



# The Albies Update

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## From the Master

Grease is the word! I would like to begin by offering my heartfelt congratulations and thanks to all those involved in the success of this wonderful production. On the back of an impressive art show, the performances of all cast in Grease were first class, and the efforts behind the scenes to bring such a professional product to the college was extraordinary. I offer special recognition to our Cultural and Spiritual Dean, Bernie Lai for her leadership and initiative.



Friday night's show was a fantastic way to kick off a memorable Parents Weekend, where we enjoyed successes in many fields throughout the weekend. The sporting fixtures on Saturday were highlighted by impressive wins in the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and 1<sup>st</sup> VII Netball, amongst numerous other success stories over the weekend, culminating in the wonderful Fundraiser netball match played at College on the Sunday morning.

The Ball on Saturday night was a spectacular affair, the positive energy in both rooms was palpable and the night was highlighted by the performance of Joe Keady, Jack Biddle and Tom Fisher who belted out two sensational songs that ensured the atmosphere was electric. My sincerest thanks to all the students involved in the set up and organisation of the Ball and in particular to our Community Relations Manager, Alice Schmidt and Deputy Head of College, Charlie Mill for their outstanding contributions.

As we come down from the high of the Parents' Weekend, we are greeted by curfew and the lead up to the examination period. I encourage all students to really maintain their focus over the next fortnight and to try to keep distractions to a minimum as they prepare for their exams.

Finally, it was both wonderful and extremely humbling to receive so much positive feedback from our parents about the experience they enjoyed last weekend. I can proudly say that any task undertaken at Albies requires a team effort including students, staff and the friends of the College. It is this 'can do' attitude that ensures that Albies continues to be such an inclusive and supportive community.

Jas Lincoln



Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> issue of the Albies update for 2017. I don't know where to begin after what has been one of the most wonderful weekends of my time here at Albies. Parents weekend was an absolute hit! With the opening night of our inaugural college musical Grease, on Thursday night there was an unbelievably positive buzz around the College on the Friday as the cast prepared for what was a full house on the second night of the show. This also coincided with the UNE Open Day for 2017 where potential students got to come and see the wonderful facilities and atmosphere that surrounds studying here at Albies.

## From the Head Student

As mentioned before Grease was INCREDIBLE! I got to go and watch it on the Friday night with many of the parents that had made the trek to Armidale from near and far for the upcoming parents weekend. Massive congratulations to everyone involved, your hard work and dedication to bringing this to fruition certainly has paid off.

The weekend was on a toll after Grease, with the netball performances the following day commencing very strongly with most of the Albies teams recording wins across the grades. Unfortunately, the hockey wasn't able to scrape a win in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade division, being only narrowly defeated, but the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team proved to be stronger than the opposition in their Sunday game. On top of this all grades of rugby played against Robb College were won by Albies where the support of Albies Parents and Students was phenomenal. Unluckily the rugby 7's girls went down in their two games. The Acting PM of Australia (and Albies alumnus) was even present to watch the boys and girls play with their hearts on their sleeves.

Saturday night was what Thommo might like to say a "bobby pearler". Parents and students alike donned their finest attire adding a dash of pink in support of our charity the McGrath Foundation. Everyone present learnt that "G'Doogan" is Pete Brooker for "G'day" and John "SOMF" Pattinson certainly entertained the 664 people that packed into Servies. I felt the weekend certainly wrapped up well with a fine display of netball at the parents vs student charity netball game played at Albies the following morning. Even finer than the netball played was the refereeing – with Wilbur producing best ref job I've seen in a while.

After what certainly was an exciting weekend the students have hit the ground or should I say books running with exam curfew commencing on Monday. I hope everyone has a productive time in the next couple of weeks leading up to exams as assignments are due and the exam study begins.

Take Care, *Peta Bradley*

# ***Yarns with Yabs***

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With curfew fast approaching, everyone has been looking forward to what some might say was the biggest fortnight of the year. ANZAC day went off with a bang, starting early with the dawn service and the traditional rum and milk. The Two-Up arena was packed at the Servies with everyone trying to double the weeks spending money.



Later in the week we were treated to a charity golf day in support of the McGrath Foundation. Everyone took a touch of pink to a new level as they made their way around the golf course with the ever so reliable drinks cart driven by Peta Bradley and Tom Martin, following close behind.

The floors were given a chance to spend some quality time together with floor outings on Tuesday night, where we all indulged in various banquets and some quality Bowlers Run Shiraz. The Top C Boys Club (TCBC) got stuck into the tap challenge at the Whitebull, where they had the difficult (near impossible) task of tasting 24 varieties of beer.

For the cast and crew of Grease the Musical, their hard work paid off as they took to the stage on Thursday night, to a crowd of hundreds who thoroughly enjoyed the performance. The whole College and majority of parents attended the much-anticipated main performance of Grease where all excelled in their characters. I hear the Pattinson boys have asked the girls to redo their makeup every Thursday and Dooley requested to keep his tight white costume which didn't leave much to the imagination!

Once again, morale was high after a hugely successful day on the sporting fields with parents watching on. The buses headed down to Servies with boys swaying after some post footy, pre-ball drinks. The Parents' Ball was a huge night of formalities and informalities, as all partied to the early hours of the morning. It's always so lovely to catch up and meet new parents every year! Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers had so much fun, they were ready to hop on the bus for College kickcons!

Finally, Sunday was the last day before curfew and gave Robb and Albies an opportunity to come together for a day of friendly cricket. The boys practiced scrums and the rivalry was dominated by Jack Lane's shoulder charge.

A fun day was had by all but everyone was keen for an early night and a chance to recharge for the month of study and exams ahead.

Best of luck to everyone with the cramming, I'm sure it'll all pay off.

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Alex (Yabs)



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## Academic Report



Hi Everyone,

Curfew has begun this week, and I have noticed a certain lull in the bustle around College. It looks like everyone has been putting their heads down and getting into some worthwhile studying, which is great to see. With only two weeks until the start of exam block I am sure there is a bit of stress rifling through students in all years, from first all the way to fifth, but it's important to not let it get the better of you and keep on doing the best you can.

Tutes this week have had great attendance and on Wednesday Night Liv Adamo, Med AA, has organised for a doctor from the community to come speak to the medicine students here at Albies. This is a great event so I hope to see doctors in training from all year levels attending that at 6.00pm. Furthermore, Nerd Night at 7.30pm in the Dining Hall will be another fantastic event, with carrot and celery sticks making an appearance again, and maybe some other special treats.

Remember, study smart and there will be a lot less stress, late nights and nail biting!

Best of luck for the next couple of weeks!

Georgia Devenish

## NERD NIGHT 7.30pm Wednesday in the Dining Hall

**If you can't attend your tutes  
please contact your AA and let them know.**



**Students studying hard this week in the Dining Hall**





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## From the Chaplain



A message from the Chaplain for our student body to assist in deepening their faith. Fr Francis is available to meet our student body every Wednesday afternoon and looks forward to sharing in the life of our College community.

### *Capsule for the Week*

*Jacqui is afraid she might not pass her exams. Tim ran over a mother of three, he is afraid the judge will sentence him. Lucy has been praying for years for a husband and there seems to be no one crossing her path. James is going through divorce, it is just too much; he is not coping.*

*Different people, different stories... all struggling to go through the day. We are battling. It is hard. Our finances are running out. We have prayed; we have consulted experts; we have even done stuff we shouldn't have done all in a bid to get answers, to find a solution to our predicaments. Sad!*

*Is there a God? Yes! Does He know what I am going through? Yes! Why isn't He doing something? I don't know. I don't have the answers. But He has the answer - the Cross. He hangs there, helpless and forsaken. Everything was spent except hope... and hope paid Him off... He arose!*

Fr. Francis Afu

## Cultural/Spiritual Update



### Spiritual

This Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May **Top C** is kindly invited to attend a gathering with Fr. Francis at 5pm in the Chapel. Although the rostered floors are encouraged to attend, anyone else who would like to attend outside their rostered week is warmly invited.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May there is a Youth Mass in town at Saints Mary and Joseph Cathedral at 5:30pm. It would be greatly appreciated if we could get as many as we can down there to support the community. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out with music or readings (blai5@une.edu.au).

### Cultural

A huge thank you from me to all those who were involved with the art show and musical over the weekend. There was some amazing feedback about the night, making a great start to Parent's Weekend. Well done!!! The availability of the musical DVD is TBA. Thank you to the Stephen Family and the SCR who donated the prize money for the Art Show and to Sue Byrnes, Trish Stephens and Archie Denning for judging on the evening.

Congratulations to Art Show prize winners:

#### **Catergory 1 Photography**

1st Place	Maddie Eastcott
Highly Commended	Ben Wieland

#### **Catergory 2 Painting/Drawing**

1st Place	Ruairi Browne
Highly Commended	Zach Moore

#### **Category 3 Sculpture**

1st Place	Pip McKee
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Ben Wieland - HC Photography



Maddie Eastcott - 1st Photography



Trish Stephen, Ruairi Browne, Sue Byrnes



Pip McKee, Trish Stephen, Sue Byrnes

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## Netball Report

**TEAM IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** B Grade Red

**COACHES:** Mel Hagenbach, Norrie, Ticey, Rob

The B red girls came out firing last Saturday, putting on a real show for their parents against Robb! The girls were down the second quarter and managed to come away with a 30-21 win! Fi, Mil Dyer and Laura Penrose were quick to pass the ball down the centre court to the shooters. Both Meg Carmichael and Soph Reynolds had a great average throughout the entire game, missing near to no shots!

Albies B red defence, Bebe, Grace Anderson and Kizzie held their own ground, keeping Robb from getting the ball into the circle. Peta Bradley started off as a shooter and then helped the girls out in defence, making sure Robb didn't catch up on the score board!

It was a great weekend for all the Albie netty girls, winning all but one game against Robb. Congratulations!

Grace Hopkins



## Rugby Report

The highly anticipated Parents' Weekend kicked off with a standout performance by Peter "Doody" Brooker as a singing, acting and dancing God, which set the stage for a rugby Saturday to remember.

The day of Albies Rugby started off well with fifths coming away with a convincing 28-21 win over Robb fourths.

Thirfs had to be the 'performance of the day', showcasing the amount of depth our club has this season. We were able to field one of the strongest third grade teams seen in recent years, taking home victory with a huge 55 - 3 win. Coach Charlie Mills was stoked by the efforts of his team and believes they're heading in a positive direction.

Our fourth grade team had a rough day at the office, unfortunately going down to Baa Baa's thirds, although they fought to the end in a hotly contested game of rugby.

The Albies ladies sadly went down in both their rugby 7's games, with a slow start in their first game but building into their second, where they displayed the grit and drive they hold to push their Robb counterparts right to the end.

Albies second grade played emphatic rugby, building on their impressive highlights already seen this season. Seconds won a tight game 27-25 despite letting Robb back into the game in the dying minutes.

The day finished with a great game of physical running rugby, as Albies first grade were able to take home the win 37 - 22. This was buffered by some incredible individual efforts and 'try of the year' contenders.

A huge congratulations to all teams that played on the day, win or lose the Albies spirit was there. Every player held their head high, as the weekend progressed into the evening with many parents forking out to shout their child a drink or two.

Craig Norrie



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## Hockey Report

### 2ND GRADE

The Saturday afternoon of Parents' Weekend saw the Albies 2<sup>nd</sup> grade hockey team take on a tough opposition in the town team, the Flamingoes. After only just rejoining the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade competition the girls knew they were in for a hard-fought battle. In the first half both sides were kept scoreless owing to the strong defence from Anthea Powell in the Albies backs. Fresher goal-keeper Isla Young also continued her strong form saving several short corners. After halftime and the wise words of coach Peter, the passing by Albies was much better in the second half, this saw center forward Ash Wilson narrowly miss a tomahawk from the top of the circle. A small blip in concentration from the Albies team and the Flamingoes managed to score, putting them in the lead 1-0. Though the Albies girls tried they were unable to equalize and the score at full time was unchanged. It was a great game by all and shows that Albies are not to be discounted among some of the top teams in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade division. We look forward to seeing you at the games!

The upcoming second grade games are:

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May @ 7:15pm
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May @ 7:15pm
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May @ 3:15pm

### 4TH GRADE

On Sunday, the 4th grade team had a great game against NEGS. The game started off slowly with NEGS scoring 2 quick goals, however through some great defence of Mel Cleal, Georgie Hook and Mon Chauvier and attacking skills of Maddie Gunter and Katie Robbo, we were able to even it up quickly with Kaz scoring two quick goals before half time. Half time saw the team come together even more, with some great attacking and defensive skills from the whole team, culminating in another goal to Kaz and an amazing break down the field for Maddie, securing Albies another goal and the 4-2 win. Thanks should also go to Peta for playing goalie for us and 'The Boys' for coaching and those supporters that came to watch the game.

*Peta Bradley and Karen Wilcocks*

## MB/PT Sports Update

Hi All,

Unfortunately due to the Parents' Ball as well as the charity netball game, we had to forfeit both the MB and PT football on Sunday. Despite this, a huge 2 weeks of MB/PT action is coming our way before the term finishes, with both the Hodsdons Relay and Volleyball in the coming weeks.

Would be great to see a strong turnout for these last events before the Tri is over. There is only 6 more events for the Year, which is extremely upsetting for MB rep Lauren Jordison, so make the most of it and finish strong!!

See you on the 14th of May for the Hodsdons Relay.

*Tim McDermott and Catie Ledingham.*

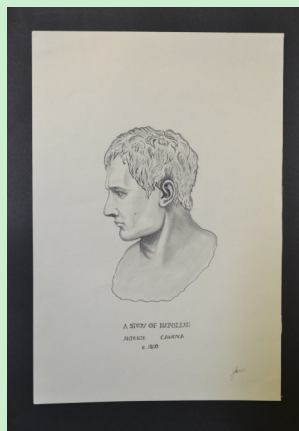
MB/PT SCHEDULE 2017			
MB	PT	2017	VENUE
Hodsdons Relay	Hodsdons Relay	14th May	UNE Triangle
Volleyball	Volleyball	21st May	SportUNE
Basketball	Basketball	9th July	SportUNE
Athletics Week	Athletics Week	11th—16th July	Belleuve & PLC

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## PARENTS' WEEKEND PHOTO GALLERY 2017



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*9 May to 22 May*

- Nila Johnson
- Lachlan Brimson
- Clare Weeks
- Keagan Size
- Danika Newman
- Georgia Peatfield
- Charles Smith
- Thomas Martin
- George Jones
- Emily Gentry
- Sam Flude
- Jock Jackson
- Angus Dunn
- Ben Wieland

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### Calendar of Events



Monday	8th May	Examination Curfew Begins
Tuesday	16th May	End of Term Form Due
Friday	19th May	Internal Lectures End
Monday	22nd May	Examinations Commence
Friday	2nd June	Trimester One Ends
Wednesday	7th June	Albies NZ Sports Tour Departs
Sunday	25th June	Internal Students Return
Wednesday	28th June	Term 3 Fees Due

### REMEMBER THIS WEEK TO:

- If you are leaving College at the end of Trimester 1, please notify the College office 2 weeks prior to end of term.
- Curfew has now begun: with the exception of 12—2pm & 5—7pm there is to be a quiet, study orientated atmosphere in the blocks. No resident or guest is to hold parties or drink on College grounds or cause a disruption in or around the blocks during curfew.
- End of Term forms need to be returned to the office by **Tuesday 16th May**.
- Don't forget to sign out when you leave College — the folder will be left at the front desk.

### MASS TIMES

#### SAINTS MARY AND JOSEPH CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

Sunday Mass is held at 8am, 10am & 5:30pm each week

#### COLLEGE MASS

Monthly Mass — See Berni Lai for details

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