Dear All

Swimming Carnival:— Yesterday we held our annual Swimming Carnival at the Albury Swim Centre in perfect weather. It was great to see the House Captains leading house chants and encouraging house spirit and support for their team members. Congratulations to all the swimmers who participated in the many events, tried their very best and displayed great sportsmanship. We wish the competitors who have made it through to the District Swimming Carnival all the best for their events next Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers present who were able to assist or cheer on their child and others. Thanks and congratulations also to the staff who were involved in the organisation of the carnival. It is a huge job and once again it ran smoothly and was a great success.

Parent/Teacher Interviews:— We value the partnership we have with parents/carers in their child’s education. We will provide parents/carers with formal and informal opportunities to receive information about and discuss their child’s learning. The Parent Information Night was held last Wednesday and was very well supported across the stages. I sincerely thank both parents and staff for their attendance and contribution to this very successful night. The next communication event will be Parent Teacher Interviews. These will be held earlier this year and will be held in Week 8 Term 1. Written student reports will still be sent home at the end of Terms 2 and 4. Of course if you have a question or a concern about your child’s progress please ring the office and make a mutually convenient appointment to speak to your child’s teacher.

Voluntary Contribution:— We have received quite a few voluntary school contribution payments already. Thanks to everyone who has paid. The note was sent last Wednesday with the newsletter. If you did not receive one please collect one from the front office.

Carpark Safety:— It has been brought to my attention that we have several students and families exiting the school through the staff carpark. As cars are exiting this carpark at different times of the day, particularly at 3:00 pm, no-one should be walking through the carpark. This is to ensure the safety of the students. I ask for your cooperation in this area.

Play Equipment:— Students are not to be on the play equipment before school until the teacher on playground duty appears. No students are to be on the play equipment after school as there is no teacher on duty. To ensure the students are kept safe I ask parents/carers to support us with this matter.

Public Holiday:— Under the Public Holiday Act Albury Gold Cup Day— Friday 22 March has been declared a Public Holiday from 12:00noon onwards within the Albury City Council area. School will operate as normal until 12:00noon when students will need to be picked up. Please note buses will operate at normal times in the morning but no buses will operate at 12:00noon.

Please note that OOSH will also not operate on this afternoon.

Life Education:— All students K-6 will have the opportunity to attend the Life Education van which will be at our school Mondays and Tuesdays Weeks 7-11 Term 1. The cost will be $ 4:00 per student. Life Education is the largest non-government provider of health education to children and young people. The program empowers students to make informed choices for a safe and healthy life. It supports our PD/Health/PE program. Permission notes will be sent home today, specific dates for classes will be sent out closer to the commencement date.

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Canteen Upgrade: We will soon be receiving a much needed refurbishment of our canteen. Work is expected to start at the beginning of April and during this time we will be operating the canteen from the hall. Any builders/cabinet makers who are interested in pricing the project please send your details to me by next Monday 25 February. I will forward your details onto the Assets Management Directorate.

Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel)

SCRIPTURE CLASSES: Scripture classes will commence on Wednesday, 13 March. Catholic scripture classes are being conducted by visiting scripture teachers for students K-6. If you **WOULD** like your child to participate in these lessons please sign and return the blue permission note that your child took home today.

Non-denominational scripture lessons will also be provided for students in **Years 1-3**. Under the Education Act 1990 Section 32 there is a legislative requirement that ‘In every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion’. Allowance can be made for students to be exempt from attending special religious education at the request of parents/carers. In light of this, if you **DO NOT** wish your child to participate in these **non-denominational** (combined churches) scripture lessons please sign and return the blue permission note that your child took home today.

We ask you to please be aware that **all Years 1-3 students** will be attending non-denominational scripture lessons **UNLESS THEY RETURN THE EXEMPTION NOTE.**

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to me.

Gail Eckley, Deputy Principal (Rel)

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We would like to extend a huge thank you to Bunnings for their generous donation of gardening supplies, such as trowels, shovels, pruning scissors and watering cans. The students will benefit greatly from the use of these items during our gardening and cooking activities. Thank you also to Lou Newman for your fantastic efforts in organising the donations and delivering them to school.

Lynda Joyce, Environment Committee convenor.

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LIBRARY NEWS: K-2 students require a library bag to borrow. Students may borrow two items for two weeks. All students have a set library session in which they may borrow. The library is open from Monday to Thursday at the second half of lunch time. The expectation is that students will be involved in “Quiet” activities (reading, borrowing, homework etc.) Library times for students are as follows:

- Kindergarten - Friday
- 1MH - Tuesday
- 2MCL - Tuesday
- Year 1 & Year 2 - Thursday
- Year 3(inc.2/3MWM) - Monday
- 4LP - Monday
- Year 4 - Tuesday
- 5/6AB & 5/6AC - Thursday
- Year 5 & 6 - Wednesday

Outstanding Books from 2012: Unfortunately there is a large number of books that students forgot to return at the end of 2012. If these books are found could they be returned to the library.

Premier’s Reading Challenge: If students are interested in completing the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) they can start reading now. The Challenge officially runs from 1 February to 1 September 2013. Students just need to keep a personal record of their reading until online registration becomes available 4 March 2013. There are copies of the log available from the library. A reading log is available on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website at: [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html) Any student from Kindergarten to Year 6 is able to participate. K-2 students need to read 30 books, 25 of which need to be from the set reading list. Students 3-6 need to read 20 books of which 15 need to be from the provided reading list.

Please refer to the website for the complete rules and reading lists. Alternatively see Ms Griffith in the library. **Alison Griffith, Teacher/Librarian**
Canteen News

Thurs 21  9:00- 1:30pm Marie Bucher
Fri 22  9:00-11:30am Susan Marcuzzi  11-1:30pm  Cath White
Mon 25  11:00-1:30pm Annie Photoitusomphone
Tues 26  11:00-1:30pm Tracy Brown
Wed 27  9:00-11:30am Kellie Kadaoui
Thurs 28  9:00- 1:30pm Helen MacPherson
Fri 1  9:00- 1:30pm Christine Mendes  12:00-1:30pm

1 HELPER NEEDED PLEASE

Thank you to everyone who has put their name down to help us in the canteen. We have put names down for the 1st and 2nd Terms from the details on the yellow sheets that have been returned. Please check the weekly canteen roster for your name or ring us. We can let you know from now until the end of June when you will be required. Please call Ali or Rachael on 60212370 for further information.

We still have lots of spots in 2nd term so please come and have fun in the canteen

P & C MEETING: - The first P&C meeting for 2013 will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday 26 February at 7:30pm. This is an important meeting because it is when members pay their $1 membership for the year. To be eligible to nominate or vote at the AGM you need to have paid your membership at least one month before the meeting. If you are interested in being involved in the P&C then you should attend this meeting or arrange for someone to pay your membership for you.

The AGM will be held on 26 March. At the AGM all positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be called for our executive and non executive positions. Among the issues to be considered this year are the further development of the playground environment, the consideration of the ethics program currently running in some NSW public schools and possible changes to the yellow school shirt. If you have ideas relating to these or other relevant issues please consider coming to the meeting and being involved in some way in our P&C.

Cathie Baillie, President.

COMMUNITY NEWS- LIONS CLUB OF ALBURY INC CHARITY GARDEN PARTY- ALBURY

BOTANIC GARDENS- 2 March, 2013, 11:30am – 3:00pm. To be opened by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir A.C. CVO, Governor of NSW. Meet and celebrate your local Charities and Volunteer Organisations. Live music, food and beverages, clowns and balloons, mini zoo, basketball hoop.

A special performance by The Flying Fruit Fly Circus! All welcome!

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

YARRUNGA EARLY LEARNING CENTRE has a few vacancies for the care and education of children aged 0-3 years. We have a Monday available in our Nursery/Toddler room. In the Junior Preschool room we have a Tuesday – Friday. If you are interested please call Claire on 60217597.

BMX NATIONAL SIGN ON DAY COME AND TRY- Border BMX– Silva Drive Wodonga. 23 February, 2013. Please contact Steve on 0400 949 147 or visit www.borderbmx.com.au

ALBURY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE- THUNDER, Registrations for 2013 Season, Boys to 16 years – Girls to 12 years. Sarvaas Park North Albury. March, Saturday, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd - 10am to 12 noon

Birth Certificates for new registrations, For more information –Ivan 0421807090 or visit www.alburythunderjrl.org.au

KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE Participation Event:– Sunday the 24 February. Start at Range Rd entry into Nail Can Bush. 8:15am start, no registration. • First 15 entries receive encouragement award thanks to Pushys Bike Warehouse and Cold Rock • Come and give it a go, simple track suitable for beginners. For further information phone Marcus Richardson on 0410327062.

INTERESTED IN A FREE COURSE TO GET LIFE AND WORK SKILLS? TAFE NSW Riverina Institute is offering Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training in first and second semester at the Albury Campus. The course is fee exempt and runs from February to June and also from July to November full time during the day in hours to suit parents (three days a week 9:30am to 3pm). Part time study is also possible. For further details, please contact Barbara Heron on (02) 6058 2893. You can also email Barbara.Heron@det.nsw.edu.au

SAVERPLUS:– Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Albury and Wodonga by Berry Street. SaverPlus offers free financial education, budgeting and saving tips. Contact Peter Grey on 0457 834 421 or contact pgray@berrystreet.org.au
Slinky Malinki is a cheeky black cat. He is a devious and mischievous thief. He walked in a stalking way. But Slinky Malinki was an adventurous cat. He also got in big trouble for stealing stuff and he had been caught red handed. *By S.*

Slinky Malinki has dark fur. It is blacker than black. He is very a mischievous cat. Slinky Malinki is very adventurous. He walks very slyly. **Slinky Malinki is a THIEF!** *By Jack K*

Slinky Malinki is black. He is cheeky and wicked. He is a THIEF. Slinky Malinki is adventurous. He is a cat. Slinky Malinki has yellow eyes. He was sly. *By Emily*

Slinky Malinki had black fur. He has a long, kinky tail. Slinky Malinki has yellow eyes. He likes to hide. *By Maddy*

Slinky Malinki is a very sly cat. He is also very black and his yellow eyes shine in the dark. He is a THIEF! *By Alex*

Slinky Malinki was a very black cat and he likes playing mischievously. He likes playing with leaves. He is mischievous at night. *By Hayley*

Slinky Malinki is a blacker than black cat. He is cheeky, full of fun and an adventurous cat. He has yellow eyes. He was a THIEF but not now! He also likes to play. *By Alara*

Slinky Malinki is a long furry THIEF. He is a very cheeky cat. He has a fur coat. It has a black body and yellow eyes. *By Jagjeet*

Slinky Malinki is a fun, mischievous and playful cat. He has yellow eyes and a long black coat. He also likes to play with leaves. But at night he is super mischievous. *By Lily B*

Slinky Malinki has black fur. He is an adventurous cat and he is a friendly cat. He is sly and he is a thief. He steals lots of stuff like glue, bottles, clocks, pegs, gloves, string, a teddy and sausages. He is a wicked, naughty cat. *By Ben*

Slinky Malinki is blacker than black and very, very, very playful. He has yellow eyes that glow in the dark and a black body. He creeps on walls, sneaks up in cupboards and he steals gloves and teddy bears. *By Lochie*