Dear All

Crossing Point Launch- This morning I have just returned from the Crossing Point launch at Albury High School where our Junior and Senior choirs performed. Their performances were once again outstanding. Congratulations to the students and their choir masters, Miss Lynn Macleod and Miss Dianne Heywood for the beautiful and entertaining singing. The Year 6 students attended the launch before then going into groups for their Year 7 Orientation Day. I am certain they will have some positive stories to tell families about their high school experiences today! These orientation days are very important to ensure all students are feeling comfortable about the transition into high school next year.

Presentation Day- Years 2-6. An invitation is extended to all families and friends to attend our Annual Presentation Day at the Albury High School Hall next Wednesday commencing at 11:00am. Class and regional/state sport awards will be presented as well as items from our two choirs and ensemble. 3CM will also be performing a French item. Parking is available in Griffith and Wyse streets. Please see Dates for the Diary above for Kindergarten and Year 1 presentations.

Gold Morning Tea- Last Wednesday 28 students and their parents attended the annual Gold Morning Tea in the Hall. It was great to see so many parents/carers, and grandparents who were able to join us to celebrate and recognise their child’s achievements. Thanks to the canteen for providing the lovely morning tea. The chocolate cake and fresh fruit were very popular!

Reading Recovery- Tomorrow I will be attending the Reading Recovery teachers’ graduation ceremony. Congratulations to the graduate-Mrs Sally Morris. Mrs Morris will continue to teach Reading Recovery in 2014 and Miss Shelley Merritt will commence her training. Thanks to Mrs Jenny Boehm who has taught Reading Recovery for the past 3 years and will step down from that position next year.

P & C Request- Mango Order- The mangoes are arriving on 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.

Student Reports- During the last fortnight I have enjoyed reading the Semester 2 student reports. It is always great to read about the wonderful academic and social progress of our students. Congratulations to all our students on their achievements. Parents/carers and students should be very proud of their efforts. Next Monday the student reports will be sent home. Please keep an eye out for them in schoolbags.

Next Wednesday will be the last newsletter for 2014, as the following Wednesday will be the students’ last day.

2014 Planning- We have commenced planning 2014 classes. To ensure we have correct enrolment numbers and information please inform the office this week if your child/ren will not be attending Albury Public School in 2014.

2014 Dates- A reminder that students in Years 1-6 in 2014 will commence school on Wednesday 29 January. All Kindergarten students will commence the following day, Thursday 30 January. Kindergarten students will receive a letter stating the starting time on this day. Staff will commence the 2014 school year on Tuesday 28 January.

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

PSSA SOFTBALL - The Senior Girls played Albury North. The girls are to be commended for their professionalism and initiative. They conduct themselves with maturity and always show great sportsmanship. The Senior Boys had an opportunity to play against each other. Both teams have demonstrated improvement in their skills throughout the season; the game highlighted the progress they have made. It is terrific to see them play with confidence and enjoy themselves. Well done boys. Jess Brooker, Softball Coordinator.

PSSA CRICKET JUNIOR AND SENIOR

Friday 29 November saw Albury Public School meet Albury North at Collings Park, East Albury. Both teams secured wins with Sam Brown, Matthew Green, Bailey Clemson, Will Murphy and Mitchel Houlihan batting well on the day. Bowling by the Juniors saw Will Clarke, Will Haberfield, Ben White and Ian Howsam challenging Albury North’s batting order. Well done to all players for the great sportsmanship! Our last game is to be played at Norris Park.
Chris Bourke, Cricket Coordinator.

HOUSE CAPTAINS and VICE CAPTAINS FOR 2014 - Congratulations to the following students who are our sporting House Captains and Vice Captains for 2014!

HOVELL -
Boy Captain - Lachlan Claxton, Girl Captain - Lauren Antonello
Boy Vice Captain - Charlie Byrne, Girl Vice Captain - Ellie Avage

HUME -
Boy Captain - Nick Hobbs, Girl Captain - Alesha Mackinnon
Boy Vice Captain - Jayden Lyness, Girl Vic Captain - Mia Harding

MITCHELL -
Boy Captain - Ben Pedler, Girl Captain - Sarsha Smith
Boy Vice Captain - Connor McAleer, Girl Vice Captain - Jenny Owen

MURRAY -
Boy Captain - Zach Van Zanten, Girl Captain - Tess Kadaoui
Boy Vice Captain - Owen Sowden, Girl Vice Captain - Mimi Cosgrave

LIBRARY NEWS

All borrowing has ceased for the year. Students need to return any outstanding books to the library. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.
Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian

REVERSE CHRISTMAS TREE - A huge THANK YOU to all the families who so kindly donated gifts and food items for this year’s Reverse Christmas Tree. Mrs Eirth from The Salvation Army was overwhelmed at our Monday Assembly, to see the donations that we were able to present to her. These gifts and food items will now be distributed to families in our local area. To those families who donated gifts and food items, remember on Christmas day, that you helped to make someone else’s Christmas a happier one this year.
Jenny Boehm, Coordinator.

YEAR 6 - AMBITION DAY - Yesterday many students in Year 6 came dressed as “what you would like to do or be when you leave school”. These students raised $105.00 to go towards the cost of printing the Year 6 Yearbook, which they will receive on Graduation Day at the end of the year- a great effort!
Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

Students from Year 1 enjoyed their recent excursion to Wonga Wetlands. Pictured right are students from 1MH fossicking for terrestrial bugs!
P & C NEWS
The MANGO ORDERS will be distributed on Friday 13 December in the School Gym from 3:00-5:00pm. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR ORDERS!

COMMUNITY NEWS
PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICES: Murrumbidgee Local Health District, 596 Smollett St, Albury. Treatment is FREE. Please ring 1800 450 046 to register your child. Michelle Aldrich, Dental Therapist/Team Leader.

OOSH HOLIDAY PROGRAM: Please be aware that bookings for the next holiday program open Monday 18 November. 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. - 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.

ST MATTHEW’S MONSTER CAR BOOT SALE AT ADAMSHURST: 14 December at Adamshurst, 603 David Street. St Matthew’s Christmas Appeal. If you are interested in securing a position at the sale, please contact St Matthew’s Office (next to the Church).- Ph 6021 3022 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 QEII 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.

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A perfect mix of sport and performing arts, combining elements of gymnastics, modern dance, ballet, singing, mime and apparatus technique. Calisthenics inspires people of all ages to be more confident and work as part of a team, while fostering community spirit and lifelong friendships.

For more information regarding classes please call: - Penny on 0411 093 152 OR mpcleary@aapt.net.au Danielle on family@rodassan.com