Dear All

Welcome back and I hope you have all had a relaxing four day break with your families. I hope you were able to get outside and enjoy this beautiful autumn weather. Yesterday I spoke to several students who were very excited telling me about their Easter adventures!

NAPLAN Dates

A reminder that all Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN assessments in Week 3 next term. It is very important that your child is present on these dates so both you as parents/carers and the school, can receive information about your child to assist them with their learning.

The dates are:

- Tuesday 14 May-Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 15 May-Reading
- Thursday 16 May-Numeracy

Staff News

This week we welcome back Mrs Nolan who was married two weeks ago. I am sure the students in KWN had lots of questions to ask her about her wedding!

As I have stated in a previous newsletter, Mrs Eckley will continue in the role of Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year. I can now announce Ms Kathryn Bonham will continue teaching 3CE for the remainder of the year.

Crossing Point Learning Community

Yesterday afternoon from 4:00 until 5:30 pm the staff met at Albury High School with the other two schools in our Learning Community to participate in a professional learning session led by Dr Brad Russell from Regional Office. Dr Russell introduced us to the National Curriculum and informed us of the pedagogy that underpins the new curriculum. Dr Russell also challenged our thinking about how we can cater for 21st Century learners. Our development in these areas will continue on the last day of Term 2, 28 June when the Learning Community meets again at our second School Development Day for Term 2. I thank Albury High School for their hospitality and hosting this meeting.

ANZAC Day Parade

The Albury ANZAC Day parade will be held in the holidays this year and I hope many students will join us to represent Albury PS in the parade. There are a few changes to the 2013 parade. The first change will be the use of both sides of Dean Street for the parade. Primary Schools will line up in Spencer Street at 8:30am and High Schools in front of First Choice Bottle shop. The second change will be that all schools will turn right off Dean into QEII Square after passing the saluting dais where they will be collected by parents/carers. We look forward to your child’s attendance if possible at this very significant occasion.

Our school ANZAC Day service will be held next Thursday 11 April, commencing at 10:45 am. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

Year 4 Camp

Next Monday Year 4 are off to their 3 day camp at the Borambola Sport and Recreation Camp outside Wagga Wagga. Hopefully this glorious weather continues next week and I wish all Year 4 students a wonderful experience at their camp. I’d like to acknowledge all the hard work that teachers do to organise such an event and thank Mrs Just, Mrs Power, Mrs Glenane and Mr Neil for accompanying the students.
**Uniform**
With the weather finally turning cooler it is time to remind all parents/carers and students about labelling school uniform items. At this time of the year jumpers and jackets are worn in the morning when it’s cooler and then taken off as the weather gets warmer. Please ensure ALL your child’s clothing items are named so we can return the items of clothing to their correct owner if they are left in the playground. I know it is very expensive replacing uniform items so I encourage all parents to check items are named before your child wears them to school. It is also important to regularly check the names have not washed out over time.

Albury Public School takes pride in our uniform. Over the last two weeks I have noticed a few students have not been wearing the correct uniform. The correct jumper is a blue windcheater or woollen jumper. Other coloured jumpers are not part of the uniform and should not be worn to school.

The uniform shop does have some second hand jumpers if you need to purchase one. Also we are getting a lot of incorrect footwear worn. Please note black and white runners are acceptable but not brightly coloured shoes or slip-ons. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

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

**P.S.S.A. AFL** - Thank you to Myles Hanrahan, Burkeley Macfarlane, Felix Baker and Willson Mack for attending the Eastern Riverina AFL trials at Coolamon last Wednesday. Congratulations go to Burkeley Macfarlane and Willson Mack who were chosen. The Eastern Riverina team will be competing against the Western Riverina side in Jerilderie on Friday 12 April. We extend a sincere thank you to those parents who make it possible for the boys to attend these events. *We look forward to hearing about further success!*  Lynn Macleod (AFL Coordinator)

**Stage 2 Books** - The students and staff of stage 2 would really love to thank the parents, family and friends who helped cover our new reading resources over the term. They are now covered and ready to go into classrooms. Thank you so much for your time and effort.

**School holiday programs**

**Step into the Past** - Now’s your chance to meet some of the characters found in the Crossing Place exhibits at the LibraryMuseum and in art works at the Art Gallery. Come along and participate in the interactive story telling sessions.

LibraryMuseum: Monday 15 & 22 April, Wednesday 17 & 24, Friday 19 & 26 April. 11:00 - 11:30am
Bookings: 6023 8333

Art Gallery: Tuesday 16 & 23 April, Thursday 18 April. 11:00 - 11:30am
Bookings: 6043 5800

**One Thousand and One Dalmatians** - LibraryMuseum and Lavington Library
Lisa Ride is exhibiting her collection of Dalmatians at the LibraryMuseum and Lavington Library throughout April. The collection includes paintings, antiques, plastic 101 Dalmatians, food packaging, toys of all kinds, clothes, china plates, cross stitching and books. Lisa will be sharing her stories behind the collection to inspire craft making during Crafty Dog Activities.

**Craft Dog Activities** - Join in the fun making Dalmatian dogs from craft materials and add your dog to the walls in the Kids area.
Lavington Library - Tuesday 16 April 2:30 - 4:00pm. Bookings 02 6043 5645
LibraryMuseum - Thursday 18 April 1:00 - 2:30pm. Bookings 02 6023 8333

There once was a dog named Buddy who... Be inspired by Michael Rosen’s book, The Hound Dog’s Haiku, and create your own haiku, limerick, or free verse poem about your cuddly, hairy, four legged friend.
LibraryMuseum: Wednesday 17th April 11:00am - 12:00noon. Bookings 02 6023 8333

**How do I brush my pet sharks teeth?** Get those questions ready that you have always wanted to ask a vet about your pet. Don’t miss a local vet visiting accompanied with a ‘friend’.
Lavington Library: Tuesday 23 April 2:30pm - 3:30pm . Bookings 02 6043 5645
LibraryMuseum: Wednesday 24 April 1:00pm - 2:00pm. Bookings 02 6023 8333

**Dare to Draw** Are you a budding Chagall or Renoir? Be inspired by the art works in Highlights from the Collection exhibition and guided by an artist to create a masterpiece.
Gold Certificates - Congratulations to:
Saxon Walle, Ryleigh Hogan, Rachael Kemp, Georgia Groth
Charlotte Dean, Skye Richardson

Thurs 4 9:00-1:30pm Helen MacPherson
Fri 5 9:00-1:30pm Tania Scott-Coutts 11:00-1:30pm 1 helper needed
Mon 8 11 - 1:30 Sara Clift
Tues 9 11 - 1:30 Tracy Brown
Wed 10 11 - 1:30 Fiona Pedler
Thurs 11 9 - 11:30 Nicole Morrison 11:30 - 1:30 Rachel Pringle
Fri 12 Closed Christine Mendes (helping move canteen)

Reminder - canteen will be closed on the last day of Term, Friday 12 April for start of renovations.
Anyone who is able to lend an hour or so on Friday 12 April to help pack up the canteen ready for our renovation would be very much appreciated. Please call Ali or Rachael, 60212370.

Alfie Towner, Charlie Murphy, Ella Brooks and Samuel Lawes show the hats they made for the K-2 Easter parade on Thursday.

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@blueearth.org


School Banking has finished for Term 1 and will start again on Tuesday 7 May
Kindergarten

We like our buddies because......

5/6AB is KWD’s buddy class. We like to play with our buddies, make things with them and have lunch with them every Friday. By KWD

We feel happy with our buddies. They help us make wonderful autumn weaving plates and Easter hats. By KWW

We like our buddies because they are kind and friendly to us. We really look forward to seeing our buddies each week. By KWN

We like our buddies because they help us and they play with us. By KWS