Dear All

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 4 which is an eleven week term. We look forward to working together with you to ensure your child has a very successful last term. It was great to see all the students back yesterday, looking smart in their summer uniforms and eager to commence their learning activities. A special welcome to our new families who have now become valued members of the Albury Public School community.

This term will again be a busy one with the following planned events:

- Week 2 - PSSA sport commences
- Week 3 - 2014 Kindergarten Orientation commences, Yr 3 Wymah Camp and Lapathon
- Week 4 - Yr 6 Transition visits to Albury High School
- Week 8 - Intensive Swimming Program commences

Please ensure you pop the enclosed calendar in a safe spot so you can refer to it, as Term 4 is always a very busy one and it is vital that all families are aware of the planned events.

NAPLAN

As stated in the newsletter in Week 10, the 2013 NAPLAN student reports for all Year 3 and 5 students will be distributed with the newsletter next Wednesday. Next week I will also give a brief summary of the results, highlighting the achievements and future focus areas.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

During the holidays we had several workmen installing new blinds throughout the school and a new sound and visual system in the hall. A set of teardrop sports banners have also arrived. These projects were supported by P & C contributions and will certainly improve our learning environments. If you have been in our playground you may have also noticed we have a new ramp at the Castle. The previous one did not meet current regulations and had to be replaced by the DEC.

LAPATHON

On Wednesday 23 October we are holding our annual K-6 Lapathon. The Lapathon is our school’s main fundraiser and during previous years has been very successful raising much needed funds for our students. This year our funds will be targeted for much needed technology resources. We hope to purchase more laptops and some ipads for students to use in their learning. Students will be bringing home their sponsor forms today and I ask you to encourage them to find some sponsors. Children should only approach people they know and we certainly do not want children canvassing strangers for sponsorship. Extra forms will be available at the front office.

YEAR 3 CAMP

We were so glad we postponed the Year 3 camp at the Wymah Resort in Week 10 due to the wet weather. This camp will now be held in Week 3 this term, 24-25 October. Hopefully this lovely spring weather will continue during these two days! An updated permission note will need to be completed and returned to the front office. Many thanks to Mrs Martin for organising this camp.

BRASS BAND

As advertised last term, this Thursday afternoon all students will have the opportunity to hear a five piece brass band from the Sydney Conservatorium. The energetic quintet will be performing as part of the Murray Conservatorium’s “Buddies” program. The performance will be held in the hall and there is no cost. This will be a great opportunity to hear live trumpet, trombone, French horn and tuba played by some of Australia’s leading brass musicians.
2014 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
A reminder that the dates for our 2014 Kindergarten Orientation sessions are as below
- Tuesday 22 October- 9:30-11:30am
- Tuesday 29 October- 9:30-12:30pm
- Wednesday 6 November- 9:30- 2:30pm
We look forward to welcoming our 2014 Kindergarten students and new families to Albury Public school. If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year and you have not received information about the Orientation Program please contact our front office as soon as possible.

SUNSAFE POLICY- our Sun Safety policy states that school hats must be worn in Term 4 or students need to play in the shade. (No hat, play in the shade!) Please remind your child that they need to bring their hat to school each day. We will be reinforcing this from next Monday by asking students to play in the shade if they do not have a hat. Also please check the hat is clearly named so we can return it if necessary.

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

SUMMER PSSA SPORT
Summer PSSA SPORT will start next Friday 18 October. The students participating in this sporting competition should have returned their notes and Code of Conduct contracts to their coaches. The students leave the school at 9:00am and return at 11:00am. The cost is $3.00. This money is paid on Friday morning outside the Annexe. Thank you to all the teachers who provide these sporting opportunities for our students. I hope everyone enjoys this competition.
Rosemary Coughlan, Sport Committee.

LAPATHON 2013- Our annual school Lapathon will be held on Wednesday 23 October. Students walk laps of the school and raise money for much needed technology resources. Information, including a blue sponsorship form and a canteen order form are attached to today’s newsletter. Spare forms will also be available at the office. Students are reminded to only approach adults they know for sponsorship. The event starts at 11:30am and runs until just after 2:30pm. Family members are most welcome to join in the fun. In the event of wet weather the Lapathon will be postponed to 30 October, 2013.
Jess Brooker, Lapathon Committee.

LIBRARY NEWS
Children with outstanding books need to either renew them or return them to the library. Overdue notices will be sent home next week and children with overdue items will be unable to borrow until they are returned. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.
Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.

HEAD LICE- Please regularly check you child’s hair for head lice. It is best to be ever vigilant with this ongoing problem. For hints and tips please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice/treatment/index.html or www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/

LOST PROPERTY- A reminder that there are lost property bins in each of the buildings. Please ensure your child’s clothing is clearly labelled. Springtime is notorious for clothing being left in the playground, as the weather changes frequently. Lost property is donated to various charities if it is unidentifiable.

HUME SCHOOL BANKING - resumes Tuesday 15 October.
WELCOME TO Term 4!
PLEASE come in or phone and put your name on the roster.
Our new menu is out today. Please throw out the BLUE menu and put the new BRIGHT GREEN one in its place!
Please call us if you can help us out!

Thurs 10 1 HELPER NEEDED
Fri 11 2 HELPERS NEEDED
Mon 14 1 HELPER NEEDED 12:00- 1:30pm
Tues 15 Sue Shiphard 11:00- 1:30pm
Wed 16 Tracey Brown 11:00- 1:30pm
Thurs 17 Susan Marcuzzi 9:00-11:30am 1 HELPER NEEDED 12:00- 1:30pm

A REMINDER- WE ARE UNABLE TO RE-HEAT LUNCHES (due to Work Health and Safety regulations)
Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370.

Handy Hints for Improving Learning- Help children to build the essentials skills for success.
Three of the skills needed for success at school (and in most areas of life) are concentration, memory and sequencing or getting things in the right order. The games that parents play with their children such as Snap, Uno, Concentration, Battleships, Monopoly, Chess, Jigsaw puzzles all play an incredibly important role in developing these skills of success.
Computer versions of these games are not as effective in helping children develop these skills. To really help your child to succeed at school every so often switch off the TV, unplug the computer and pull out a game.
From “Help Your Child Succeed at School” by Andrew Fuller www.andrewfuller.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS
KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN ALBURY- Mission Australia. 3 Session Program commencing on 12 November. 11:00-2:30pm at 2/432 Townsend St, Albury. Bookings are essential- contact Stacey on 6942 8001 or ParentingRiverina@missionaustralia.com.au
WALK TO CURE DIABETES- Bring your dog and come and join us for Albury’s “Walk to cure diabetes 2013”. It is on this Sunday the 13 October starting at 10:30am for an 11:00am start, at the Hovell Tree Park, Wodonga Place, Albury. There are plenty of fun activities included after the walk for the whole family. Details are available at http://walk.jdrf.org.au/events.asp?eventID=103 www.facebook.com/Alburywodongawalktocurediabetes2013
APPLAUSE FESTIVAL- Dean St & QEIi Square, Saturday 19 October, 11:00-5:00pm. Visit www.applausefestival.com for further information.
RAMOS MUSIC- Expressions of interest taken now for Private tuition for flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, guitar, keyboard, ukulele and voice. Call 1300 889 401 or email info@ramosmusic.com.au
NAILCAN WILDFLOWER WALK- Saturday 12 October from 9:30am-12:30pm. For catering purposes, please RSVP by 10 October to Tara Pitman on 60512250.
For further information visit www.murray.cma.nsw.gov.au
ST MATTHEW’S FAIR ON THE SQUARE- PET SHOW- Saturday 2 November, 10:00am- QEIi Square at the back of St Matthew’s Church.
ALI’S TENNIS COACHING- Forrest Hill Tennis Courts. Commencing on Saturday 12 October, 2013. Contact Alison Tinworth on 0427 807 831 for further information.
ALBURY NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL will be running a free Refugee Play Group during October and November at Albury North PS. Please contact 6025 1730 for more information.
LAVINGTON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL will be running a free Refugee Play Group during October and November at Lavington East PS. Please contact 6025 1157 for further information.
SS & A JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB are looking for players, male and female, in all age groups to commence in Term 4, 2013. If you are interested please phone Sharon Kirby on 0419 374 454.
WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM- Looking for Volunteer Host Families. For further information please phone 1300 884 733, Email info@wep.org.au or visit www.wep.org.au
PSSA Sport

PSSA Summer sport commences next week and the Sports Committee would like to remind parents and students about the policy of participation.

PSSA is offered as a non-competitive sport for primary school children. No ladder exists and scores are not recorded.

Albury Public is the largest primary school in the area and therefore usually has many successes on the sporting field.

It is important that we remember that other schools in the area may not have the depth of students to select from and that we show sportsmanship and encouragement to all other participants.

It is not about winning— but participation and enjoyment!

Parents and students are asked to sign a contract regarding their code of conduct and in doing so are expected to behave accordingly.

We ask that if your child is selected in a team you speak to your child about sportsmanship in a non-competitive sport.

Thank you,
2013 Sports Committee