Dear All

**Bike Safety** - It has been reported to me that several students are riding their bikes on the footpaths, either coming to school or returning home and not checking driveways for cars. If your child rides to school please have a conversation with them about being safe and checking driveways before riding across them.

**Life Education Program** - The Life Education Program commences next week. Please ensure your child has returned the money and permission note by this Friday.

**Parent Teacher Interviews** - Today your child was given a note regarding Parent Teacher interviews which will be held in Week 8, commencing Monday 18 March. Please take this opportunity to come into the school to discuss your child's academic and social progress. Return the note as soon as possible with three suitable times and the teacher will return it with your allocated time. Obviously the quicker you return the note the more likely you will get one of your chosen times.

**School Learning Communities** - Albury High School and its feeder schools, Albury West Public School, Howlong Public School and Albury Public School have joined together to form a *Learning Community*. A Learning Community is a group of people who are actively learning together. The different school staffs will be meeting regularly to share quality teaching practices and to receive Professional Development.

**School Development Days – Advance Notice** - The new Australian curriculum is being implemented in NSW in the syllabuses of English, Mathematics, Science and Technology and History. Some of these will commence in 2014. All NSW schools have been granted an extra School Development Day in Term 2 to be dedicated to professional learning in the National Curriculum. **This extra day will be taken on the last day of Term 2 – Friday 28 June.** We will be working in our Learning Community to plan for the new changes. **Please note the last day of Term 2 for students will be Thursday 27 June.** The other School Development Day will be as usual the first day of Term 2, Monday 29 April.

**Assemblies** - Assemblies are held every Thursday and parents/carers are invited to attend. The class conducting the assembly is listed in the newsletter’s diary each week. In Week 6 Term 1 and Week 5 Terms 2-4 we conduct Combined Assemblies. These assemblies consist of the school being split into two K-6 groups. This is necessary as the hall can only accommodate half the school population.

**The two groups for Combined Assemblies are:**
- **Assembly A: 10.20am** - KWW KWD 1MM 1MBM 2MC 1MH 3CS 3CE 4LJH 5LN 5/6AC 6AB
- **Assembly B: 12.00noon** - KWS KWN 2MCL 2MCA 2/3MWM 3CM 4CG 4LP 5LM 5/6AB 6AP

**Photos and Videoing** - Taking photographs or videos of children is one way parents/carers can develop a visual history of their child’s time at school. However, with the use of social media becoming more prevalent we need to understand the possible impact of placing photos and videos on social media. Using social media for this purpose is of course a parent’s decision. We also need to acknowledge that our school does have students who currently do not have media permission to have their photos taken. Could I please ask that you do not place photos or videos that include other students at school activities on social media without their parents/carers permission? I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
ALBURY DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Last Wednesday 27 February we sent a team of 29 swimmers, listed below, to compete in the Albury District PSSA Swimming Carnival. The team had a very successful carnival and Albury Public was awarded overall first place for the day. Well done Kaitlin Ainsworth, Callum Bruce, Bailey Clemson, Harriette Evans, Natalie Gibbons, Phoebe Grigg, Nick Hobbs, Deacon Hogan, Noah Jones, Luca Lamond, Willson Mack, Ruby Martin, Olivia McGaig, Isabel Mitchell, Harriet Murphy, Will Murphy, Millie Nagle, Will Pargetter, Brodie Porta, Matthew Riches, Sally Lefoe, Tayla Sanson, Maddy Steer, Ava Tukar, Meg Waite, Will Haberfield, Emily Wills and Meghan Yensch. These swimmers were awarded Age Champion Medals: Junior Boy-Will Pargetter, Junior Girl-Emily Wills, 11 Yr Girl -Natalie Gibbons, Senior Boy-Matthew Riches. We are also sending a large number of students to the Riverina PSSA Swimming Championship this Friday 8 March, at Albury Swim Centre. Congratulations to all students! A big thankyou to all parents, friends and family for their support and encouragement on the day! Chris Bourke and Rosemary Coughlan, Coordinators.

PSSA CRICKET- On Thursday 21 February, Willson Mack, Felix Baker, Noah Jones and Burkeley Macfarlane were selected to represent Albury Public School at the PSSA Zone Cricket trials. The Zone trials meant that the senior boys were up against students from over eight other local schools. The trials were held at the East Albury Cricket Club. From the trials, Willson Mack and Felix Baker were selected to try out for the Riverina Cricket side. A big congratulations to the four senior boys and best of luck for the next round, well done! Chris Bourke, Cricket Co-ordinator.

PSSA BASKETBALL- Congratulations to the following students who will represent APS at the PSSA Zone Basketball Trials on Wednesday 6 March: Tom Grigg, Callum Bruce, Denzel Oliver, Chelsea Ehlers, Ellie Avage, Faye Cameron. Best of luck!! Karlee Payne, Sports Coordinator.

PSSA TENNIS- Congratulations to Charlie Hargreaves and Charlie Byrne who were successful at the Albury PSSA Tennis Selection Trials last Friday. They will now attend the Riverina Regional Trials on Monday 18 March at Griffith. Good luck Charlie and Charlie! Jacqueline Henderson, Tennis Coordinator

WATER POLO -Waterpolo trials were held last week at our swimming carnival. It was terrific to have such a large number of very keen students from a range of year levels, who play flippa ball, try out. Congratulations to: Lauren Antonello, Bella Campbell, Faye Cameron, Mackenzie Scott-Couuts, Luca Lamond, Callum Bruce and Samuel Baillie, who will now attend Regional trials in Wagga in March. Thank you to all of the students who tried out and good luck to our school representatives at the trials. Christel Pargeter, Water Polo Convenor.

YEAR SIX CANBERRA EXCURSION- Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12, Thursday 13 and Friday 14 June, 2013. This week, Year 6 students will receive a permission note for their excursion to Canberra. The cost of the excursion is $370. This price includes a $20 subsidy from the National Capital Educational Tourism Project. This $20 is provided by the Australian Government to assist students in learning about parliament and civics education. Parents/carers are asked to sign the permission note and return the deposit of $70 to secure your child's place on the excursion by no later than Thursday 28 March. The excursion needs to be fully paid by Friday 31 May, 2013. Should you require financial assistance to enable your child to attend this excursion, please arrange a meeting with Ms Howard (Rel. Principal) as soon as possible. Applications for financial assistance must be submitted by Thursday 28 March 2013. Additional information including itinerary, dietary and medical information will be sent home early Term 2. Further information about the excursion may be obtained from Jess Brooker. 5/6AB.

SAVE THE DATE- YR 6 TRIVIA NIGHT- A trivia night will be held on Monday 8 April for all Year 6 students. The activity will be held in the school assembly hall commencing at 7:00 pm and concluding at 9:00 pm. The cost for the evening is $2 which students are to pay on their arrival. The money raised on the night will go towards the Year 6 Farewell. Parents/carers are invited to assist on the evening. Students will receive further information next week.

FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY- Leukaemia Foundation — World's Greatest Shave 2013- Every March thousands of people shave, colour and wax their hair to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. On Friday 15 March, one very brave Albury Public School student, Isabella Towner 4CG, will be shaving her hair. To show our support of the Leukemia Foundation, students are encouraged to get creative with their hair in return for a gold coin donation towards the World's Greatest Shave. Show your true colours and go wild and wacky with your hair on Friday 15 March 2013. All hair styling must be done prior to arriving at school. No aerosols cans or other products are permitted at school.

STAGE 3 READERS- A big thank you to all of the wonderful parents and carers of Stage 3 students who have very kindly covered our new readers. We appreciate your time and assistance as the new readers will now be used in our reading programs. Christel Pargeter – on behalf of the Stage 3 teachers.
It is wonderful to see so many new names on the roster— WELCOME! Don’t forget if you are helping in the canteen you can park in the school grounds (next to the canteen). We are looking forward to seeing you. Please call Ali or Rachael on 60212370 for further information.

EXAMPLE LUNCH BAG!!!

Please help our new volunteers by writing clearly on your brown paper bags.

Remember No Staples Please!!

Please write the price of your items.

Please total you order and write amount enclosed.

Please specify change if needed.

P&C NEWS- CANTEEN AGM – Wednesday 20 March at 2pm in Canteen Everyone is welcome to attend the Canteen AGM. The Canteen Committee is a subcommittee of the P&C. The committee is responsible for overseeing the running of the canteen and is made up of the Convenor, Treasurer, Secretary and general committee members. We are seeking new members to join the committee and have a say in the decisions about our canteen. We currently have a specific vacancy for the position of Convenor. The main role of the convenor is to be the Canteen representative at the P&C meetings and to report to the P&C on canteen operations. The convenor needs to be able to regularly attend both the Canteen and P&C meetings. Canteen meetings are held in the Canteen on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (during school terms) at 2.30 – 3pm. Please consider getting involved and helping to maintain a fantastic canteen service for our school. Please contact Ali or Rachael in the canteen on 60 21 2370 for any further information. We look forward to seeing lots of new faces.

STUDENTS REPRESENTING APS- Students who qualify to represent the school at regional or state level in sporting, cultural or academic pursuits may be eligible to apply for the P&C financial subsidy of $50 to assist with the costs of travel and accommodation. Application forms are available from the front office.

THE GONSKI REVIEW has proposed changes to the allocation of school funding at government levels. These changes would potentially see an increase in funding to our school. If you are interested in finding out more or registering your support then go to igiveagonski.com.au

CLASS PARENT HELPER– The following classes currently do not have a class parent helper: KWD, KWW, 1MM, 2MCA and 2/3MWM. The role of the parent helper was explained at the Information Night. If you are able to assist please see the class teacher.

RIVERINA CENTRAL CHOIR 2013- Congratulations to Aylish Jorgensen, Isabella Towner and Johanna Ratnik on being offered a place in the Riverina Central Choir 2013!

Lynn Macleod & Di Heywood, Music Coordinators.

OSBORNE EARTHMOVING-Thank you for the donation of the high visibility vests for our staff!!

MOVING INTO YEAR 7 in 2014- Expression of Interest forms- Today, Year 6 students will receive an Expression of Interest form called ‘Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2014’. Your child’s permanent residential address determines which school is their local high school and as such, this school has been identified and placed on the enrolment form. Please note, that if you are seeking enrolment in a non-local high school, you will need to contact that high school directly. This form needs to be completed and returned to the front office by Friday 22 March. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Eckley or Jessica Brooker.
THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On the 19 February Albury Public School held their school swimming carnival at the Albury Swim Centre. Many students participated in the 50m and 25m events including freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. Congratulations to Murray house who won the carnival and to all the students who participated in the events. The students behaved spectacularly and well done to the house leaders who set such good examples for their houses. Thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents and staff for your support in making this day so successful.

By Maddy, Claire, Felix and Noah (2013 Student Councillors)