

Albury High School Grapevine

Tradition, Innovation and Excellence



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Erin Macdonald** who has been selected in the NSW U15 basketball team to play in a tournament in January against all states and New Zealand.

90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We celebrated our schools 90th anniversary on the long weekend during the holidays. Many people came back to their "old school" and the place buzzed with the sharing of memories. Some of our students welcomed and guided ex students whilst others provided musical entertainment. Over 20 staff members worked on the weekend to organise morning and afternoon teas and a BBQ lunch. The Anniversary Committee of ex students and teachers organised a dinner dance, Church service at St Matthews and a Sunday BBQ. It was a great celebration enjoyed by everyone involved and we look forward to celebrating our centenary in 10 years time.

HSC EXAMS

Our Year 12 students commence their HSC exams today with Business Studies and tomorrow all students sit for their first of two English examinations. The students are well prepared and I extend to them our school communities best wishes. The last exam is Visual Arts which is on Wednesday 10th November.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMS

Our Year 10 students are currently preparing for their external School Certificate exams. Students complete examinations in English, Maths, Science, Australian History, Geography, Civic and Citizenship and Computing Skills in the week commencing Monday 8th November. As these exams are set and marked by the State all students must be present on these exam days.

Parents of Year 10 students will be provided with more specific information next week.

YEAR 11 VIETNAM/CAMBODIA EXCURSION

Our Year 11 Modern History group have just returned from their excursion to Vietnam and Cambodia during the holidays. The Vietnam war is a major area of study for these students. The excursion as usual was an excellent and I am sure the experience is one our students will always remember.

I have just received an email from a couple who met our excursion group in Cambodia and the following is a quote from part of the email: "We came across your students at the airport in Cambodia en route to Saigon and wanted to let you know what a fantastic group of young adults they are. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were an absolute delight".

I often do receive positive comments from people who encounter our excursion groups and it is great to see people acknowledging the quality of our students. My thanks to Mr Barry Overs and staff who continue to provide fantastic opportunities for our students.

Ian Crossley, Principal

BBQ DESIGN SIZZLES!

On Thursday 16th September, after weeks of wet weather, our Year 10 Metal class finally got to test and evaluate their portable BBQs. A design project from Term 1 and 2, students had to make their BBQ fully portable, weigh less than 2kgs, be large enough to cook a meal for at least one person, and use as little solid fuel as possible. Designs varied greatly, following on from several weeks of research and development. While most chose traditional fold - out plate and grill designs, an interesting reflector cooker by Andrew Lucas used to cook muffins added interest to this year's challenge.



The gusty breeze caused some early chaos with those designs lacking wind guards, but once the students had got their fires going and established the particular needs of their individual BBQ design, we settled down to some serious cooking and product evaluation. All the designs were successful, and students not only had a good feed, but deserve to be congratulated on their commitment and hard work towards this design project. Thanks must also go to Mr Brinsmead and Mr Crowhurst for their help on the day, as well as Ash Habermann whose willing assistance in cleaning up was appreciated.

Dave Wood, Industrial Arts



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

A photography competition will take place during the Applause Festival on Saturday 16th October. This is a great chance for all amateur photographers to capture some great images when Dean St plays host to various acts including jugglers, sword swallowers, escape artists, festival buskers and acrobats. It's free to enter! For further information please contact Glenys on 6021 7775 or email applause@alburycentral.com or visit the website www.alburycentral.com/applause

SOLAR CAR

Our 2010 Year 9 Solar Car team has been working overtime to get our Albury High School – Albury Precision Engineering vehicle ready for practice day today. In fact the boys spent a full day working on their car at Albury Precision Engineering during the first week of the holidays just to make sure.

Thanks must go to the APE staff whom accommodated us, mentors Paul, Luke, Pete and Ashley who gave of their valuable time on the day to assist the boys, and of course Karen who made sure we didn't go hungry.

Parents and friends are reminded that the Solar Car Challenge Race Day this year is on Friday 29th October at Wilson Transformer's new venue at 19 Maloney Drive in Wodonga. It is a great annual event and open to the public, with the official 12 noon race preceded by a local Celebrity Race at around 11am. (Turn right at Melrose Drive freeway exit and proceed over freeway bridge into the Industrial Estate. Wilson's new venue is approx 1 km around on the left).

Dave Wood, Solar Car Coordinator

CHS BOYS HOCKEY

On Thursday 26th August the Albury High School Boys Hockey team headed off en route to Sydney. We played our first game against an enthusiastic and determined Springwood High and held them to a 5-0 win with John Waters scoring the goal of the day from a flamboyant mid-air volley. Other goals went to Lauchie Carey and Will McGrath who got 2 each. Our second game of the day was against a more skilful side, Homebush Boys HS, with the winner proceeding into the top eight finals in Lithgow. We took the lead in the first half from an excellent shot into the bottom corner by Lauchie Carey and at half time the score stood at 1-0. The second half played out to be a tight and well-fought game with both sides having close chances and despite our efforts, we conceded 2 goals.

With a last effort from John Waters and James Ellis in the final 20 seconds we were still not able to force the game into extra time and the final whistle blew - Homebush 2, Albury 1. At the end of the day everyone had moments of greatness and well done to the team for getting this far. Thanks to Pete Carey, Steve Barrett, Glenn McGrath and Mr Morrison.

Ben Hoopell

A CANVAS TO COLOUR CD LAUNCH AT SLICE OF LIFE

There is a strong culture developing at Albury High School of students who are writing and performing their own original works. This year, many of the school's music students have been busy recording a CD highlighting all of their efforts. *A Canvas to Colour* will be launched at this year's *Slice of Life* exhibition and we invite all students, parents and friends to come along and see for themselves the amazing wealth of talent we have within the school. CDs will be sold for a bargain price of \$10 each and we encourage all those interested to come and support our students by purchasing one at the launch. The event will take place on **Wednesday October 27 at 6.30pm** in the school hall. The CD features tracks by Patrick Thurtell, Emma Percy, *Radio Shock Therapy* (Alex Cameron, David Tagliabue, Khayl Picard, Paul Dyason & Edward Caunt), Paul Dyason, Jessica Hoopell, Clare Jones, James Fischer, *Far Side* (Jack Percy, Renn Picard & Harry Thurtell), Anna Mannering & Lily Marschall. The CD was recorded and produced by ex-Albury High student Judd Ditchfield and features artwork by Stefan Terlich.

Looking forward to seeing you all there for this exciting event!

Helena Kernaghan

APPLAUSE FESTIVAL

The Applause Festival takes place this Saturday 16th October from 11am-6pm in Dean Street. For more information visit www.alburycentral.com/applause or phone Glenys on 6021 7775

P&C WINE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

The highly popular P&C wine drive fundraiser is on again. A selection of reds and whites from the King Valley are available, as well as sparkling white for this special time of year. You can enjoy good wine and support the Albury High School P&C at the same time. An order form is with this newsletter. Orders are to be returned by Thursday 28th of October. For more information contact Jane Downing on 60217032 or email jane_downing@yahoo.com.au

P&C Fundraising Team

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE WRITTEN TESTS

School Certificate written tests commence on Monday 8th November. Encourage your child to establish a routine now. Set aside a particular time each day for study and revision. See some study tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/studyingtips.php

KIDS KEYBOARDING

Computer keyboarding for kids will take place in term 4 at TAFE NSW Albury Campus O Block, Room 0G37 from Monday 18th October – Monday 13th December from 4pm-6pm. Cost is \$160. For more information please contact Wendy Barker on 6058 2813.

COOINDA VARIETY NIGHT

The Cooina Variety Night, featuring comedian Corinne Grant, John Walker and other entertainers is being held on Wednesday 20th October at 7pm. Tickets are \$12 each or \$10 each for tables of 10. For more information and bookings please contact Cooina on 6056 4844.

BULLYING PREVENTION

Given that bullying is about relationships, work on the relationship with your child. Keep the lines of communication open and allow discussion about feelings and relationships as normal conversation. Know who your child's friends are and be watchful for any changes in your child's behaviour, such as if they are upset, withdrawn or anxious. Model the type of relationships you would like your child to have with others. This involves developing your own moral code for being a good friend, such as not gossiping, keeping information confidential and understanding what can hurt others feelings. More ideas at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezsine/yr2009/issue06/factsbullying.php

ALBURY LITTLE ATHLETICS

Come and try Little Athletics any Saturday during October for free from 8.30am at Alexandra Park for ages 5-16 years.

ST MICHAELS FUN RUN TALLANGATTA

A fun run will take place on Saturday 30th October commencing at 10am. The event consists of an 8km run/walk from Old Tallangatta or a 2km run/walk along the rail trail. An entry form can be obtained from the front office. For more information please contact

Christine Quinn on 0439 712 820 or 02 6071 2386.

Coming events for Term 4 2010

WEEKS 2 & 3	COMING EVENTS
Monday October 18	• Year 8 Outward Bound excursion departs
Tuesday October 19	• P&C meeting 7.45pm in the SCR
Wednesday October 20	• Year 10 Career expo in Wodonga
Friday October 22	• Year 8 Outward Bound - returning Sunday 24 th October
Monday October 25	• School Council meeting 7.30pm in the SCR
Tuesday October 26	• Year 7 ADSSSA Sports Gala Day
Wednesday October 27	• Slice of Life exhibition 5.30pm-8.30pm
Thursday October 28	• Slice of Life exhibition 9am-12noon
Friday October 29	• Solar Car race day

WEEKS 2 & 3	CANTEEN
Monday October 18	• Jan Hawkins, Sandra McNeil, Chris Robinson
Tuesday October 19	• Alyson Savige, Julie Versteegen
Wednesday October 20	• Cayte Campbell, Ann Bartram
Thursday October 21	• Help needed
Friday October 22	• Esther Kok, Jan Hawkins
Monday October 25	• Jan Hawkins, Di Gardiner
Tuesday October 26	• Angela Andronicos
Wednesday October 27	• Karyn Duncan, Glenys, Jan Bowler, Angela Waters
Thursday October 28	• Dimity Bates
Friday October 29	• Esther Kok, Jan Hawkins

Serving times for canteen duty:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
11.45am - 12.30pm lunch
1.45pm – 2.15pm afternoon recess

Tuesday (Sport days)
11.00am – 11.25am morning recess
12.30pm – 1.30pm lunch