

Albury High School Grapevine

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Principal's Report

Congratulations to:

- **Rui Huang** of year 10 on her acceptance into the 2015 Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars' Program at Melbourne University.
- **Lucy Crawford** for working toward 'Top Level Rider' at the Adelaide International Horse Trials
- **Gabbi Jeffs** who will soon be travelling to Germany on a scholarship – Good Luck
- **Erin Macdonald** who is currently travelling to Somme, on the Western Front in France, for the ANZAC Memorial Scholarship

Last week we held the Year 12 graduation ceremony on the Tuesday and the Graduation Ball on the Wednesday night. Both events brought record numbers of parents and guests.

The events were extremely successful and all participants are to be commended. The captains' speeches on the Tuesday were particularly well delivered and had significant meaning for the group and school. Mr King's report has more detail.

On Wednesday 4th December we will be launching our 'Crossing Point Learning Community' with student performances from 9.30am in the hall representing each of the schools involved. Mr Peter Smith, Director of Education for the Albury area will officially launch our community. Following this, the Year 6 students will attend their orientation day.

As we watch the sad events unfold in the Philippines, resulting from the typhoon, we are reminded of the human suffering when such an event occurs. One of our students has galvanised our school community to respond to this. As a result we will be running a school concert with performances by students and community members on Monday 16th December from 6.00pm. Tickets will be available soon from the school at a cost \$5. All proceeds will go to the Red Cross Appeal. All are welcome. Weather permitting, the event will be held outside in the western area and at this early stage of planning we anticipate a 2 hour event. More details will be in our next newsletter.

The P&C has, during this year, been considering uniform options for Albury High School. As a consequence we

have decided to add to the uniform a black jacket made from a soft shell material, embroidered with our logo. We hope that this jacket can serve two purposes. Firstly as an alternative to the 'hoody' in its own right and secondly as a cheaper alternative to the school blazer. We would see this item as a jacket which could be worn over school approved jumpers in winter. It would be priced around the \$75 mark and available next winter from our uniform suppliers. There will be a male and female version. The blazer may still be purchased as an option.

We are also considering a direct replacement for the 'hoody'. This will be a deep red, embroidered polar fleece top which is priced between \$35 and \$40. This material we believe will hold its colour longer than the existing jumper, is warm and will obviously lack a hood. On this item we are seeking feedback in writing from the parent community. The plan will be to phase the 'hoodies' out over a three year period. If consultation does not indicate a strong opinion against the change then the new jumper will be introduced for winter next year. Feedback on this item should be in writing addressed to the P&C C/- Albury High School or emailed to the school account Albury-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au attention P&C. All items are available for viewing at the school office.

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal



The Kids Are All Right website offers a range of articles for parents of teenagers. Some suggested articles include:

Parents' guide to Tumblr:

<http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au/2012/technology/teenage-tumblr/>

Blogging good for anxious teens:

<http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au/2012/healthandwellbeing/blogging-good-for-teens-with-social-anxiety/>

For more articles on teenagers plus a forum for parents of teens, visit the website <http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au>

AHS P&C ASSOCIATION

The P&C Association wishes to advise that the following five motions were moved at the October meeting and are to be voted on at the next P&C Association meeting.

- End of Year Functions: That P&C spend \$5 per head for End of Year Functions for Years 7 to 11 upon application. Year Advisors to be responsible for consulting students and expenditure in Term 4.
- Lighting: Safety maintenance related to the lighting in the PAC and COLA is carried out to a maximum of \$3000.
- Kitchen Bay: That an upgrade to one kitchen bay be completed to a value of \$12,000.
- Cricket Ground: Through a partnership with Albury City Cricket Club we will contribute to cricket ground improvements to a total of \$10,000 in 2013 and \$10,000 on 2014.
- Science Microscopy and Specimen Laboratory: That P&C purchase microscopy equipment and specimen laboratory facilities up to the value of \$10,000.

The above motions were moved by Donna Davidson and seconded by Neil Mills

YEAR 12 GRADUATION 2013

Last Tuesday 12th November saw the Graduation Ceremony for the class of 2013. We invited an ex-student Tim Glabatz, who offered some sage advice to the cohort as they completed their secondary education experience. Tim graduated from Albury High in 2004 and is currently a pilot with QANTAS. He graduated from the Qantas Cadet Pilot Program - Flight Training Adelaide in 2008 and holds an Air Transport Pilot Licence (Highest level of Licence). Tim finished his speech with the following lines which deserve repeating in this newsletter.

"If you can dream it.....you can do it! - find something you can enjoy, and you'll become naturally good at it. Set goals, and keep focused. Things won't always work out, but embrace the challenges and give it your best shot. It is important to set goals and strive for excellence. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavours. Work hard, dream big and reach for the skies! "

Mr Greg King, the year 12 student adviser, spoke of the many achievements of the group. The success of the year 12 cohort is testament to his efforts over the past six years. Dylan Harris of year 11 spoke on behalf of the student body and the school captains, Andrea Wendt and Jack Percy both gave terrific speeches in response to Dylan's and Mr Ward's speeches. A great celebration of the achievements of this fine group of young people.

The Graduation Ball was held at the Albury Convention Centre on Wednesday 13th November and was a great success. My thanks to Mrs Johnson for her assistance in the organisation of the event. One of the highlights of teaching is seeing the maturation of students over their secondary schooling experience and the class of 2013 is no exception. They are a credit to themselves, their families and their school. Well Done!

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal Senior School

2014 BOOK PACKS

Book pack sales are the major fund raising initiative of the AHS P&C. Your support is greatly appreciated.

All students have now been given book pack order forms, including Year 6 students who have attended 'Taste of High School'. Year 12 2014 students who wish to order a student planner, renew stationery and/or pay voluntary contribution fees can collect an order form from the library. Please note the following:

- **Order forms can only be handed in at ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL, no other venue.**
- **There are no late orders.**
- **Collection is only on collection day or at school on the designated day (see details below).**

Completed order forms for all years are to be returned to the school by **Friday 22nd November**. Note that **payment is not required until collection day**.

Order forms also include ordering of the AHS Study Planner in Years 10 to 12 as well as sport shirts & hats. The voluntary school contribution, library donation and Years 7 & 8 subject contributions can also be included. Spare copies are available from AHS Reception and the school library.

Order forms can be returned to the box in the school foyer, outside the Maths staff room or the library.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 22nd November Last day to return book pack orders to AHS

Wed 22nd January 2014 Book pack collection and payment – Old Gym

Collection Times:

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| Year 7 2014 | 8.30 am – 4.00 pm |
| Year 8 2014 | 9.00 am – 4.00 pm |
| Year 9 2014 | 9.30 am – 4.00 pm |
| Year 10 and seniors | 10.00 am – 4.00 pm |

Thurs 30th January 2014 Late collection at AHS is between 12 noon & 1.00 pm in the interview room.

Mrs Chris Wilson
Book pack Co-ordinator

YEAR 10 SOCIAL/DISCO

This year the Year 10 social/disco will be held in the school hall on Monday 9th December 2013 from 6.00pm until 10.00pm. Food and refreshments will be provided by the Home Economics faculty and entertainment will be provided by Steve Bowen Entertainment.

The cost of the tickets will be \$20.00 and will go on sale next week. No ticket, no entry on the night. There will be no pass outs and students must leave with parents.

Mrs Melissa Albert
Year 10 Adviser

YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE TASTER & PATHWAY COURSE FOR ESL STUDENTS

TAFE is a great place to develop skills and strengthen knowledge, to communicate across cultures and to build understanding in workplace, education and community contexts. We have been taught to identify elements of cultural diversity, to use intercultural communication skills in a workplace community and/or educational context.

The Youth Community Service Taster and Pathway Course is giving ESL students the chance to explore different career pathways within Health and Community Services. We have had a few excursions so far. The excursions are part of our learning process. Excursions we have had so far are to **Betty's Place, The Hub, The Youth Club and The Albury Wodonga Community Network Inc.** Through these excursions, we further gained knowledge about social violence against women and children. This course runs on Wednesday afternoons for 10 weeks.

We would like to thank our ESL teachers for organising the TAFE program for us. And we would like to thank Miss Zoe Mason, our TAFE teacher, for being so supportive all the time.

Smriti Bhusal
Year 10

CAREERS

On Thursday 7th November, 6 Year 11 students volunteered at the Albury Races assisting with Fashions on the Field. They promote the fashions, encourage women to enter, take registrations, organise contestants, assist judges and present the prizes. This is a valuable extension of their Textiles studies, applying many design principles and fashion ideas to their knowledge. This year they also helped out in the LATIPSOH High Tea.



Reminder that enrolments for TAFE 2014 are open at Albury and Wodonga. A number of students took the opportunity to sit the Literacy and Numeracy tests online in Year 10 and Year 11. This allows them to gain an accurate report of their skills to offer employers.

Mrs Dian Madden
Careers Adviser Albury High School

JAPAN EXCURSION

On Friday 20th September 2013, fourteen year 9 and 10 students, accompanied by teachers Miss Rebecca Wall and Mr Peter O'Riordan, departed for Japan. Our first stop was Osaka to visit our sister school, Sakuya Konohana High School. During our stay we were welcomed with open arms and were able to have a fantastic time experiencing the wonderful delights planned for us by the school, such as judo, participating in Japanese classes, visiting Osaka Castle and the Golden Temple in Kyoto and even a swim in the rooftop pool.



Our travels next took us to Hiroshima where students were able to visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and learn from a survivor about some of the sad and harsh realities of war. The last stop on our itinerary was the amazing city of Tokyo. During our stay we visited Tokyo Sky Tree Tower (currently the tallest building in the world), Asakusa Shrine (one of the oldest shrines in Tokyo), and of course Disneyland!



A tired and exhausted bunch of travellers returned safely to Albury early on Saturday 5th October. It was an amazing two weeks in Japan and we look forward to more adventures in the future.



Miss Rebecca Wall
Languages

YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

Year 12 VA students held an exhibition in the PAC presenting a huge range of work. Students showed their skills in drawing, photography, printmaking, painting, ceramics and conceptual works using both traditional and digital media.



Ceramic Work by Daisy Wu

On Friday 15th November a number of students were also represented at a combined exhibition created by the Albury Regional Gallery staff held at the Lavington Library at Northpoint Tower.



Jess Ridgeon with her Body of Work

Ms Margie Gleeson
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts



White Ribbon Day is the world's largest male-led movement to end men's violence against women. A march will be held on Monday 25th November at QEII Square commencing at 12noon. All welcome to attend to show support.

NSW CHS BOYS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NSW CHS Boys Tennis Championships were held from 28th to 31st October 2013 in North Parramatta.

Albury High School students in the Riverina team were Ashley Wurtz, Nic Brown and Liam O'Neill.



Riverina finished in 8th position, after losing on a count back to South Coast in the playoff. Their best result was a comprehensive win over the Western Region team.

Mr Damian Toohey

FARM SALES



Fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables along with free range eggs (subject to availability) are for sale from our school farm. Cash sales can be made between the hours of 8.30am and 12noon at the farm gate near the oval. A variety of vegetable seedlings are also available.

Mrs Tracey Lee
Agriculture

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WEEKS 8 & 9

COMING EVENTS

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| Wednesday December 4 th | Year 11 Crossroads Camp Orientation Day for Year 7 2014 |
| Friday December 6 th | Return of Year 11 Crossroads Camp |