Dear All,

**Parent Teacher Information Night**- Next Wednesday 13 February we will be holding our Parent Teacher Information Night. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child’s new teacher and be informed about the class requirements, routines, expectations and planned events. A reminder that this is not a forum for a teacher/parent interview, so it’s not an appropriate time to talk to teachers about individual students. Please arrange a mutually convenient time if you require an interview. The sessions will be held in your child’s classroom and will run for 30 minutes. We have staggered times so those parents with more than one child can attend the relevant meetings. Please note 2/3MWM will conduct their session at 7:00 pm. The session times are:-

- Kindergarten: 6:30 pm, Years 1 & 2: 7:00 pm, Years 3 & 4: 7:30 pm, Years 5 & 6: 8:00 pm.

P/CG will be available in the school grounds via the Smollett St gate, near the hall. Please note this session is for parents and carers to gain information but if children must accompany you, they need to be supervised at all times for their safety. We hope you will be able to join us for this informative session.

**Staff News**- In last week's newsletter I welcomed our new staff. I’d also like to announce our two new Relieving Assistant Principals for Term 1:-

- Mrs Melinda Martin -Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4)
- Miss Jessica Brooker -Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6)

Our other two permanent Assistant Principals are:-

- Miss Jacqueline Henderson -Stage 1 (Yrs 1 & 2)
- Miss Leann McMillan -Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten).

**Miss McMillan** is getting married at the end of this month and will then be known as Mrs Dicketts teaching KWD. Another name change will be Miss Karlee Payne who is also getting married in March. She will become Mrs Nolan and will be teaching KWN.

**Ms Lynda Joyce** will be teaching 2MCA for Term 1. **Ms Joanne Cameron** has been appointed to our school and is currently employed at Jindera Public School. She is looking forward to commencing on 2MCA in Term 2.

**Ms Danae Wiegold** will continue as our supportive School Counsellor. She works at Albury Public School on Monday, Thursday and Friday. If you would like to make an appointment to see her please contact the front office.

Please note the list of 2013 classes was published in last Friday’s newsletter.

**Planning Days**- Each year all teachers on the same stage have a planning day together to plan teaching activities, excursions and assessment tasks for each of the six Key Learning Areas. These planning days will be next week and are essential to ensure consistency and effective teaching/learning across the stage.

**Kindergarten Best Start**- Next week all Kindergarten students will participate in the Best Start Assessment. This assessment is done one on one with the class teacher and gives information about the child’s literacy and numeracy skills. This information is used to develop appropriate learning activities. Later in the term parents/carers will be given written feedback about what the teacher has learned about the child. The assessment days are as follows: Monday: KWD, KWN Tuesday :KWW,KWS Wednesday: catch up. A relief teacher will take the class while the teacher conducts the assessment.

**Newsletter**- A reminder that each school newsletter and current notes will be posted on the school website (see address on the top of this newsletter) each week for your convenience. If you are unable to attend the Parent /Carer Information Night on Wednesday class newsletters will be placed on the school website.
**Stage 3 Music and Drama Program**- Due to last year’s success of the Stage 3 drama and music program, we are conducting these lessons again in 2013. This program utilises the expertise of the Murray Conservatorium personnel. Research shows that students studying music and drama often achieve higher academic results. Year 6 will participate on either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon this term and Year 5 in Term 2. The cost of the program is $3.50 per week or $26.00 per term. A permission note for Year 6 has been sent with this newsletter.

**Congratulations**- Congratulations to Charlie Hargreaves on her invitation to participate in the Super 10’s National Tennis Finals held during the Australian Open at Melbourne Park last month. Unfortunately Charlie cut her foot and wasn’t able to play. She did though have the exciting opportunity to toss the coin at the beginning of a women’s match in Rod Laver Arena. What a fantastic experience Charlie!

**Code Of Conduct**- We have printed Albury Public School’s Code of Conduct on the back page. These rules ensure a happy and successful learning environment for all students. Each teacher has discussed the Code Of Conduct with their class and a copy is displayed in all classrooms. Please discuss and reinforce these rules with your children.

**A Reminder**- A reminder that all Year 1-6 students should be picked up at 3:00pm from the front of the administration building in David Street and not from the front of classrooms. There is a teacher on duty in the front area and if you are running late we are able to look after your child in the office until you arrive. If they are waiting in the playground we may not know they have not been picked up. Kindergarten students are collected from their classrooms.

**Term 1 Calendar**- will be sent home next week with the newsletter.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

_**Reminder:**_ Swimming Carnival notes are due back as soon as possible.

Parents of children born 2005 please note that they may compete at our swimming carnival if they meet the following criteria:- Be able to swim 50m without stopping/ display competence in the stroke in which they compete in accordance with Swimming NSW guidelines and be able to compete at the District Carnival on 27 February (if selected). Permission notes are available from the front office.

Rosemary Coughlan, Swimming Coordinator.

**LIFE EDUCATION/HEALTHY HAROLD**

Life Education and Healthy Harold are coming to our school this term. Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating. Further information will be sent home closer to the date with a permission note.

Dates:

- Week 7 Monday 11 March, Tuesday 12 March,
- Week 8 Monday 18 March, Tuesday 19 March,
- Week 9 Monday 25 March, Tuesday 26 March,
- Week 10 Tuesday 2 April,
- Week 11 Monday 8 April.

Leann McMillan, Assistant Principal.

**ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL PAYMENT ENVELOPES**

Payment envelopes are available from the Front Office. These envelopes are easy to use and we encourage each family to ask for a number of them to keep at home and send in with the excursion notes/permission notes that are printed on Boomerang Blue. We also ask that you send in **CORRECT cash or a cheque**. We do not have EFTPOS facilities and we do not keep petty cash at the front office.

**SCHOOL CONTACTS**- Please advise the school office if your contact details eg address/phone numbers have changed. It is important that we have the up to date details for each child/family.

**BOOK CLUB**— Book Club brochures were sent home last week. The orders are due back on Wednesday 13 February. Please ensure you fill in the correct information and list the child’s name and class, otherwise we have no idea who the order is for!
Welcome back everyone!

We hope your holidays were wonderfully relaxing and enjoyable. We would like to welcome all new families and Kindergarten children to Albury Public School.

Our canteen requires parents/grandparents/carers to keep it operating. This allows us to offer a wide variety of foods and fresh sandwiches/wraps and home made products such as cupcakes, biscuits, pikelets, (soups and pasta dishes in terms 2 & 3).

If you have any spare time to help in the canteen we would much appreciate it.

  Mon/Tues/Wed helpers are needed from 11:00am-1:30pm (One helper per day)
  Thursday 9:30am-1:30pm- Two helpers
  Friday 9:00am-1:30pm- Two helpers

If you are able to help for just recess (11:00am-11:20am) or just lunch (12:30pm-1:30pm) this is also greatly appreciated and the kids really get a kick out of seeing a familiar face at the service counter. These “quickies” are especially useful for working parents who would like to assist in the operation of this valuable service.

PRICE CHANGES FOR 2013:- please amend your yellow 2012-13 Summer menu.
  ANZAC Biscuit = 80c,
  Jump Potato Snack = $1.00.

REMINDER:- Please buy brown paper bags from the supermarket to write lunch orders on. Please do not write in light coloured texta or pencil as it is really hard to read. Many thanks for your help with this, all the little things help to make running of the canteen quicker and easier.

Please call Ali or Rachael on 60212370 for further information.

COMMUNITY NEWS
SAVERPLUS- free financial education, budgeting and savings tips. Phone 0457 834 421
KIDS ON KEYBOARDS ENROLMENTS 2013- Tired of running your children to activities and paying excessive fees? Why not consider learning piano/keyboard at school. Fees are low (and there are no hidden costs—Book and CD included). Students in Grade 2 to 6 are invited to come along, learn to read and play music, and have fun in a familiar environment. Numbers are limited to one class, which is on Friday at 8:15am (at school). Call Jacqui Dainer on (02) 6025 8273 for details and bookings.
HELEN BISHOP JUNIOR ART CLASSES- held at Albury Public School. Vacancies exist for Term 1, 2013. Check out the website www.juniorgalleryartclasses.com.au
SANSHO-KAN SYSTEM KARATE-DO– Phone 60243934 or 0407 243 934 for further information.
MELROSE FC Fun Day– Sunday 10 February, Melrose Park, Lavington from 10:00am-12:00noon. For further information contact 0438 443 023 or www.melrosefc.com
YOUTH ALBURY WODONGA THEATRE COMPANY– Auditions workshop for ages 8-18. Bookings essential. www.awtco.org.au -Contact Amy Murray on 60565621
FALCONS HOCKEY CLUB– Rego day Sunday 24 February, 10:00am-12:00noon at Alexandra Park (Albury Hockey Centre) Website– www.falconshockeyalbury.com.au
FLYING FRUIT FLY CIRCUS– Come and Try session, Saturday 9 February at 3:15pm for $20.00 Contact 6043 0777 for further information.
ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a student at Albury Public School I will:

- Behave in a polite, cooperative and safe manner
- Follow school rules and the instructions of those in charge
- Work carefully and strive to do my best at all times
- Show respect for myself and care for the rights and feelings of others
- Show respect for the property of others and the property of the school
- Come to school on time every day