Dear All

School Development Days Term 2 and 3 - This Friday 28 June is a School Development Day, therefore making the last day of Term 2 for all students, tomorrow Thursday 27 June. Term 3 will begin for students on Tuesday 16 July as Monday 15 July is also a School Development Day. During the School Development Days staff plan upcoming school events and programs, and the whole staff will be engaging in quality professional learning. On these two days teachers will be working on the Literacy and Student Welfare programs, the Australian Curriculum and 21st Century Learning Skills.

Education Week - This is an early notice of Education Week activities which will be held at our school during Week 3 next term. Parents/carers are invited to visit classrooms on Wednesday 31 July. K-2 classrooms will be open from 10:20-11:00am. Parents/carers are also invited to have morning tea with their children from 11:00-11:30am. Our Senior and Junior choirs will be performing in the hall during morning tea. Yrs 3-6 classrooms will be open for parents/carers to visit from 11:30-12:00pm. I hope you will be able to take this opportunity to see some of the wonderful activities that occur on a daily basis in the classrooms. Classes will be showcasing either literacy or numeracy activities.

Student Safety - We have a small group of students and parents/carers who ride to and from school each day. As we have a large number of students catching buses each afternoon I request all bike riders who travel along Smollett Street to either walk their bikes past these students or find an alternative route. This will ensure the safety of both the bike riders and the bus students. I thank you for your cooperation.

Congratulations - Congratulations to the seven girls - Lauren Antonello, Georgina Cominos, Hattie Evans, Yasmin Linssen, Sarsha Smith, Karlie Travassaros, and Petria Travassaros who performed in the Riverina Dance Ensemble at Griffith last Friday. The ensemble auditioned for the State Dance Festival which will be held in Sydney later in the year. Congratulations also to Karlie Travassaros who won the Senior Division of the Albury District Multi-Cultural Public Speaking Competition at Thurgoona Public School. She will now represent the Albury District at the Riverina Finals which will be held at Henty Public School. We wish her continued success at this next level of the competition. Congratulations also to Lachlan Curtain-Marlowe who represented the school in the Riverina team at the NSW State Rugby League Carnival at Dubbo last week. He has also been picked as a reserve for the State team. Well done Lachlan!

Playground Improvements - During the holidays Mr Ian Pantling, our General Assistant, will be busy constructing a new sandpit. It will be located in front of the Manor, behind the fixed equipment. Hopefully it will be ready to use when we return from holidays. If anyone has any preloved sandpit toys eg plastic spades and buckets we would love to put them to good use, so please send them into the front office. Also during the first week of the holidays repairs will be made to the Castle roof and windows.

Centrelink-Schoolkids Bonus - The second instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus will be paid in July. All eligible families who have not updated their child’s education details with Centrelink have until 29 June to do so to ensure they receive the correct payment in July. Eligible families who have updated their child’s education details with Centrelink do not have to do anything. For more information about eligibility and requirements visit http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/benefits-payments/schoolkids-bonus

Payment Facilities - A reminder we now have an EFTPOS facility available in the front office for staff and parents/carers to use for any payments more than $10.00, for example camp payments, uniform purchases.

Kindergarten Enrolments - It is vital that we are given details of children who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2014 at Albury Public School. We commence planning orientation programs and classes next term so it is very important that if you have a child starting Kindergarten you let the office know as soon as possible. We certainly do not want any families to miss the important information we send out. Thank you to the families who have already informed us.

Term 2 has once again been a very busy and productive term. I hope all staff, students and their families have an enjoyable and restful holiday before students return to school on Tuesday 16 July.

Carolyn Howard (Relieving Principal).
SPORTS NEWS

PSSA AFL- Last Friday APS played St. Pats Gold. It was a blinder of a game! The two teams were evenly matched. APS worked cooperatively together to get the ball into the forward line. The backs worked effectively keeping the ball out of the goals for much of the match. The centres worked hard to get possession. There was some accurate goal kicking and skilful handballing around the ground. Well done team! Thank you to Mick Murphy for coaching us and coming to the game. Bailey Clemson.

PSSA HOCKEY- The sun was shining when the Junior and Senior Hockey teams took to the field at Alexandra Park. Lyndon Robertson took the Junior team for some skill building drills before playing a game against Scots. Some of our players kindly joined the Scots team to assist with numbers. Thank you to Lyndon for volunteering his expertise to assist the students.

The Senior Team also played Scots. Thank you to David Christy for stepping in to manage the Senior Team. The Seniors enjoyed some great competition against Scots but unfortunately were defeated. Thank you to the parents who came along to support the students at their first game for the season. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

PSSA SOCCER- JUNIORS- APS Blue 6 defeated APS Gold 1 at Aloysius Park

What a great way to start the season! Both teams played with skill and determination while displaying great teamwork. The Gold team was outsized, but not outplayed, by a more experienced Blue team. Gold team’s defensive unit continually defended their goals, not allowing a shot in until the second quarter. Blue team played some dazzling attacking football in the second half, scoring often despite some brave goal-keeping. Congratulations to Myron Ayton, Joshua Green, James Steer, Will Pargeter, Mitchel Houlihan, Elijah Farrah, Will Clarke, Ben White, Sam Brown, Sam Ryan, Brodie Porta, Ziggy Lamond, Barnaby Wallgate, Ashleigh Sanson, Jake Cooper, Rhett Barton, Harry Carmody, Will Haberfield, Ian Howsam, Brodie Davies, Buckley Dingle, Jonathon Gillard, Ava Tuksar, Thomas Hyman, Mitchell Lawes, Hafiz Andrews and Reese Spokes on a terrific start to the season.

Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

PSSA SOCCER-SENIORS-Friday 21 June APS Senior soccer teams had their first game at Aloysius Park. The first match on the draw saw Albury Blue playing Albury Gold, both teams displaying excellent sportsmanship throughout the halves. Albury Blue was competitive against Gold, with only a few balls passing through the goals. Changes were made to both sides allowing players to have a fair game. It was fantastic to see so many students participating in a sport they love so much! Our next game will be in Wk 1, T3. Albury Gold will play at Aloysius Park and Albury Blue will play at Alexandra Park. I will provide all players with a draw to take home Wk 1. Chris Bourke, Coordinator.

VALUES AWARDS

The following students were recently presented with Values Awards recognising their commitment to Excellence: Ava Tuksar (Yr 3), Zach Van Zanten (Yr 5), Meghan Yensch (Yr 4) and Cherokee Pawlowski (Yr 6), Emma Sullivan (Yr 2), Harry Grigg (Yr 1) and Jonah Mobbs (K).
CANTEEN ROSTER
Thurs 27 9:00-1:30pm Helen Macpherson
Fri 28 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - PUPIL FREE DAY- CANTEEN CLOSED
TERM 3
Tues 16 11:00-1:30pm Tracey Brown
Wed 17 9:00-11:30am Rachel Ayton, 11:00-1:30pm Helen Macpherson
Thurs 18 9:00-11:30am Janet Howie, 11:00-1:30pm ONE HELPER NEEDED
Fri 19 HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE!
Another term down! Thank you to all our fantastic helpers. Hope you all have a great break.
Ali and Rachael, Coordinators. (Ph 6021 2370)

ENVIRONMENT NEWS - I would like to thank our wonderful Senior Environment Group for their hard work and dedication throughout the term. They have been very busy looking after the vegie patch and chooks and have just finished teaching the students at our school about composting. Many teachers commented on the quality of their presentations! They have given up a lot of their own time to fulfil this role and have to work around many other commitments, so thanks very much girls! Lynda Joyce, Environment Group Co-ordinator.

P & C NEWS - WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN - The end of the Woolworths promotion was Sunday 9 June. Please place the last of your stickers in the Woolworths box in the School Foyer for collection before the end of school on Thursday. Thank you again for supporting this program and our school. Tiana Johannis

DISTRICT P & C MEETING - 7:30pm, Thursday 27 June, at James Fallon High School, Glenly St., North Albury. We encourage P & C members, parents/carers, canteen supervisors and volunteers and committee members to join us. For further information and to assist with planning please call Donna Davidson on 60210103.

THE GONSKI REVIEW - The deadline for all states to sign on to The Gonski Review is 30 June, 2013. The Gonski Review has proposed changes to the allocation of school funding at government levels. These changes would potentially see an increase in funding to our school. If you are interested in finding out more or registering your support then go to igiveagonski.com.au
Stay informed and have your say before the deadline.

COMMUNITY NEWS - ROAD SAFETY - Travelling these school holidays? Don’t forget to plan your trip and take regular rest breaks. A minimum of 15 minutes for every 2 hours of driving is recommended. Get out of your car, stretch your legs, have a snack and let the kids have a play. Plan your trip and Stop, Revive, Survive this holiday break - a message from Albury City’s Road Safety Officer.

ALBURY WODONGA AUTISM COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE - Launch Event Friday 26 July at 10:30am-12:00pm at the Blazing Stump Hotel. Email: keerig@autismmansfield.org.au for further information.

ALBURY UNIFORMS AND SCHOOLWEAR - 30% of all floor stock until end of June.

GET A GRIP ON TENNIS - 4 Days-12 hours of tennis skills, fun and exercise, at the Albury Tennis Club, Mitchell St, Albury. From Tuesday 9 - Friday 12 July - 9:00am - 12:noon.
Bookings essential, contact Kate on 0260 416408, 0418 572 626 or email:- kate@getagripontennis.com


Gold Certificates
Congratulations to:-
Tilby Strang (2), Harriet Murphy, Jack Wills, Jessica Gillespie, Lily Kampen, Emily Wills (2) and Nick Hobbs.
Students from our school recently undertook an educational tour of the National Capital. Whilst on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. Year 6 visited many significant sights in Canberra including the National Capital Exhibition and the Governor Generals’ House. We also explored the War Memorial and Old Parliament House. Our favourite night activity was indoor rock climbing.

We visited Parliament House where we were able to sit in the Upper and Lower Houses. We felt the wind in our hair at Telstra Tower and finally, the attraction we had been waiting for, Questacon! The highlights of Questacon were the free fall and the 360 degree swing. A big thank you to all the teachers who gave up their time to accompany us!

By Jessica Hamilton, Jamieson Ayton and Myles Hanrahan, 5/6AB.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributed $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program toward the travel expenses incurred. (This was included in the costing of the excursion). The contribution was paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

Jessica Brooker, Excursion Coordinator.