Dear All

**Choir** - Yesterday I accompanied the choir to the Commercial Club to perform at the SASS Conference. The audience and I were very impressed with their performance. They sang ‘We are the World’ beautifully. Congratulations to the choir, and Sally Lefoe on her wonderful solo. Many thanks and congratulations to Miss Lynn Macleod the choir master.

**Hearing Screenings** - Free of charge hearing screenings are available at the Albury Community Health Service, 596 Smollett Street. If you have concerns about your child’s hearing, please phone the centre on 60581859 to make an appointment. Parents of Kindergarten students please take note that your child was not screened in pre-school in 2012 so you may like to take up this opportunity.

**Teaching and Learning Forums** - Our staff are committed to regularly attending professional learning opportunities to upskill and keep abreast of new skills and programs to ensure better learning outcomes for all our students. Next Tuesday evening, 4:30pm-7:30pm the whole staff will be attending the Teaching and Learning Forums at Murray High School. These forums are held for all schools in the Albury region. Staff will be attending sessions in the areas of the National Curriculum, Road Safety, Mathematics and Technology.

**K-2 Sports Day** - Tomorrow is our annual K-2 Sports Day. Hopefully the predicted rain will stay away until after school. If raining, a decision will be made in the morning if we need to postpone the day until a day to be advised. The K-6 sausage sizzle will go ahead as planned if the Sports Day needs to be postponed.

**Year 5 Excursion** - Next Wednesday Year 5 leave for their three day excursion to Melbourne/Ballarat/Bendigo. They have an early start, arriving at school at 5:30am to catch buses. I hope they all pack warm clothes as I am sure it will be chilly, especially in Ballarat! I wish the students and the accompanying staff, Miss Brooker, Mrs Browne, Mr Neil and Miss Macleod a safe and fun trip. We look forward to hearing all about their trip when they return. They are expected to return at 6:30pm on Friday.

**PSSA Winter Sport** - A note giving details, together with a Code of Conduct that must be completed by both students and parents, has been distributed to all Yr 3-6 students participating in PSSA winter sport. The Code of Conduct outlines the behaviour and expectations for all students when playing and representing our school at sport. We also publish the expectations of parents in relation to their child’s participation at interschool sport in our newsletter. **This note must be returned to team coaches by Monday 3 June.** The cost of bus transport for PSSA sport is $3.00 and must be paid each Friday morning to the students in front of the Annexe. The PSSA Winter sport competition commences next Friday 7 June.

**2014 Kindergarten Enrolments** - We are now taking names for the 2014 Kindergarten intake. Please call into the office or ring to give details. Please pass this information to neighbours, relatives or friends who live in our zone, who are wishing to enrol their child next year.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard (Relieving Principal).
PSSA NETBALL SELECTIONS- On the 9 April Sophi Hart, Isabelle Beltrame, Pippa Barclay, Keira Croker, Karlie Travassaros and Kaitlin Ainsworth went to represent APS at District trials at Thurgoona Public School. Four of our girls, Pippa, Keira, Karlie and Kaitlin were successful in going through to the Eastern Riverina Selections at Lauren Jackson Stadium on the 6 May. Karlie and Kaitlin were selected into the Eastern Riverina Squad. On Monday 20 May both Karlie and Kaitlin went through to the final round selections. Karlie was successful in gaining a spot on the Riverina Representative Netball team. She will travel to Broken Hill next term to play in the state championships. Well done girls! Best of luck to Karlie! Thank you to Andrea Travassaros for keeping me up to date. Nadene Glenane, Netball Coordinator.

K-2 SPORTS DAY COMMENCING AT 10:30AM - A REMINDER - that the K-2 Sports Day will be held at the School on Thursday 30 May (tomorrow). Students are asked to wear house colours. Parents are encouraged to attend and help on the day - any help will be appreciated (eg 30 minutes/ 1 hour ) whatever time you can spare.

YEARS 1 – 4 CHOIR PERFORMANCES- Last Friday we were extremely lucky to attend a tutoring session at the Murray Conservatorium. Two students, Josh and Laura, from the Sydney Conservatorium, led us through some vocal exercises and listened to our wonderful choir perform. The choir really enjoyed the hour we spent there and were very grateful for the opportunity. Yesterday morning the Years 1 – 4 Choir performed at the Commercial Club at 9.00am. The School Administrative and Support Staff were holding a two day conference there. If you had been present you would have witnessed an amazing performance by soloist Sally Lefoe and heard the beautiful voices of the Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 choir members. There were many compliments given to the children on their way out of the auditorium. Lynn Macleod (Choir Teacher).

STAGE 3 STUDENTS VISIT TO ALBURY BLOOD BANK- Stage 3 students are currently studying a unit on Forensic Science. Earlier this week, classes visited the Albury Blood Bank. The excursion was a great opportunity for students to learn more about blood and the donation process. A very big thank you to Cathy Chapman who showed the students through the centre. Cathy also presented an informative session at school showcasing the blood typing process. Chris Bourke, 6AB Class Teacher.

APS VALUES AWARD – RESPECT
We are continuing to promote students’ development of our core values. Each week, one student from every year level is recognised for displaying a commitment to our target core value. Our target value for the past several weeks has been respect. The following students are congratulated for demonstrating respect for themselves, their school and their classmates.

Year 3-6 Values Award recipients for week three: Harrison Lawes, Mackenzie Jones, Noah Jones, Natalie Gibbons.

Year 3-6 Values Awards were not presented in Week 4 due to unforeseen circumstances. These will be awarded in the Councillor-led assembly this Thursday.

K-2 Values Award recipients for week three: Daisy Tuksar, Seif Elboraie and Nate Nusser. These students were recognised at assembly in Week 3 for demonstrating respect for themselves and others.

K-2 Values Award recipients for week four: Alice Carroll, Ella Henderson and Lenny Koller.
CAANTEEN ROSTER
K-2 SPORTS DAY
Thurs 30  9:00-11:30am  Marie Bucher, Kristy Marchant
         11:00: 1:30pm  Lou Newman, Tracey Brown
Any other parent helpers welcome from 11:00am onwards - the more helpers the quicker the service!
NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE K-2 SPORTS DAY TOMORROW!!

The Sausage Sizzle will go ahead on Thursday (tomorrow) no matter what the weather (or if K-2 Sports is postponed).

Fri  31  9:00-11:30am  Lee-Anne Smith, ONE HELPER NEEDED  11:00-1:30pm
Mon  3   Ali Hutchinson  11:00-1:30pm
Tues 4   Luke Brown  11:00-1:30pm
Wed 5   Michael Parker  9:00-1:30pm
Thurs 6  Kirsty Marchant  10:15-1:30pm
Fri  7  9:00-11:30pm  Rachel Ayton, Penny Pope  11:00-1:30pm

Thank you, Ali and Rachael, Coordinators. (Ph 6021 2370)

Possum Magic at the Albury Entertainment Centre
Early Stage One - Kindergarten and Stage One participated in the Possum Magic colouring in competition run by the Albury Entertainment Centre. The winner in Kindergarten is Lenny Koller in KWD. Lenny has won a family pass to Possum Magic at the Albury Entertainment Centre. We would like to thank the Albury Entertainment Centre for this opportunity. Possum Magic Performances are on Friday 21 June 6.30pm and Saturday 22 June 10.00am and 1.00pm at the Entertainment Centre. Leann Dicketts, Assistant Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS
STUDENT EXCHANGE- STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Call 1800 263 964 for further details.
AUTISM AND ASPERGERS: TEACHING STRATEGIES AND BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT WORKSHOPS IN ALBURY- 12 June, 2013. These workshops are ideal for teachers, teachers assistants, parents or carers. Please email dearne@suelarkey.com.au for further details.
1-2-3- MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING- A program for parents and carer’s of 2-12 year olds- Tuesday 18 June, 10:00am-4:00pm. Mission Australia, 2/432 Townsend St, Albury. Bookings are essential so please contact Stacey on 6942 8001.
MISSION AUSTRALIA- 7 steps to safety program. Designed to assist families to gain the skills and confidence they need to FEEL and BE safe at home. Bookings essential. Please contact Stacey on 6942 8001 for further information.

Gold Certificates
Congratulations to:-
Zahra Azzyati, Oliver Henderson, Petria Travassaros, Darcie Campbell, Saffat Ahmed, Shayla Taylor, Nia McGarvie, Noah Jones, Claudine Gale, Dominick Ahne, Ruby McCaig, Maryam Al-Jawad, Lily Lamond, Austin Miao, Eliza Carroll, Sophie Philp, Brodie Porta, Harrison Lawes and Olivia McCaig.
GRIP Leadership Conference

Last Friday 24 May, the Student Councillors and House Leaders attended a conference at the Albury Commercial Club. This conference was specifically for school leaders to show them how to improve their leadership capabilities. Many schools attended and the GRIP Leadership team put on a great show. The students received a booklet and were led through a series of activities. These activities included socialising with other leaders from different schools and discussing their roles and responsibilities. The students were taught a fun way to remember different roles referring to heads, shoulders, knees and toes.

Heads – Thinking of others

Shoulders – Carrying the load as if it was a backpack

Knees – To move forward because your knees can only bend forward and

Toes – To balance responsibilities just like your toes balance your body’s weight.

It was a very fun filled day. A big thankyou to Ms Howard for taking us, it was a day to remember!

Student Councillors