Dear All

**2013 EDUCATION WEEK** - Albury Public School always welcomes parents/carers into our school and classes have a number of classroom helpers who help each week. Education Week is a specific time when we invite families and friends to view the wonderful teaching and learning that occurs every day at Albury Public School. It is also the time to celebrate the success of our students, teachers and support staff. Earlier today it was great to see many parents/carers and grandparents visiting our classrooms during Open Day. I am sure everyone was impressed with the great learning our students displayed. Some visitors also took the opportunity to watch students having their Bluearth Physical Education lesson. It was also wonderful to be entertained by both our talented Junior and Senior choirs during recess. Both choirs will be performing at the Albury Eisteddfod next Tuesday and we wish the students and their conductors, Miss Macleod and Miss Heywood all the best. I look forward to hearing how they perform alongside other choirs in the Albury area.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - This week I received some exciting news. **Aylish Jorgensen** auditioned for and was successful in gaining the cello soloist role at the Festival Of Instrumental Music on 27 August held at the Sydney Opera House. This is an amazing accomplishment as musicians from many State schools across NSW auditioned. Aylish will perform the whole solo part from memory! Congratulations Aylish, you should be very proud of your achievement!

**The NED Show** - Yesterday **The NED Show** visited our Yr 3-6 students and reinforced the values we are teaching in our classrooms. The **clear messages were**: *Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best!*

The performer also reinforced persistence, resilience and the importance of goal setting. All these attributes make you a champion at school and a champion in life! The students were all engaged, thoroughly enjoyed the performance and took on board the valuable life messages.

**MUSICAL** - Preparations for our biennial school musical are in full swing with classes learning songs and dances and characters learning dialogue. Next week all classes will be rehearsing in the hall under the guidance of the directors Mr Sewell and Miss Heywood. Students will not be attending French or library lessons. The library is always open second half of lunch for students to borrow books. Ms Griffith will be teaching 3CS at different times of the week to allow Mr Sewell to attend the rehearsals. Combined assemblies are cancelled in Week 5 due to rehearsals.

**Musical Tickets** - This year the musical tickets will be sold from the Albury Entertainment Centre box office and online(www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/entertainment), not from the school front office.

**Tickets will go on sale on Thursday 8 August.** The tickets will cost $14:00 each with no concessions available. We have tried to keep the cost of tickets down as much as possible after paying for the use of the venue, ushers, microphones etc. The tickets are only $1:00 more than in 2011. Please get in early so you are not disappointed.

**HUME BANKING** - Financial literacy is an important life skill for children. As they grow older these habits will become an essential part of their life and will help them to achieve their goals. The Hume Building Society’s School banking program is available to all students through the Hume’s Clancy Koala Savers’ Club. In addition to the accounts being designed to encourage young students to save, there is no card access and no fees. The school also benefits as Hume pays a commission for each account opened and for every $100 deposited to accounts. Each Tuesday, students put their deposit books and money into the collection bags located in their classroom. Hume personnel collect and then return them to the school. Forms are available from the front office. If you would like more information please pop into a Hume office or ring Gemma, the School Banking Co-ordinator on 60513226.

**UNIFORM SURVEY** - The P & C are reviewing our current school uniform and wish to hear our school community opinions. Uniform surveys have been sent home today with this newsletter. Please have input into this important discussion by completing and returning the survey to the office by 15 August. Yr 3-6 students and all staff will also be invited to complete an online survey.

Have a good week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
MEDICAL FORMS: We are currently updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health. The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child. If you have not completed the forms please do so as soon as possible. If you require another form please ask for one from the front office. Many thanks to the families who have already completed and returned them to the front office.

RED CROSS VISITS: The last two Tuesdays Yr 1 and 2 students have been working with the Albury Red Cross ladies to learn about the five food groups and healthy eating. The students thoroughly enjoyed making a healthy sandwich and especially devouring it! Many thanks to the Red Cross for this worthwhile opportunity.

ICAS SCIENCE: Congratulations to the following students who received commendable results in the recent ICAS Science competition:

Year 3 - Distinction - Lillian Eggleton, Credit - Ian Howsam
Year 4 - Distinction - Darcy Power, Joshua Green, Credit - Oliver Henderson, Ziggy Lamond, Grace McGarvie, Milisa Milanovic
Year 5 - Distinction - Matthew Brownbill, Nick Hobbs, Credit - Callum Bruce, Tom Grigg
Year 6 - Distinction - Scott Howsam, Luca Lamond, Credit - Felix Baker, Alex Balbao, Matthew Green, Myles Hanrahan

SPORTS NEWS

PSSA AFL - Last Friday we played Glenroy. Our defence managed to keep Glenroy from scoring some important goals. The forwards moved the ball skillfully down the ground and our midfielders won possession and passed the ball well from the centre line. There was a better effort to shepherd our players and keep the pressure on Glenroy. Kevin Mack coached us and umpired the game. Thank you to all our wonderful supporters for coming to the game. Lynn Macleod, AFL Coordinator.

PSSA HOCKEY - Last Friday our Senior Hockey Team played Trinity College Red. Well done to Karmanjot Sandhu (5/6AC) who displayed excellent defensive skills and Kit Wilke (6AP) who worked hard to ensure the ball stayed out of the strike zone. Unfortunately we were defeated 2-0. The Junior Hockey team had a bye. During the afternoon Lyndon Roberston ran a series of drills to improve the skills of our juniors before finishing with a modified game. Thank you to the parents who were at the venue showing their support. I invite all families to come along to the hockey grounds at Alexandra Park on Friday at 1:30pm. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

PSSA SOCCER - Juniors - APS Gold 17 defeated Trinity 0 at Alexandra Park, APS Blue 4 defeated St. Johns 2 at Lambert Park. A great team effort by the Blue team who dominated their opposition in the first half, scoring three quick goals, 2 by Ben White and another by Rhett Barton. Brodie Porta and Barnaby Wallgate were very busy in the midfield stringing together some excellent passes to Elijah Farrah and Ben. In the second half, Trinity played with more determination and were able to score a couple of quick goals. Joshua Green moved up from defence to score an excellent goal and seal the game for the Blue team.

This week’s games for both Senior and Junior teams: APS Gold Vs Thurgoona at Waites Park. APS Blue Vs Glenroy or Trinity B at Alexandra Park. Dylan Clift, Soccer Coordinator.

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK - Book Week falls on the week commencing Monday 19 August. This year’s theme is “Read Across the Universe”. On Wednesday 21 August the students will be having a dress up day. They can come to school dressed up as a favourite story character or as something associated with the theme. This is designed to be fun for the students, so be creative with costumes. Please note due to the school musical the following week there will be NO Book Parade. Thank you for your support.

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC): On-line reading logs need to be completed by 23 August. This allows time for me to validate reading logs by 1 September. If you have been unable to add the reading records on-line please send in a printed copy of the log and I will add it for you. Remember all reading needs to be entered on-line by Friday 23 August. Alison Griffith, Teacher/Librarian

WEEK 2 VALUES AWARDS - Our target value for the first few weeks of Term 3 is Integrity. Integrity is the quality of being honest and trustworthy at all times.

Congratulations to our Values Award winners for Week 2: - Gabby Baines, Max Byrne, Claudia Murphy and Keira Croker (3-6); and Max Geering, Mia Sheather and Keziah Bulters -Trainor (K-2).
Canteen Roster

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(HELPERS NEEDED 15/8, 16/8, 22/8 and 23/8 PLEASE!)

* FISH BITES are unavailable - please cross them off your menu
* NACHOS is Gluten Free!
* Don’t forget if putting multiple orders and money in one bag please write ALL THE DETAILS OF THE STUDENTS on the bag e.g. Name, Class and $$ Amount.

Ali and Rachael, Coordinators. (Ph 6021 2370)

P & C NEWS-

At the P&C meeting last week we were able to allocate part of the money raised at last year’s Family Fun Fair. This terrific event highlights just how important an active P&C is for raising extra funds that then go directly towards enriching our children’s learning.

- Upgrade to Sound System in School Hall - $2000
- New blinds for classrooms - $4000
- Library Resources - $3000
- Classroom Reading Resources for all stages - $2500
- Environmental projects and resources - $5000
- Update school musical instruments - $2000
- New School Banners - $1400

Getting involved with your school’s P & C is not only about fundraising. It is how you can have a say in policy setting at the school, discuss the educational and cultural direction, suggest improvements to our school grounds and classrooms and keep informed about changes in public education. Every meeting is attended by our Principal, Deputy Principal and an Assistant Principal. Our meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the staffroom. (The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 September, to accommodate the School Musical). Please support your school’s P & C by becoming involved with our meetings or sub-committees. We need more parent/carer/grandparent attendance so that we continue as a true representation of our school community. Marie Bucher, P&C President.

COMMUNITY NEWS - AFL NSW/ACT - AFTER SCHOOL AUSKICK at Albury Public School

Tuesday 6, 13, 20 and 27 August. Sessions commence at 3:30pm. Children will need to be under parental supervision from 3:00-3:30pm. Please see leaflet attached for further information or visit www.aflauskick.com.au

2nd HAND BOOK SALE - The Albury Apex will be holding a 2nd hand book sale on Saturday 3 August from 9:00am-1:30pm. The sale will be held at the CWA Hall 561 Kiewa St (next door to Council Chambers). Large range of fiction, non-fiction and children’s books, prices start at $1. Jake Mannik Albury Apex.

IPADS AND MORE - Tablet computers for people with a disability. Workshop for people with a disability, carers, therapists, disability workers. Tuesday 27 August, 2013. For further information please phone 02 9907 9736 or visit info@ability.org.au

MOUNTAIN BIKE NEWS - Kids Mountain Bike Event - Congratulations to all the mountain bikers who joined in the fun at the “Kids Race” last Sunday at Nail Can Hill reserve. The event was a big success, with over 50 riders participating, about half from Albury Public School.

Victorian Schools Mountain Bike Race - On Sunday 11 August, the Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club will host a round of the VSJCC MTB Series. Entry is open to students in Albury, eight years or older. For more information visit the Victorian Schools Cycling Championship website: www.vic.cycling.org.au

Gold Certificates

Congratulations to:-
Zachary King, Milla Strang, Claudia Hanrahan, William Murphy and Lucy Mack.

SPECIAL AUGUST MEAL DEAL

AVAILABLE - MONDAYS/TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS ONLY!

HOT DOG, MILKSHAKE AND A JELLY CUP $5.00!
Throughout Term Three, years 3-6 are participating in:

Some impressive past efforts from around the world:

This year’s theme is: *If I was an explorer, I would...*