Dear All

**Learning Community News** - Albury Public staff have commenced professional learning to develop their knowledge of the new Australian English Curriculum and to discuss how we are going to implement it successfully. As part of this we will be having (as I reported earlier) a Staff Development Day on the last day of term, Friday 28 June. On this day our community of schools will meet to look at how we can improve our practices together with a distinct emphasis on working collaboratively on the new K-10 English curriculum scheduled for implementation next year. Also at this day we will formalise our relationships by announcing our learning community. The schools involved are Albury High School, Howlong Public School, Albury West Public School and ourselves. We intend to have an official launch in Education Week next term. Our learning community will use the name ‘Crossing Point’. This is in relation to the transition of Year 6 students into High School, as well as a historical reference to where the inscribed tree by Hume and Hovell became a popular crossing place of the Murray River. The second part of our name is ‘Creating our Future’, a reference to the fact that our students are indeed the most important resource of our country. We hope to continue to work with parents/carers to give students every chance to reach their full potential.

**A Powerful Learning Culture** - Last week I attended, with over 200 teachers, a two day Riverina Learning Conference titled ‘Creating a Powerful Learning Culture’. The keynote speaker was Professor Guy Claxton from the United Kingdom. He spoke about linking learning to student futures and the 21st Century skills our students will require, such as

- **Resilience** - Work through difficulties when the pressure mounts
- **Responsibility** - Be accountable for our actions
- **Reflectiveness** - Be critically self aware and open to feedback
- **Resourcefulness** - Know what to do when we don’t know what to do
- **Reciprocity** - Be prepared to learn alone or share in learning with others

I will be sharing my knowledge with the school community. We will be looking at how we can implement the “How 2 Learn” framework in our daily lessons, ensuring our students embrace habits that support them to take risks, learn alongside others, think in strategic ways and understand their impact of their actions upon our world.

**Staff Professional Learning** - This week various staff members will be attending professional learning in L3, (Literacy, Language and Learning), Online Hearing Support, and Supporting Students with Autism. Next week a number of staff will be attending Focus On Reading Phase 1 training, Positive Behaviour strategies and Anti-Racism Officer training. Our School Learning Support Officers will also be attending a network meeting to develop their skills to support students in the classroom.

**Year 6 Camp** - Year 6 students and staff are currently in Canberra on their 4 day excursion. I spoke to Miss Brooker this morning and she said they were having a great time though it was raining today. The trip there was fine, with no-one sick on the bus. Each of the venues was great to visit and the students were currently at the Electoral Commission doing an activity. We expect them to arrive back to school at 7:30 pm on Friday evening.

**2014 Kindergarten Enrolments** - Names are now being taken of 2014 Kindergarten students who live within our zone. Please call into the school office or telephone on 60213849 to give details. Please pass this message to interested neighbours and friends.
PRINCIPALS REPORT Cont.

Student Congratulations- Congratulations to Berkeley Macfarlane and Willson Mack on their excellent performance and behaviour as members of the Riverina PSSA Australian Football team. Below is an excerpt from a letter I received today from their coach and team manager. Well done boys!

“As members of the successful Riverina PSSA Australian Football Team which won the State Championship, Berkeley and Willson are to be commended for their excellent sportsmanship, team spirit and cooperative behaviour on and off the field, whilst competing at the NSW PSSA Carnival in Barooga, recently. Berkeley and Willson were truly a credit to their school and their families. We believe they showed themselves to be outstanding young ambassadors for your school and the Riverina Region.”

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

ALBURY BLOOD DONOR VISIT - Last week Albury Public Year 5 & 6 Students had an excursion through the Albury Blood Donor Centre on David St. This was followed by a PowerPoint presentation and blood typing demonstration. Students learnt something new about their teachers too, apart from doing a wonderful job teaching; some of them are also lifersavers. Albury Public School Teachers have created a club red blood donors group where all their donations are tallied throughout the year. In the first 5 months of the year some 10 donations have been made and with each donation saving 3 lives this means that Albury Public School has saved the lives of 30 people so far this year. One of these donors is also a member of the P&C, so at the last meeting we discussed opening up the Club Red Group to include teachers and parents/carers. Any parent/carer wanting to contribute to the life saving efforts of Albury Public School, once they have become a blood donor can just log onto donateblood.com.au and register to join our Club Red Group. Cathy Chapman.

READING FOR LIFE PROGRAM - This term, we have been fortunate to have some students from Albury High School assist in implementing the Reading For Life Program. They have been buddied with some younger A.P.S students to guide them through a series of fun activities designed to build reading proficiency. The seniors have been showing wonderful leadership qualities and the younger buddies are enjoying the program immensely. It looks set to be a hugely beneficial experience for all involved.

Lynda Joyce, Coordinator.

NEWS FROM THE CHOOK SHED… Introducing our newest additions to the school… Yes, that’s right, we have 4 new chooks at A.P.S who appear to have settled into their new abode quite nicely. The canteen has already used our chooks’ eggs for their delicious treats! Our Senior Environment Committee is planning to run a competition to name them and a winner will be chosen from each stage. So get your creativity flowing! Lynda Joyce, Environment Committee convenor.

VALUES - We have a new focus value until the end of the term – Excellence. The following students were recognised at last week’s assemblies for their dedication to pursuing excellence in all of their endeavours. Zali Dingle (3CS), Zahra Azyyati (4CG) Indianna Higgins (5/6AB) Emily Shipard (KWS), Alex Ventress (1MBM), Spencer Robertson (2MCA) (Year 5 on camp).

REMINDER - PINCH OF PURPLE DAY - WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE
Come to school dressed in purple on Wednesday 19 and contribute a gold coin donation to the Deafness Foundation. We hope you will be able to support this worthy charity. No aerosol cans are to be brought to school, please complete hairstyles at home.
Canteen Roster

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Thank you to all our wonderful helpers and once again thank you for all the donations that have come in. We appreciate all your help.
Ali and Rachael, Coordinators. (Ph 6021 2370)

POSSUM MAGIC - ALBURY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
Students in Year 1 competed in a colouring-in competition to win a family pass to see Possum Magic. Congratulations to Daisy Tuksar of 1MH who was the winner! There will be performances on Friday 21 June at 6:30pm and Saturday 22 June at 10:00am and 1:00pm if you would like to attend. Jacqueline Henderson, Assistant Principal.

P & C NEWS
WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
The end of the Woolworths promotion was Sunday 9 June. I now have to collate all the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and send them in. Please ensure all stickers are attached to a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet, as only completed sheets will be accepted. If you have loose stickers and no sheets you can download and print them at http://www.woolworths.com.au/wps/wsm/connect/website/woolworths/about+us/community/woolworths+earn+learn/pointscard
Thank you again for supporting this program and our school. Tiana Johannis.

ALBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL P & C- The next General Meeting of the Albury District Council of P&C will be held at 7:30pm, Thursday 27 June, at James Fallon High School, Glenly St., North Albury.
We invite P&C members, parents, canteen supervisors and volunteers and committee members to our meeting. As part of our meeting we will have several Canteen representatives sharing some of the positive attributes of their school canteen operations. A light supper is provided and an excellent chance to network and share ideas. For more information and to assist with planning please contact Donna Davidson PH. 60210103.

COMMUNITY NEWS - REFUGEE WEEK 2013- Family day and citizenship ceremony.
Come and celebrate the rich diversity of refugees in our community. Sunday 16 June, Hovell Tree Park, Albury from 11:00am - 3:00pm

FLYAWAY GYMNASITCS- Flyaway Gymnastics has some exciting programs on offer these holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a two hour structured gymnastics program where children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We offer a sprung floor, in ground trampoline and foam pit as well as balance beams and swinging bars. We are also offering trampoline workshops and cheerleading workshops, which give children aged 5-16 years a great introduction to both of these sports. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices and times please call (02) 6041 1127.

PCYC VACATION CARE- is operating during the NSW School holidays commencing Monday 1 July-12 July. Early bookings guarantee places, we are capping numbers at 15 children per day as this will allow us to plan our staff rosters/excursion numbers etc. Please call us on (02) 6021 7437 for information.

Gold Certificates
Congratulations to:
Daryl Webb, Louis Clune, Beau Davis, Lilly Pargeter, India Dunne, Olivea Beltrame, Alexander Clune, Seif Elborai and Isabelle Beltrame.
Year 2 Beechworth Excursion

We visited the Beechworth Honey Experience and Beechworth Bakery to learn all about honey production and the bakery trade as a part of our *Products and Services* unit. The Honey Experience gave students the opportunity to see how honey is produced, processed and packaged at Beechworth Honey. We tasted different varieties of honey and ‘met’ a colony of live bees.

Our budding bakers shaped and decorated their own shortbread biscuits, which we enjoyed eating upstairs at the bakery while they were still warm from the oven! We took home some very creative loaves of bread, crafted by our own hands.