in the Student Information Booklet on page 7.

‘A student wishing to leave the grounds at any time during the school day must have a specific purpose note from the parents. The parent note, after approval has been given (by the Deputy or Head Teacher Welfare), is to be used to sign out at the school office. Lunch passes do not exist at Albury High School and students are to remain in the school grounds for the full school day.’

Whilst we recognise that there are often unforeseen circumstances/appointments, it is not always easy or practical for office staff to locate students throughout the day. However we do endeavour to do our utmost to accommodate requests.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Administration

ENGINEERING SUMMIT FOR WOMEN “SO YOU THINK YOU CAN ENGINEER?”
“So You Think You Can Engineer” is a four night residential camp for young women interested in an Engineering career. At the Women in Engineering Summit, you'll learn about career opportunities in the engineering industry. You'll see and experience the world-class engineering facilities at University of Wollongong and visit local engineering industry sites. The Summit is your chance to meet industry leaders, academics and other women with similar interests from across NSW and ACT. The Summit runs over four days from 13th to 17th January, 2014. Every activity will be supervised by a UOW staff member.

You’ll stay in groups at one of UOW’s on-campus residences. A female student leader will ‘live-in’ with you. Each leader is a young female UOW engineering student or recent graduate.

The Summit fee of $165 covers your meals, accommodation and activities. Applications will be taken throughout August, 2013 at www.uow.edu.au/future/wiesummit

Places are limited and preference will be given to students studying Year 11 in 2014.

Mr Gavin Fletcher
Head Teacher Industrial Arts

YEAR 10 TAFE INFORMATION SESSION
Sally Richardson from Riverina Institute of TAFE - Albury campus, will be in the IT room in the Library during lunch on the 20th August to answer any questions regarding studying a TAFE course in Years 11 & 12. Any interested parents are also welcome to attend. Lunch starts after Assembly at approximately 11.55am. Contact Ms Mortimer if you have any queries about this session or to register your interest.

Tanya Mortimer
Head Teacher Home Ec, VET & Careers

ROAD CYCLING AND MOUNTAIN BIKING
Six AHS students experienced the excitement of a road racing criterion last Friday at the Border Zone event of the Victorian Schools Cycling Championships. The course at the Noreuil Foreshore was dry, flat and provided the spectators with a clear view of the track from most vantage points. Most of our entrants where relatively new to road cycling competition but proved to be most competitive on the day. Dayan Bakulic (Yr9) and Oliver O’Neill (Yr7) had wins in their age categories on the day and were awarded gold medals and “Border Champion” winner’s jerseys. Silver medals went to Will Campbell (Yr7) and Spencer Hunter (Yr11) and Katelin Fletcher (Yr8) picked up a bronze medal, while Will Perry (Yr9) rode courageously in a field of quality riders in his first competitive race. The medal winning students have qualified to compete at the State Final at Ballarat in October. Congratulations to all these students.

On Sunday, championship cycle action turned to Mountain Biking. We again had six competitors from AHS and on a fairly dry track in fine conditions, quality fields of riders had assembled from across Victoria including some state and national champions. Chris Boyall (Yr10) picked up a silver medal on the day following up on a good performance in the corresponding event last year. After an unfortunate mishap soon after the starting line which saw him lose valuable seconds, Chris recovered well on the narrow, winding track to narrowly miss out on the gold medal. The other students to compete in this exhilarating event were Tim Lutton, Daniel Norden and Jeremy Scott (Yr9) along with Zacharie Rogers and Will Campbell (Yr7). Having raced at this zone event, all of these riders have qualified to compete at the State Final in September at Lysterfield.

Thanks must go to the Lavington Cycling Club and Albury Wodonga Mountain Bikers for their organisation of these events along with Cycle Victoria.

Mr Gavin Fletcher

WEEKS 6 & 7 COMING EVENTS

Tuesday August 20  Parent Information Night for Year 10 2014

WEEKS 6 & 7 CANTEEN

URGENT HELP NEEDED
The Canteen would greatly appreciate assistance in serving between the hours of 11.30 and 12.30. If you are able to help out in any way please contact Betty in the school canteen on 6021 1730.

Pictured here are Dayan Bakulic and Will Campbell on their way to gold and silver medals.

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