Dear All

HELPERS MORNING TEA- It was great to see so many of our valued helpers attend the morning tea yesterday morning. This is just a small way in which we show our appreciation for the support and assistance so many school community members give the staff and students throughout the year. We sent out over 200 invitations which means we have at least that many people who have assisted our school in some way during the year, which is amazing! Thanks to the canteen and staff members who provided all the yummy treats.

BOOK CLUB- The students and the school gain many benefits from the Ashton Scholastic Bookclub. Without the assistance of our two parent helpers, Penny Pope and Susie Geering, our Book Club organisers, we would not be able to continue to provide this valuable service to our students. I’d like to thank them very much for all their hard work.

2014 STUDENT COUNCIL- Congratulations to the following students who have been successful on being elected as 2014 Student Councillors:- Charlie Hargreaves, Micaela Jaksetic, Hattie Evans, Baxter Macfarlane, Chelsea Ehlers, Tom Grigg, Bailey Clemson, Callum Bruce, Jack Drummond, Monae Scott-Coutts, Grace Buttin and Natalie Gibbons. Captains and Vice Captains will be announced from this group at Presentation Day on Wednesday 11 December at the Albury High School hall. Elections for House Captains will be held next Tuesday and announcements made on Thursday. These names will be in the Week 9 newsletter.

INTENSIVE SWIM SCHEME- A reminder that the school’s Intensive Swim Scheme commences next week on Monday 25 November. A note regarding the requirements has been sent home with this newsletter to those students who have been selected to participate. Please ensure you have sent in payment to the office or your child has their season pass to show when they enter the pool on Monday.

I hope this lovely weather continues for the two weeks the scheme operates and please remember the sunscreen!

DIARY DATES- A reminder that parents/carers are welcome to attend the following Presentation Days in Week 10.

Yrs 2-6 Presentation Day - 11:00am Wednesday 11 December- Albury High School Hall
Kindergarten Presentation Day - 10:00am Monday 9 December in our School Hall
Year 1 Presentation Day- 11:30am Monday 9 December in our School Hall

2014 PLANNING- As stated in last week’s newsletter, please inform the office by next week if your child is not attending Albury Public School in 2014. Also a reminder written requests for class placements, with an identified reason, need to be sent to Mrs Eckley or myself by this Friday 22 November. All requests must be in by this date. We cannot guarantee that all requests are met.

SENSORY GARDEN- Many thanks to Lou Newman, Kate Preston, Ms Cameron and 2MCA for planting the lovely sensory gardens in the flower boxes in front of the Manor last Friday. There are five boxes, each one allocated to a specific sense eg touch. The P & C purchased the plants. We look forward to using the sensory garden in our lessons.

CHARLES STURT UNI STUDENT- Mrs Boehm, Mrs Morris and 1MBM welcomed Miss O’Reilly, a 3rd Year student from Charles Sturt University. Miss O’Reilly will be here for the next three weeks.

PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL- Moving into high school is an exciting time but can also be a little daunting for some students. We support our Year 6 students by providing a comprehensive transition program to Albury High School. I recommend the following link to parents/carers of Year 6 students. It is a You Tube clip developed by the DEC and shows teachers talking about how you can make your child more confident to start high school.


Also the Transition To High School information and the Ready For High School checklist are also available in 36 languages on this link. Go onto this site and choose the relevant language.


A reminder that these links are accessed more easily from the newsletter on the school’s website.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
SPORTS NEWS - PSSA RESULTS

JUNIOR T BALL- The APS Yellow team had a draw with ANPS. The APS Blue team won against LPS 30-10. The Blues batted extremely well with several home runs recorded. The APS Mixed team lost to St Patrick’s 17-23. Everyone really enjoyed the game and the team is improving every week. Bugs at Jelbart Park were a problem for all the teams but APS battled on despite this adversity. Thanks very much to all our parent helpers, as we would not be able to take three teams without your assistance.

Ms Bonham, Coordinator.

PSSA SOFTBALL- The Senior Girls played Lavington. As a team, the girls have shown a noticeable improvement and are to be commended on their fantastic sportsmanship and organisation. Thank you to Miss Bensted (CSU practicum teacher) for managing the team. The Senior boys played well against their rivals, St Pats. Beau Davis, as captain of the Blue team, was pivotal in promoting team morale. The Yellow team enjoyed their game, learning the value of running quickly between bases.

Jess Brooker, Softball Coordinator.

LIBRARY NEWS- The end of the year is rapidly approaching. Borrowing for students will cease this Friday 22 November. All books need to be returned no later than 29 November as Library stocktake commences on December 4. Thank you for your co-operation. Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.

YR 6 AMBITION DAY- Students in Year 6 are invited to participate in Ambition Day on Tuesday 3 December. For a $2.00 donation, students can come to school dressed in something that represents what they would like to do or be when they leave school. The money raised will go towards the cost of printing the yearbook, which Year 6 students will receive on Graduation Day at the end of the year.

Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

BEACH TO BUSH- Last Thursday Stage 2 took part in the Beach to Bush program. This program is designed to teach people in regional, rural and remote communities about surf and water safety. Students need to understand how to stay safe and enjoy their holiday when at the beach. Two surf life savers from Sydney presented a fantastic program to Year 3 and Year 4. Melinda Martin, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

REVERSE CHRISTMAS TREE
This year our Reverse Christmas Tree will be held on Monday 2 December. On that day, the school will present a collection of gifts and non-perishable food items to The Salvation Army for distribution to local families. We invite each family to bring a donation to the school. These donations could include new toys, games or books. These do not need to be wrapped or labelled. Non-perishable food can also be donated. e.g. tinned food or packets of food. Please make sure that any food items are in-date. There is a box under the tree in the office for these donations.

This is a great opportunity for your children to see the spirit of Christmas in action – the act of giving to someone in need.

Jenny Boehm, Coordinator.

ALBURY SHOW NEWS - Apologies and congratulations to Rory Harrap 1MH and Daisy Tuksar 1MH, whose names were omitted from the item in last week’s newsletter. Well done with your show entries! Chris Bourke, Coordinator.

BUS PASSES FOR 2014- ALL STUDENTS going into YEAR 3 in 2014 need to re-apply for a bus pass (regardless of how far they live from the school). Forms are available from the front office.
Thank you to everyone who helped with our “Tastes of Asia Day”. It was a great success. Our roster is pretty good for the rest of the year. We only have a couple of vacancies.

We appreciate everyone’s help throughout 2013.

Thurs 21 9:00- 1:30pm Helen MacPherson
Fri 22 9:00-12:15pm HELPER NEEDED! 12:15-1:30pm Jacqui Vaughan
Mon 25 11:00-1:30pm Sue Shipard
Tues 26 11:00-1:30pm Liz Ennis
Wed 27 9:00-10:30am HELPER NEEDED! 10:30-1:30pm Kellie Kadaoui
Thurs 28 9:00-1:30pm Nicole Morrison 11:00-1:30pm Bec Kirwin
Fri 29 9:00-1:30pm Morgan Pinder 11:00-1:30pm Jacqui Vaughan

Thank you to all our fantastic helpers. Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370

P & C NEWS- The last P & C meeting for 2013 will be held next Tuesday 26 November in the Staff Room at 7:30pm. All parents/carers are welcome!

At the end of last term a P&C gardening working bee prepared the beds at the front of the Manor for the planting of a sensory garden. A big thank you to Ms Cameron and her class 2MCA who last Friday planted out the sensory beds, mulched and watered them. Thanks also to Kate Preston who helped the students with the planting. Taste, smell, sound, touch and sight signs will be made by some of the students for each bed. The plants are only tiny, however by next term they should be well established.

Lou Newman P&C Committee Member.
When I Am In Year One
By KWW
I will tie my shoelaces by myself. Saksham
KWW will move into another classroom. Elspeth
I will have another teacher. Eve
I am going on the Year One equipment, then playing soccer. K. R.
I am going to keep an eye out for my friend Charlie and learn to do more Maths. Jonah
I can climb. Dylan
I am going to help everyone. Jun Hui
I will like running. Archie
I will be the fastest. Isaiah
I will see a new teacher and I don’t know my new teacher’s name yet. Charlotte
I will go faster at running. Eli
I could make new friends and have a new teacher and maybe have some of the kids in KWW. Madison
I can be good at writing and fast running. John
I will have homework and learn Maths. I will go very fast. Bastian
I can read chapter books. Matilda
I will be able to play on the big playground. My classroom will be in the Manor. Lacey
I will be able to write bigger words. Nate
I will be better at reading books. Cooper