

Albury High School Grapevine



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Principal's Report

Congratulations to:

- **Katja Jorgensen & Alan Huang** for being selected to participate in a workshop with the London Symphony Orchestra.

Last week the school's production of Oklahoma took place. We would like to thank the community for supporting this event which showcased the high quality of student performances. Thanks must also go to all of those who contributed to the production's success; in particular the students and staff involved. From backstage, costumes and makeup, to the dancers, chorus and main characters every performance was exceptional - congratulations to you all! Many community members contributed as well, and for this we are thankful. I would also like to recognise the efforts of staff who enabled this display of student talent by putting in many hours of work, above and beyond their normal duties. It was a great show enjoyed by those who attended.

Attendance

As the year and fourth term draws to a close I want to stress the importance of attendance in learning for students. Assessment continues well into the term for all years and in particular Year 11, who have started their formal assessment for the HSC and will work up to the last day of term on new material.

We recently conducted our own Action Research in Year 8. An analysis of assessment and student growth against the literacy/numeracy continuum clearly demonstrates students who attend regularly will normally outperform their peers. The role of parents is critical in ensuring students attend school and that parents do not support unnecessary absences. Your understanding and cooperation in this will be appreciated and can impact on the learning of your children.

Over the past month we have had a number of students who have left school to pursue careers through means of employment or apprenticeships. We would like to congratulate the following students and wish them all the

best for their future:

- **Kayla Midson** - Traineeship - Steel Roofing
- **Maddison Horseburgh** - Airforce
- **Tayah Andrews** - Nursing Course - TAFE
- **Alexandra Davies** - Traineeship - Foodservices
- **Charlie Barker** - Apprenticeship - Electrician
- **Ashley Taggart** - Apprenticeship - Hospitality
- **Blake Williams** - Apprenticeship

Mr Darryl Ward
Principal

TERM 4 ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

Year 11 were issued with their Preliminary HSC reports today, 30th October. The conclusion of this part of their HSC study program sees students take up the various extension courses available and many have chosen to further vary their program by changing Maths and English courses and move from 12 units of study to 10.

It is important that students develop a study pattern now, so that it becomes routine once timelines and deadlines are imposed on their daily workload. The common practice amongst year 12 students is to devote no less than 3 hours per school day and more when the occasion demands. Obviously in busy lives that involve sporting and work commitments the timing of study is critical. The school provides course planners at the back of the Assessment booklets and term planners from my office. All parents who attended the HSC assessment evening were given one of these and some advice on how to use them. Students are encouraged to use these.

Year 10 will have a formal examination week commencing on 10th November where the venue used for the HSC examinations can be utilised. From mid-November years 7-9 will be completing their Semester 2 exams and assessments, all in preparation for Semester 2 Reports which will be distributed at year's end.

Mr Andrew King
Deputy Principal Senior School

BOOK PACKS 2015

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

Barkers OPD will be supplying the AHS book packs for 2015. The Book Pack order form also includes voluntary contributions (which include the school magazine), subjects fees for Year 7 and 8 and sport shirt and hat orders. Elective fees for Years 9 – 12 are billed separately in 2015.

Year 7 2015 students will receive order forms at the Year 7 Parent Information Evening in the AHS Information Package and at the Taste of High School day.

Important dates:

- **Week beginning Monday 17th November:** order forms distributed to all students
- **Friday 28th November:** book pack order forms due back to Albury High School
- **Wednesday 21st January, 2015:** Book pack collection day at the AHS Old Gym

Further information will be given in subsequent issues of The Grapevine. Please consider supporting the P&C when purchasing school requirements for 2015 as all profits from sales, plus voluntary school contributions, are used in projects within the school.

Mrs Chris Wilson
Book Pack Coordinator

YEAR 12 JUMPERS

A reminder that money and names are due by the end of week 5.

Mrs Mel Albert
Year Advisor

LEGACY

Mr Colin Darts from Albury Legacy presented certificates at this weeks Assembly to 30 students who participated in the recent Legacy Week Collection from 31st August to 5th September.



Oklahoma! Wow what a wonderful show!!!



Oklahoma played 4 shows last week and every show was wonderful. The cast excelled themselves. The band was thrilling. The backstage people worked quietly and diligently. It has truly been a terrific journey and one that I would not have missed for the world.

Thankyou to all staff, parents, students and friends who helped us create this show. From those that brought us props to the sewing groups, from the boys who built the set to the band of painters who painted it - many, many people made a contribution. Your efforts were rewarded.

Now, what shall we do next?

Also....A CD of photographs of the musical is available by order through the Front Office - \$12.00. Copyright prevents us selling a DVD of the show.

Mrs Margie Gleeson
Head Teacher CAPA

SOLAR CAR

Albury High School students competed in the local Solar Car Challenge held at Transformer Park in Wodonga on a hot and sunny day. Our mentor, K-Dec, provided team members with caps our thanks goes to Cameron Walker. Nick Garbuio, Wyatt Foster, Charlie Marschall, Mark Delphin, Darren Keenes, Arun Poudyel and Subash Poudyel constructed, raced and represented Albury High School proudly while contending with a temperamental machine.

The car had an intermittent issue causing the motor to run well, stop, then run slowly. We were one of four teams who experienced this frustrating problem throughout the race. Importantly, the car was able to withstand the battering sustained during racing to finish in one piece.

Congratulations to the Albury High School Team for representing the school with pride.

Mr Mark Crowhurst
Team Manager

MUSIC RECITAL

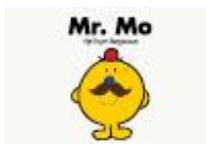
The Year 10 Evening Recital will be held on Wednesday 5th November in the PAC commencing at 7.30 pm. Your attendance and support is welcomed.

Mrs Mardi Sergi
Music

SAFETY

From time to time, young people may have concerns about the behaviour of people around them. This can be a useful reaction for the young person's safety. We invite parents to regularly reinforce safety messages with your children. This safe people, safe places message provided by the police can offer a helpful start to that conversation:

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know, knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to. Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don't know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, 'Go away, I don't know you'. This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don't know.



MOVEMBER 2014

It's on again! Advance notice of the upcoming Movember festivities amongst the Year 11 student group.

Willing Mo Bros and their Mo Sistas are gearing up.

You can follow their exploits on Instagram by following @movemberahs.

Stay tuned for more details or visit <http://au.movember.com/team/1574109>

U15 BOYS BASKETBALL THANKYOU

In the last Grapevine I reported on the successful year the boys had just completed and was remiss to thank one individual who deserves a lot of thanks from not just the U15 team, but also the Open team that participated in the senior knockout tournament too. This person is Josh Edgar, who umpired every senior and junior game at a very professional level and represented the school proudly. As the old saying goes "there is no game without the umps," so I would personally like to thank Josh for this year and the previous two years in which he has umpired and look forward to him continuing to help out our teams in the future, thanks mate!

Mr Andrew Mollison
Team Manager

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

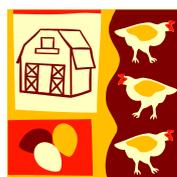
Mark Callanan of Year 10, represented Albury High School in the recent school Clay Target Shoot, held in Benalla. Mark shot 13/20 targets. Well done Mark!



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

ALBURY WODONGA SUSTAINABLE LIVING WEEK

(Sunday 26th October- Saturday 1st November)

AlburyCity, City of Wodonga, Hume Bank and the Regional Centre of Expertise has teamed up to present the Albury Wodonga Sustainable Living Week.

Join us for a week full of educational and interactive community activities all for free! Some of the events include learning how to compost, spotting nightlife at Wonga Wetlands and energy savings for business. The Green Market will be on Saturday 1st November at Hovell Tree Park between 8:00am & 1:00pm with special guest from Gardening Australia - Costa Georgiadis!

For information regarding the events visit www.humebank.com.au/sustainablelivingweek

OUTWARD BOUND EXCURSION



Photos from the 2014 Outward Bound excursion.



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Springdale Heights
Pre-School



Celebrating 35 years

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 10AM -2PM

Springdale Heights Pre-School, 8 Canara Place, Lavington

Animal Nursery * Face painting * Jumping Castle * Cake Stall
Lavington Rural Fire Brigade * Sausage Sizzle * Memorabilia and more



Albury Public School Family Fun Fair

Thursday, 13th November 2014 ~ 4pm to 7.30pm
Corner of David & Smollet Street, Albury



- Disco
- Games
- Competitions
- Plants
- Lucky Dips
- Showbags
- Fairy Floss
- Nail Decorating
- Lolly Bags
- Face Painting
- Novelties
- Dunking Machine
- Photo Booth
- Spinning Wheel
- Mystery Jars
- Produce
- Performances
- Food Stalls
- White Elephant
- Cakes
- Books
- Christmas Craft

2014-2015 NSW Family Energy Rebate

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16 June 2015

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EMAIL - fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
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Info: familyenergyrebate

TAFE RIVERINA INSTITUTE

HAIR, BEAUTY AND MASSAGE SHOWCASE

SEE, TRY, TASTE AND ENJOY

You are invited to attend a showcase for the upgraded Hair, Beauty and Massage facilities at TAFE NSW Riverina Institute Albury Campus.

DETAILS...

Date Wednesday 12 November
Time 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Venue TAFE NSW Riverina Institute
Albury Campus
Poole Street
Light refreshments will be provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Lisa Barker
Call 02 6058 2824
Email Lisa.Barker2@tafensw.edu.au



hair, beauty and massage

Mood Swingers

Bipolar Support Network

Commencing 2014

Last Friday of the month
1–2.30pm
Meeting Room
The “HUB”
562 Macauley St ALBURY

Friday 31st October
Guest speaker: Cate Clark
Mental Health Nurse

Friday 28th November
Guest speaker: Tony Salter
VMIAC rep

Enquiries: Colin 6058 6500
Karen 6051 0222

WEEKS 5 & 6

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday November 5th Year 7 2015 Family Night

Monday November 10th Year 10 Examinations

Tuesday November 11th Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday November 12th Year 12 Graduation Ball