

Albury High School Grapevine

Tradition, Innovation and Excellence



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Nathan Scott** who was selected as Most Valuable Player for the Riverina tennis team when they competed in the state finals in Grafton recently.
- to the **exhibitors** who were successful in gaining awards at the Albury Show held recently.

SCHOOL EXCURSION

Our school is fortunate that it retains a wide range of overnight excursions. Staff continue to volunteer to take such groups away and as a consequence we still have a wide range of opportunities for students. Excursions include Year 7 camp, Year 8 Outward Bound, Year 9 Adelaide and Sydney trips, Year 10 leadership camp and Year 11 Crossroads Program. This along with overseas excursions and overnight trips for programs involving Drama, English plays and Music provide great experiences for students. And then there are the numerous sporting groups who travel away to compete. My thanks to the staff who make this possible.

Last week Year 8 students were on the Outward Bound challenge. Seven days in the wilderness, camping out without tents and meeting many challenges. An exhausted, smelly group of students and staff returned home after a great experience. We also had a group of boys participate in our "Boys to the Bush" trip. Three nights on a property 60 km's from Lake Cargelligo working. A great experience. Congratulations to all the students who participated in these excursions and my thanks to the teachers who made it possible.

BUILDING GRANT

We have been successful in having two "Joint Funding Grant" applications approved. The first, submitted in

February 2010, was to improve the playground in the western area. Much of this has already been completed with P&C funds but the additional monies will enable us to build a covered walkway along the hall connecting to the COLA. This will also provide shelter for the disabled access to the school hall. The second application, submitted in February 2011, will enable us to build a COLA and additional seating in the northern area of the school. Any excess funds will be used to provide a watering system and landscaping for part of this area.

The P&C will be providing a further \$86,000 and the State Government \$119,000 to enable this to happen. Final planning has commenced and it is anticipated that the tender to complete the work will be let before the end of this term.

My thanks to the P&C for their generous contribution.

PREFECTS

Albury High School elects 24 prefects each year to lead our school and represent us at community functions.

The election of prefects for 2012 has just been completed. There were many nominations for the election and I am confident that they all could have carried out the role well. It is an honour to be elected as a prefect of our school and I congratulate each of the following successful candidates;

Nicholas Baker, Brittany Betteridge, Mallory Campbell, Lisa Cobban, Will Coghlan, Miki Donohoe, Lachlan Gardiner, Naseem Golshan, Tom Hemsley, Ben Inglis, Clare Jones, Ranelle King, Mitchell Koschitzke, Mallory McNally, Helen Moyo, Kate Nickels, Kate Pargeter, Annierose Pound, Gabriella Pound, Josh Robinson, Jonte Shaw, Stacey Shearer, Lachlan Stewart and Shane Timmermans.



Later in the year our Captains and Vice Captains will be elected from this group. This will be announced on Presentation Day.

The prefect's induction ceremony will be held in late February 2012 and we hope to have the Captains of 1962 present as our special guests.

Ian Crossley, Principal

YEAR 12

This Tuesday 15th November at 10am the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony for the class of 2011 will commence. We have invited an ex student Jonathan La Nause, who will speak and no doubt offer some sage advice to the cohort as they complete their secondary education experience. Jonathan is a Campaign Coordinator for 'Friends of the Earth' and he will be worth listening to. Year 12 students are asked to be at the hall at 9am so that a rehearsal can take place for their part in the ceremony.

The HSC exams continue and some students will be completing their final exams tomorrow (Hospitality and Design & Technology).

The Graduation Ball will be at the Albury Convention Centre on Wednesday 16th November and commences at 7pm. Students are reminded to be at the school for their formal photo on the steps of the school at 5.50pm – no later.

One of the highlights of teaching is seeing the maturation of students over their secondary schooling experience and the class of 2011 is no exception. They are a credit to themselves, their families and their school. Well Done!

Andrew King - Deputy Principal Senior School

2012 BOOK PACK UPDATE

Book pack order forms are presently being distributed to all students. This order form also includes ordering of the AHS Study Planner in Years 9 to 12 as well as sport shirts & hats. Voluntary school & subject contributions and library donations can also be included. Spare copies are available from the reception office and the school library.

Remember that this is an order only at this stage and does not require payment until the packs are collected on 18th January 2012. Orders can only be processed if signed by a parent/guardian. Order forms can be returned to the box at the reception office or the library.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 2nd November

Order forms given to Yr 6 at Orientation Day/Night

Fri 4th November

Order forms given to Yr 10 in class

Mon 7th - Fri 11th November

Order forms given to Yrs 7-9 in class

Friday 25th November

Last day to return book pack orders to AHS

Wed 18th January 2012

Book pack collection and payment – Old Gym

Yr 7 2012 8.30 am – 4pm

Yr 8 2012 9am – 4pm

Yr 9 2012 9.30am – 4pm

Yrs 10, 11 & 12 2012 10am – 4pm

Fri 20th January 2012

Uncollected/new book packs available from Cremer's Stationary, Dean St

Thurs 2nd February 2012

Lunch collection at AHS 12 noon – 1pm

Chris Wilson

FACE GROWN & HAND BRUSHED

MOVEMBER

It is that time of year again – tiny hairs sprouting on freshly shaven upper lips – MOVEMBER at Albury High School. Fifty four Year 11 students and staff have registered to participate in this awareness raising campaign for men's health, focusing on prostate cancer and depression.

Last year we raised \$3,300 and already this year we have hit the \$700 mark. Mr Crossley has come to the party with a promise to shave off his Mo after 38 glorious years, as long as we can raise \$2,000.

Year 11 have organised a number of fundraising activities including a gold coin collection in Roll Call this Friday, as well as some staff/student sporting challenges and a MoBake (cake stall).

If you would like to support us by donating online you can visit <http://mobro.co/alburyhigh> where you can also print a Tax Receipt for any donation of \$2.00 or more.

Enjoy the rest of Moustache Season!

Craig Day

ART EXCHANGE

As an extension to the German exchange program, the 'Art Exchange' was a pilot project organised by myself, Margie Gleeson, Angela Moon and Bronwyn Gonczar where we invited the German Art Faculty to send their students' work to us here and they were hung at Creators Art Space, a community run Gallery, with works by Albury High students.

The project gave students and staff as well as the public the chance to view works by Year 7 & 9 students.

The Otto Hahn Gymnasium is very interested in having our students' work sent over there as well. Depending on logistics and interest on the part of staff and students, this could be an ongoing exchange.

Paula Watson



**Mikaela Day, Lauren McIntosh and Catherine Pratt
at the Creators Art Space**

SPRINGART

The Springart art exhibition is being held this weekend in the AHS Performing Arts Centre. The exhibition will open on Friday 11th November with a Cocktail Party from 6pm-9pm. Entry is \$20 payable at the door. The exhibition continues 10am-4pm on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th.

CANTEEN

The canteen is registered for Pauls Collect-a-Cap. Please bring in your caps from the following milk bottles – Trim, Rev, Smarter White and other Pauls milk products and Pauls will donate 10c per cap back to the canteen.

CENTACARE

Centacare is again presenting its successful parenting program on three consecutive Wednesdays from 16th November – 30th November from 7.30pm-9.30pm at 449 Olive Street, Albury, NSW 2640. Cost is \$50 per family and bookings are essential. For further information please contact 6051 0222.

MEDICAL INFORMATION SITE

A new website which helps explain over 75 different medical, developmental and psychological conditions in children is now available.

Physical as anything contains over 50 articles written by medical specialists on subjects as diverse as ADHD, autism, anxiety disorders, fragile X syndrome, major depression, schizophrenia, eating disorders and cancer.

The site contains many links, videos, fact sheets, pdfs and resources to help understand and support students with any of these conditions. It was produced by the Department of Education and Communities and the Children's Hospital Westmead. Go to www.physicalasanything.com.au

Coming events for Term 4 2011

WEEKS 6 & 7

Monday November 14

Tuesday November 15

Wednesday November 16

Thursday November 17

Tuesday November 22

Wednesday November 23

Thursday November 24

Friday November 25

COMING EVENTS

- Australian Tennis Challenge
- Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
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- Australian Tennis Challenge
- Taste of High School
- ESSA Test-all Year 8
- Awards at Assessment Maths/ Computer Studies/ CAPA/ IA/English/History
- Snr/Jnr Cricket vs Scots @ Scots
- Year 7 Vaccinations
- Final Day for Bookpack orders for 2012

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CANTEEN

- Sandra McNeil, Chris Robinson
- **Help Needed**
- Joy Lee
- Jacqui Nero
- Julianne Murtagh, Charlotte Morton
- Sharon Wendt
- **Help Needed**
- Angela Andronicos
- Dimity Bates
- Cathy W, Shelley

