Dear All

Welcome back everyone to Term 3. It was great to see all the students back yesterday morning, looking spick and span in their winter uniforms and a big smile on their faces! 

Holiday Happenings- If you have used the school driveway to pick up children from OOSH you may have noticed a bare entry. During the holidays we had to prune various trees and remove the large oak tree at the front of the driveway as the trees were restricting the vision of drivers. Many thanks to Mr Neil (our resident arborist), Mr Pantling and Mr Bourke for assisting with the removal of the large tree in the rain last Sunday. We are hoping to replace this tree with some smaller vertical oaks. Also during the holidays Mr Pantling constructed a new sandpit, located outside the Manor, behind the fixed equipment. The long jump pit on the block can now be returned to its intended use. Hopefully the sand in the new pit will dry out this week so students can use it. The new roof on the Castle building has been completed during the holidays and looks great. If you’re in the playground this week please have a look.

School Development Days- On the last Friday of last term the staff attended the first School Development Day with our Crossing Point Learning Community at Albury High School. Many thanks to Mr Darryl Ward and his staff for hosting the day. It was a very productive day, focusing on the skills both the 21st Century learner and teacher require. It was also a great opportunity for staff to network with the staff of the other three schools and discuss current teaching programs and innovative approaches.

Last Monday the staff continued with their valuable professional learning. We were engaged in some very informative Professional Learning in the areas of literacy, student welfare and 21st Century Learning. Many thanks to Tina Roworth, Leader of the Riverina Learning Strategy, who led a session in the How2Learn framework. We looked at strategies to develop the students’ own beliefs to view themselves as a successful 21st Century learner and become a resilient risk taker with their learning.

GRIP Leadership Video Conference - This Friday morning the student leaders who attended the very successful GRIP Leadership Day last term, will be involved in a follow up video conference at school. The leaders will be given lots of practical ideas to help them further develop their leadership skills. They will also plan for future school projects.

Education Week- Week 3- A reminder that you are invited to celebrate Education Week with us on Wednesday 31 July. Classrooms will be open for a visit at the following times: K-2 10:20-11:00am and Yrs 3-6 11:20-12:00noon. You are also invited to have morning tea (11:00-11:20am) with your child. We hope you will be able to pop in on the day!

Updating Student Information- During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health. Today you will receive a copy of the new forms and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as possible. The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do. The new forms will assist us in collecting your child’s important medical information. The introduction of new systems will mean we will be able to more effectively manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We are also required to update any legal orders eg Family Law Court orders. If you have any current orders in place can you please leave a copy at the front office so we can include the information in your child’s records. We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call the front office.

School Values Program- Each term we select and focus on two of the core values from the DEC values. The value for Weeks 1-3 is Integrity- Being consistently honest and trustworthy. We encourage you to discuss the meaning of this value with your child and praise them when they are demonstrating this value.

Sport News- Congratulations to Johanna Ratnik who will be competing in the State Cross Country at Eastern Creek Sydney this Friday. We wish her all the best.

Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
ICAS COMPUTER COMPETITION - Congratulations to the following students who received commendable results in the recent ICAS Computer Competition:

Year 4 - Credit - Oliver Henderson and Grace McGarvie

Year 5 - Credit - Callum Bruce, Nicholas Hobbs, Connor McAleer, Ben Pedler and Zach Van Zanten

Year 6 - Credit - Felix Baker, Katherine Brownbill, Poy Buakaeo, Matthew Green, Scott Howsam and Nia McGarvie

Year 6 - DISTINCTION - Alex Balbao and Luca Lamond - Well done!

NAIDOC week is the annual national celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. NAIDOC week 2013 fell during the school holidays (7-14 July), so we are celebrating this event this week at Albury Public. Classes from across the school will be engaging in a range of activities exploring indigenous art, culture or human rights issues. The theme for NAIDOC week 2013 is, We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963. The Yirrkala petitions, which protested the granting of mining rights on land excised from Arnhem Land reserve, were the first traditional Aboriginal documents recognised by the Commonwealth Parliament. Photos show 2MCA painting didgeridoos. Joanne Cameron, Classroom Teacher.

Kindergarten Art Folders - Can you help??
Kindergarten are currently seeking donations of large cardboard sheets to fold in half to house all the beautiful art work they are doing. The cardboard needs to be big enough to contain at least A3 size paper. You may have something that could be useful at your workplace! If you can help in any way please contact Mrs Nolan at the school. Karlee Nolan, Classroom Teacher.

THE NED SHOW (Years 3-6) - On Tuesday 30 July Years 3-6 students will be attending the NED show, a motivational assembly that combines a positive message with humour, storytelling, audience participation and object lessons like yo-yo and magic tricks. NED delivers the message of 3 valuable characteristics students need to become champions at school and in life. There is no cost for this show. The student councillors will however be selling NED messaged items at lunchtimes during the week of the performance. Please ensure that if your child wishes to purchase these items to fill out the form and send in with the correct money. There is an information note going home later this week for ordering the items.

THE PREMIERS SPELLING BEE (PSB) competition will be held again in Term 3. All classes from Year 3 through to Year 6 will be participating and conducting their own finals in Week 6. Two finalists from each class will be selected to participate in the School Final on Thursday 22nd August. From there four school finalists will represent Albury Public at the Regional finals, with the chance to go on to compete in the State final in Sydney (flights and accommodation paid for one child and one parent)! A link to the word lists has been provided in the hardcopy of the newsletter. Students in Year 3 and 4 should access the Junior word list, while students in Year 5 and 6 should access the Senior list. Good luck! Sally Morris, PSB Coordinator.

HEAD LICE - Several of our classes are experiencing problems with Head Lice. Please be vigilant and check you child’s head for signs of Head Lice and treat accordingly.
Welcome back to Term 3. The year is flying. If you can help out even for an hour on Fridays it would be greatly appreciated. Everyone wants a lunch order on Friday so more helpers are needed!
Ali and Rachael, Coordinators. (Ph 6021 2370)

P & C NEWS
The P&C is busily looking at the "wish lists" and will make a decision in the coming weeks regarding how we can best use the money raised from last years Family Fun Fair. As always the list is long and the funds are limited but thanks to a wonderfully successful Fair we will be able to make some terrific improvements to resources for Albury Public. To continue to make these contributions we discussed some possible fundraising events that we would like to run this year. To achieve this we need to get our Fundraising Sub-committee up and running and to do this we need some enthusiastic volunteers. Our first meeting is at 2:00pm - 3:00pm Thursday 25 July in the staffroom. Any help and all ideas will be greatly received, so come along and support your P&C.
Marie Bucher, P & C President.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS MTB Participation Event
On Sunday 28 July at 10:00am the Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club will host another Kids Participation Mountain Bike Event. This event will be run on an easy, fun track behind Albury TAFE and Kaliana. The event is open to children up to 12 years of age. There will be skill/age group categories and participants will receive encouragement awards. The event will run weather permitting. If it's raining the event will be postponed. For more information contact Marcus Richardson of the AWMTB Club, 0410327062, or myself here at school. The last event was a great success and we hope to see even more riders there this time. Dylan Clift, Classroom Teacher.

ST MATTHEWS “ANGELS” present a concert for Relay for Life on Sunday 8 September at 2:00pm at St Matthew's Church. Bagpipes, vocal & instrumental solos, ensembles, choral items, recitations, selections from musicals. Entry by donation. Post-concert refreshments. Phone Matthew-Paul Fowler on 0422 397 390 for further information.

HELEN BISHOP JUNIOR ART CLASSES- held at Albury Public School. Vacancies exist for Term 3, 2013. Check out the website www.juniorgalleryartclasses.com.au

ALBURY WODONGA AUTISM COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE- Launch Event at the Blazing Stump Hotel, Wodonga on Friday 26 July at 10:30am-12:00pm. Please email kerrig@autismmansfield.org.au by Friday 19 July if you are interested in attending this event or phone 0448 513 796.
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