Dear All

Road Safety- We have grave concerns about a number of families who are displaying very dangerous behaviour when leaving the school in the afternoons. Please use the lights to cross the road and do not attempt to cross the road by walking between cars that are either parking or reversing. I know parking is a problem but we must ensure our students are safe by crossing the road in a safe manner. Road safety rules will be discussed in classes but I ask for your cooperation in setting a good role model and using the lights to cross the road each afternoon with your children.

Canteen Refurbishment: Work will commence on the refurbishment of our canteen on the last day of this term. We are hoping that the work will be completed by the end of the holidays. The canteen will be closed for lunch orders for the first two days of Term 2 and we will inform you in the newsletter on the Wednesday if the canteen is operational. We look forward to seeing the modernised canteen when it is completed.

Athletics Carnival- Today our Athletics Carnival was held in glorious sunshine at Alexandra Park. Congratulations to all the students who participated and showed fantastic sportsmanship. Everyone tried their hardest and should be very proud of their efforts. A big thank you to the numerous parents and staff members who helped throughout the day. A special thank you to Mrs Coughlan and Mr Neil who organised the day. Final results will be published in next week’s newsletter.

Staff News- Congratulations to Mrs Kris Carey who has been successful in gaining an Assistant Principal’s position, through merit selection, at Wirreanda Public School, near Newcastle. Mrs Carey will take up the position at the beginning of Term 2. Mrs Carey has been a valuable staff member and I know we will all miss her but wish her all the best for her promotion. This position will be filled by the Staffing Unit and I will inform parents as words come through regarding Mrs Carey’s replacement.

Miss Heywood will be on Long Service Leave until the end of the term. Mrs Jane Waters will be teaching all French lessons during this time.

K-2 Easter Parade- A reminder that our Easter Parade is on tomorrow, commencing at 2:00 pm under the COLA. All parents and friends are invited to attend. If you plan to take your child home early following the conclusion of the parade please sign your child out. There will be sign out sheets on tables in front of the library steps to ease congestion. Thank you for your cooperation.

Annual School Report- The 2012 Annual School Report will be published on the school website next week. I encourage you to take the time to read about our students’ wonderful achievements in the academic, creative and sporting areas. The report also outlines our plans and aspirations for the future.

P & C Executive- A final thank you and farewell to our outgoing P&C executive. At last night’s AGM the following executive were elected: President: Marie Bucher, Vice President: Cathy Baillie, Vice President: Wayne Nagle, Secretary: Carolyn O’Dwyer, Treasurer: Kate Preston

Congratulations to the new team and I thank them for accepting these important roles. I encourage all parents to get involved in their child’s education and attend P & C meetings. It is a great way to meet other parents and be part of the school community.

I wish everyone a very happy and safe Easter break with your families and look forward to seeing all students return next Tuesday 2 April.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
PSSA DIVING – Yesterday Isabel Mitchell and Maggie Power competed in the PSSA State Diving Championships in Sydney. Both girls competed extremely well. Maggie finished 8th in the 11 yrs girls and Isabel finished 5th in the 12 yrs girls. Congratulations girls, well done! Kris Carey, Coordinator.

RIVERINA REGIONAL SOCCER CARNIVAL – Last Friday, a team of 15 boys from the Albury District travelled to Cootamundra to compete in the Riverina Regional Soccer Carnival. The boys participated in 3 games playing against other districts; Highlands, Southern Riverina, and Deniliquin. They won two of these three matches. After these games three boys were selected from the Albury team to represent the Riverina Region at the state carnival. Two of the three are from Albury Public, Jack Drummond and Burkeley Macfarlane. This is a wonderful achievement. Well done to all the boys who competed at the regional carnival and best of luck to Jack and Burkeley as they head off to “State”. Dylan Clift, Soccer Coordinator.

PSSA TENNIS – Congratulations to Charlie Hargreaves who was successful at the Riverina PSSA Tennis Trials held in Griffith last week and as a result has been selected to compete in the NSW PSSA Tennis Championships from Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 May in Albury. Good luck Charlie! Jacqueline Henderson, Tennis Coordinator.

RIVERINA CRICKET TRIALS – Congratulations to Willson Mack and Felix Baker who recently attended the Riverina Cricket trials, the two boys worked hard to demonstrate their abilities for the selectors. The result of the day seeing Willson Mack being selected for the Riverina train on squad, which will commence next month, before a final selection decision is made after winter for the side of 12 to play at the state championships. Well done boys! Chris Bourke, Cricket Coordinator.

HOCKEY GALA DAY – Gala Day was enjoyed by two teams of energetic, positive students. Both boys and girls teams played five games throughout the day. It was a pleasure to see them compete fairly and enthusiastically in what was a new game for many of them. Congratulations on a great day. Our sincere thanks to Albury High School for providing assistance to our students on the day of the Gala. Sue Waters, Coordinator.

KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE PARTICIPATION EVENT – On Saturday 6 April, there will be a short and fun mountain bike race on the “Kids” trail on Nail-Can Hill, here in Albury. The race will be run by members of the Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club. The race will start at 3:15pm, and is open to children up to the age of 12 years. There will be no registration and all entries will receive an encouragement award. All riders are encouraged to come and give it a go, as it is a fun, simple track suitable for beginners. Dylan Clift.

K-2 EASTER PARADE 2013 – Tomorrow, Thursday 28 March K-2 students are invited to participate in Albury Public School’s Easter Parade. Students from Kindergarten are encouraged to wear an Easter hat for the parade. Students in Year 1 are encouraged to wear an Easter mask and Year 2 students carry an Easter basket. Parents/carers are welcome to attend the parade on 28 March under the COLA commencing at 2:00pm. Leann Dicketts, Coordinator.

APS MARKET STALL – This Thursday 28 March, our fabulous new senior Environment Committee will be holding a market stall at the front of the office at 3:00pm. We have lots of lovely fresh produce for sale, so please come along and grab a bargain! Thank you to this wonderful group of students for so willingly giving up their own time to prepare for the stall and for taking on this leadership role in our school: Claire Martin, Millie Nagle, Matilda Delmenico, Madelyn Steer, Karlie Travassaros, Georgia Terry, Sabine Jorgensen and Nia McGarvie. Lynda Joyce, Environment Committee Convenor.

ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS) – ICAS competitions will be held throughout the year for Science, Computer, Maths, Spelling, Writing and English. The competitions are not based on the NSW syllabus. Entry fees apply and notes will be distributed to class teachers of years 3-6. This year, English and Maths are also available for Year 2 students. If you wish your child to enter the competitions, please ensure your child collects an entry form from their classroom teacher. The first competition is Computer and the note will be handed out on Thursday 28 March, 2013. Christel Pargeter and Chris Bourke.
Gold Certificates - Congratulations to:
Rachael Kemp, Abbey Carroll, Lucy Dewar, Lucas Nusser, Lara Butlin, Chloe Barker and Elinor McGarvie.

We really appreciate all your help. Any questions or dietary needs phone Ali or Rachael on 60212370.

HARmony Day – The school community celebrated Harmony Day on Thursday 21 March!

COMMUNITY NEWS

AUSKICK REGISTRATIONS – Registrations are still being accepted online at the following address: http://www.aflauskick.com.au/register

"GET A GRIP ON TENNIS" Kate Hargreaves holiday tennis programs are available both weeks. Programs for all ages. Equipment available if required. For more information & bookings contact Kate on 0418572626 or kate@getagripontennis.com

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED- Please contact 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au
Riverina Combined Schools Music Camp. Borambola Sport and Rec Centre from Sunday 5 May—Friday 10 May, 2013. The camp caters for musicians of all levels, from beginner to advanced. Please note the closing date is 5 April, 2013. Apply online on www.wwhs.com.au, click on Regional Music Camp and follow instructions.

EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE—Saturday 18 May, 2013. Open to all school students years 4-12. For enquiries please contact Alison Mitchell at mitchell.alison@scotsalbury.nsw.edu.au


BLUEARTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM– An active holiday experience that is healthy and fun—for children and families, morning or afternoon programs run by Blueearth coaches. For further information please phone 1300 784 467 or email@bluearth.org


ALbury Public School is a Sun SMART School-

TIP of the WEEK!

Apply SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen to any exposed skin.
Reapply every two hours, or more often if wiped or washed off.
We have been working hard in 3CE this term. We would like to share some of our writing with you.

3CE FISH
Our class fish are Inferno, Cookie and Frozo. Inferno is gold and looks like a pair of flames and he is a good size for a fish. Cookie is orange and black and looks like a cookie. She is a very fast swimmer who looks very cool. Frozo is the biggest fish and looks frozen.

Inferno is called inferno because he is red like a big fire. Cookie is called Cookie because she has spots that look like chocolate chips. Frozo is called Frozo because he is white and looks like he is frozen.

By Mitchell Lawes.

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By Lucy Mack

Captain Midnite
One day a boy called Midnite lost his cat named Khat. He was horrified because Khat was his BFF. Khat could talk to Midnite, so Khat was pretty special even though they had lots of arguments. Midnite came up with a couple of possible suspects who may have captured Khat. They were…. Captain Revenge, Captain Fierce and Captain Mathletics.

By Paige Double

Can get lots of presents
Have a little play with your new toys
Run around excited
Is fun
Super duper awesome!
Totally cute reindeers
Mysterious Santa
A cool flying sleigh
Super cool toys
by Ella Hansford