Dear All

As this will be the last newsletter for the year I would like to thank the whole school community for their wonderful support and input into the education of our students. I sincerely thank everyone who has assisted the staff and students either in or out of the classrooms. It has been a very busy and productive year and I am sure 2014 will be just as successful. We have several exciting programs and events planned for 2014, including the continuation of the Bluearth program and another visit from the entertaining bush band Bushwahzee in Term 3. I’d also like to thank all staff members, both teaching and non-teaching for their continued dedication and commitment to our students.

2014 NEWS- A reminder that students in Yrs 1-6 return to school on Wednesday 29 January. As is the custom, students will return to their 2013 classes for a few days until enrolment numbers are finalised. Our current enrolment numbers indicate we will remain having 23 classes, with four Kindergarten classes.

PRESENTATION DAY- Once again we experienced a wonderful celebration of our students’ achievements at our Annual Presentation Day at Albury High School this morning. It was great to see so many students receiving awards or performing. Unfortunately we can only present a certain number of awards but I know the staff and I are very proud of the achievements and progress of all our students. Everyone should feel very proud of their efforts this year and strive to continue their progress in 2014. I would like to congratulate Miss Macleod and the Junior Choir and Miss Heywood with the Senior Choir and the 3CM class performing a French item, for their outstanding performances. Also congratulations to Mrs Moriarty and the ensemble. We certainly have a lot of talented students. Many thanks to Mrs Eckley and her team, especially Mr Neil, for the organisation of the day. Many thanks to the two General Assistants, Mr Ian Pantling (APS) and Mr Greg Chadwick (AHS) for their invaluable assistance. Also thanks to Mr Ward, Principal of Albury High School and his staff for their assistance and allowing us to hold the event in their venue. It was great to see the hall packed with parents/carers, grandparents and friends.

I thank you for attending. The student councillors ably led the ceremony and I congratulate them for their splendid efforts. During the presentation the 2014 Captains and Vice Captains were announced. Congratulations to these students:-

2014 School Captains- Natalie Gibbons and Tom Grigg
2014 Vice Captains- Charlie Hargreaves and Bailey Clemson

I am sure you will all fulfil your role admirably and lead the Student Council capably. The recipients of the special awards, both academic and sporting are printed on page 2 of this newsletter.

NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS will start at varied times on Thursday 30 January. Staff will return for a pupil-free day on Tuesday 28 January, planning whole school and stage programs. I will continue as Relieving Principal and Mrs Gail Eckley as Relieving Deputy Principal, until Term 3 when Ms Vicki Harris plans to return as Principal. Mr Wayne Moore is also planning to return in Term 3 as Assistant Principal. We farewell Mrs Jane Waters as Learning and Support teacher but she will return in 2014 as a casual teacher. Thanks Mrs Waters for your dedication to our students.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY- Monday 27 January, planning for 2014. As is the custom, staff will return to their 2013 classes for a few days until enrolment numbers are finalised. We currently have 23 classes with four Kindergarten classes.

LOST PROPERTY- Please remind your children to look in the lost property bins if they have lost a jumper, hat, drink bottle etc. Anything left at the end of the term will be sent to a charity.

2014 SWIMMING CARNIVAL- will be held on Friday 21 February, Week 4 at the Albury Swim Centre. It will be the same format as this year’s with all races occurring during the day. Students will come to school as normal and catch buses to the Swim Centre. The carnival will commence at 9:30am and conclude around 2:30pm. We ask any parents/carers who may be able to help on the day to please pop this date on their calendar.

CYBERSAFETY- Whether in the classroom or at home, children are using technology – computers, mobile phones and the internet – more and more in their day-to-day lives. Cybersafety provides advice on keeping your child safe in the online world. With the holidays coming up it is a good time to discuss cybersafety with your child. The following link has some good information you might like to use. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/technology/cybersafety

To conclude, I wish you and your families a very safe, happy festive season and a relaxing holiday.

I look forward to working with the students, parents/carers and staff of Albury Public School once again in 2014. Merry Christmas!

Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
PRESENTATION DAY SPECIAL AWARDS 2013

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2014 - Tom Grigg and Natalie Gibbons
SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN 2014 - Bailey Clemson and Charlie Hargreaves
DUX - Meg Paterson

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD - Junior: Sally Lefoe, Senior: Tom Grigg

CREATIVE ARTS AWARD - Junior: Milisa Milanovic, Senior: Mackenzie Scott-Coutts

SCHOOL MUSIC AWARD - Aylish Jorgensen

SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP - Claire Martin

JANE CUMMINS LOTE AWARD - Karlie Travassaros

UNSW International Writing Competition High Distinction - Milisa Milanovic

JUNIOR SPORTS PERSON - Will Haberfield
SENIOR SPORTS PERSON - Willson Mack and Burkeley Macfarlane

MICHAEL CARNEY SPORTS’ CITIZENSHIP AWARD - Noah Jones

NSW PREMIER’S SPORTING CHALLENGE MEDAL - Lachlan Curtain-Marlowe

PSSA NEWS - CRICKET - Friday 6 December saw Albury Public School defeat Lavington Public Gold at Norris Park. Weather was excellent with finally a dry pitch to play on. Lachlan Curtain-Marlowe, Denzel Oliver and Zach Van Zanten displayed excellent fielding, all taking catches to support the seniors’ win. Juniors were caught up in a tight battle as LPS displayed exceptional fielding and batting skills, APS Juniors’ winning by just four runs. Well done to all players for your excellent sportsmanship and for representing Albury Public School with pride! I would also like to thank all family/friends who have supported our teams throughout the season and a very big thank you to Mr Shane Green for coaching the Juniors.

Chris Bourke, Coordinator.

SOFTBALL - It was a beautiful morning at Jelbart Park to finish our softball season. Both the Senior Boys teams were successful in winning their last game against St Pats. All players showed an improved understanding of the game as demonstrated by their convincing wins. The girls had a fun morning playing against each other. Their responsibility and initiative was impressive. Thank you to all players for a great season; it was a pleasure each week to work with the teams. Jessica Brooker, Coordinator.

VALUES AWARDS - These students were presented with Values Awards at Week 9 assemblies for demonstrating commitment to our school value of Democracy.
Years 3-6: Cody Smart (2/3MWM), Eve Zawertailo (4LJH), Tom Grigg (5/6AB) and Jessica Hamilton (5/6AB). Years K-2: Charlotte Laird (KWW), Jake Evans (2MC), Lacey Harrison (KWW).

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS - The Year 6 Graduation Assembly will be held in the APS Hall next Tuesday 17 December starting at 11:30am. We invite all families to attend this special event. The Year 6 Dinner and Disco will be held on Tuesday 17 December starting at 6:00pm. Please drop off your child at the Smollett Street gates. Year 5 students are asked to attend the disco at 7:00pm, arriving through the Smollett Street gates also. The evening will finish at 9:00pm and families are asked to collect their child from the school hall. No child will be allowed to leave the hall unless with an adult. The Year 6 Clap Out will be held on Wednesday 18 December at 2:45pm in the playground. Families are welcome to join us for this special occasion as the Year 6 students enjoy their final walk across our playground.

Jessica Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)
Friday 13 December is the last day for the canteen! NO CANTEEN IN WEEK 11.

Have a very happy festive season and a fun-filled holiday!

Thank you to all our lovely helpers and children at Albury Public who have been a pleasure and delight to serve this year. We love seeing your smiling faces and lovely manners. We look forward to seeing you all in 2014. REMEMBER the Canteen is CLOSED the last three days of term - Mon 16, Tues 17 and Wed 18/12/13. Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370

P & C NEWS - The MANGO ORDERS will be distributed this Friday 13 December in the School Gym from 3:00-5:00pm. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR ORDERS- they cannot be stored over the weekend!

PLEASE HELP - The mangoes are arriving this Friday 13 December! They will be delivered to the gym for pickup between 3:00–5:00pm on that day. We have 255 trays to distribute. The P & C will require some help to cross names off and see that people get their required order. If you are able to help for an hour between 3:00 – 4:00pm, it would be greatly appreciated. If so please contact Lou Newman, either by e-mail - (piplou@bigpond.com) or text 0408 709960.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
“GET A GRIP ON TENNIS” SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS. 13-16 January & 20-23 January. Four days of tennis skills, fun and exercise for all ages and ability. Contact Kate Hargreaves on 0418 572 626 for more information and bookings.

OOSH HOLIDAY PROGRAM - You can book online through www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au follow the tabs through Community Services and click on child care. Feel free to contact us with any questions regarding your care. - Ph -60435630.

CAROLS FOR OUR COMMUNITY - ALBURY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES-Tuesday 17 December from 6:00-9:00pm - at 402 Wagga Rd, Lavington. Visit www.alburycarols.org.au for further information.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY IS ON AGAIN - The Albury Central Christmas Family fun day is on again. Saturday 14 December from 10am – 2pm in QEI1 Square. Face Painting, Jumping Castles, Play on Wheels, Ready Steady Go Kids, Music and Entertainment, Santa and his helpers, Make A Wish Foundation community BBQ, Coffee Jalopy and Nice N Icee. Extra activities on the day include, make your own Christmas decorations, and our traditional pavement chalk with thanks to Who What Why. Chalk & Chat colouring in competition, decorate your own shortbread with Beechworth Bakery, and the AlburyCity Big Band punching out your favourite Christmas Carols. How will Santa arrive this year? Come down and find out for yourself. With so many things happening at this year’s Albury Central Christmas Family fun day, you’d be crazy to miss it. Phone 02 6021 7775 /0413 482 203 for further information.

ALBURY DIVING CLUB - Introductory Diving Lessons. Wed, Fri and Sun 4:30pm-6:00pm at the Lavington Swim Centre Diving Pool. Phone John 0427 686 506 for further information.

KALANI RECREATIONAL CALISTHENICS - www.wca.websyte.com.au
A perfect mix of sport and performing arts, combining elements of gymnastics, modern dance, ballet, singing, mime and apparatus technique. For more information regarding classes please call:- Penny on 0411 093 152 OR mpcleary@aapt.net.au

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE - For information and assistance with completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan, including what your children will do if they are home alone, you can visit the NSW Rural Fire Service website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or ring your local RFS office in Albury on 6051 1511.

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE PHILIPPINES - Albury High School COLA, 16 December. Tickets available from AHS office- limited number. Gates open 5:30pm. No alcohol/non smoking event.

Highlights of Year 6

Throughout the year, Year 6 has participated in many exciting activities.

These are the highlights of what we have done throughout the year:

- Year 6 Trivia Night
- Ambition Day
- Orientation Days to year 7
- Science with our year advisor for Year 7
- Year 6 drama
- Year 9 sport
- Year 6 camp to Canberra

This year wouldn’t have been so successful if it wasn’t for our fabulous teachers.

We are all looking forward to our Graduation Assembly, Celebration Day, Dinner and the Disco but we are definitely going to miss Albury Public School.

Although this year has been very busy we have had a wonderful time.