Dear All

**2014 Kindergarten Parent/Carer Information Night** - It was great to see so many parents/carers at our Kindergarten Information Night last night.

Many thanks to Mrs Leann Dicketts for organising the night, our School Captains for their contribution and to Marie Bucher and Rachael Baker for speaking about the roles of the P & C and Canteen. The first Kindergarten Orientation day will be 9:30-11:30am 22 October. We look forward to welcoming our 2014 Kindergarten students and new families to Albury Public School! Information about the Orientation Program has been sent out.

**SAS Staff Recognition Week, 9 - 13 September** - “School Administrative & Support Staff: Vital to Education”. The Albury Public School SAS staff is the backbone of our school and provide wonderful support to the Principal, executive staff, teachers, parents/carers and students. We are very grateful to our SAS staff and all they do for our school. Our SAS staff play an essential role in the operation of Albury Public School and in supporting student learning. We commend them on the extraordinary work they do in supporting public education. A big thank you to…

**School Administrative Manager:** Mrs Jenny Groch

**School Administrative Officers:** Mrs Felicity Bridle and Mrs Margaret Evans

**General Assistant:** Mr Ian Pantling

**School Learning and Support Officers:** Mrs Jackie Wakley, Mrs Fay Smith, Mrs Jill Stewart, Mrs Leanne Schifferle, Mrs Anne Ridoutt, Mrs Carolyne Sullivan and Mrs Zara Merritt.

**Year 3 Camp** - Next Monday and Tuesday the Year 3 students will be attending their camp at Wymah Valley Holiday Park. Mrs Whitehead will be attending the camp with her Year 3 students. Her Year 2 students and the Year 3 students not attending the camp will be taught by Mr Ross Sewell in his classroom upstairs in the Castle. A note was sent home earlier this week to parents/carers of these students.

**NAPLAN Results** - 2013 NAPLAN results are expected to arrive in the school by the end of this week. We are planning to send Year 5 results home next Monday 16 September. Year 3 will receive their results on Wednesday 18 September, after they return from their camp.

**Sculpture Unveiling** - Next Monday at 10:00am we will be having the official unveiling of the 'Budding Young' sculpture which our artist-in-residence Mrs Linda Fish and 2012’s Year 4 students commenced last year. This sculpture is located outside the West building, near the Olive Street entry. Parents/carers are invited to join representatives of the P & C, Murray Arts’ group, Student Councillors and our current Year 5 students for the ceremony.

**Premier's Spelling Bee** - Regional finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee are taking place at over 40 locations across the state over the next fortnight. Over 3500 students who have been selected as the best spellers from their schools will compete for a place at the upcoming State Final on 6 November. Next Tuesday Grace McGarvie, Zahra Azzyati, Skyla Azzi and Meg Paterson will be representing Albury Public School at the Regional Final at Thurgoona Public School. We wish them all good luck and happy spelling.

**Brass Band Visit** - The Murray Conservatorium, in partnership with The Sydney Conservatorium are returning to Albury Public School in Week 1 Term 4 with a five piece brass band on Thursday 10 October, Week 1. As part of the "Buddies" program the fun, energetic quintet will be in town for a week performing for local public schools. Students will have the opportunity to hear live trumpet, trombone, French horn and tuba played by some of Australia’s leading emerging brass musicians. The students will be attending the performance in the school hall after lunch. There will be no cost.

Next week I will be taking Long Service Leave. Mrs Gail Eckley will be replacing me and Miss Jacqueline Henderson will be in the office as relieving Deputy Principal. Miss Lauren Hastings will be teaching 1MH. I’d like to wish everyone a very safe and relaxing holiday. A reminder that staff and students commence Term 4 on Tuesday 8 October due to the Labour Day Public Holiday. I look forward to another busy and productive Term 4 working with our students, parents/carers and staff.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
VALUES AWARDS WEEK 7 - The following students received Values Awards in Week 7 for Cooperation:
(Yrs3-6) Skyla Azzi, Charlie Hargreaves, Phoebe Grigg and Josh Green, (K-2) Himaya Senadepathige, Sophie Dwyer and Elinor McGarvie.

STAGE 3 FUNDRAISER - Stage 3 (Yrs 5 & 6) students have been asked to raise money to support their peers who represent the school at a national level. Their fundraiser will be a “Guess the number of lollies in a jar” competition. Students are encouraged to bring in 50c, if they wish to have a guess in the next two weeks. Prizes will be awarded in Week 10. Many thanks, Mrs Pargeter, Mr Bourke and Mrs Browne, Coordinators.

THE GREAT BOOK SWAP - In Week 10 of this term, the student council will be running a fundraiser for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. We will be holding a Great Book Swap. It is simple and fun, and encourages our students to broaden their reading and enjoyment of books. What we are asking is that each student select and bring in one or two of their books, that they would like to share with somebody else or to give away for somebody else to read. We will be collecting these books in the gym on Monday and Tuesday 16 & 17 September, before school. Students will be browsing books in class groups and for a gold coin donation they can take a new book home. K-2 classes will participate on Tuesday 17, Yrs 3 & 4 on Wednesday 18 and Yrs 5 & 6 on Thursday 19 (next week). Nadene Glenane, Coordinator.

WRITE AROUND THE MURRAY FESTIVAL
On Saturday 7 September, Melanie Ruth’s ‘Hungry?’ cook book was launched at the Albury LibraryMuseum. Some of our ESL students created illustrations for the book. The Bogdanova family featured in the book, with some very yummy Russian recipes! This book is available for purchase at the Albury LibraryMuseum for $5.00. Some copies will be available for loan in our school library soon! Have you stopped to look at the wall of stories hanging on the outside of the Albury LibraryMuseum or listened to the voices telling their stories? A group of ESL students attended the opening of the Festival and found their stories on the wall. Olessya Bogdanova read hers to the crowd. It really is wonderful that our city provides opportunities for our students to share their cultural diversity! Marie Morell, ESL Teacher.

CLASS VISITS TO THE ALBURY LIBRARYMUSEUM
Last week, students in Stage 3 attended the Write Around the Murray Festival at the Albury LibraryMuseum. It was a great opportunity to hear inspiring stories from different authors and to ask questions about the writing process.
5/6AC and 5LM met Phillip Gwynne and found out that his first novel ‘Deadly Unna’ was made into a feature film called ‘Australian Rules’. His stories include books for a range of audiences and he particularly likes to write thrillers. Phillip finds his inspiration in everyday life.
5/6AB and 5LN met Libby Gleeson, a very successful author, who recently won the Prime Minister’s Literacy Award for 2013. She writes mostly picture books and novels for young adults. Libby’s advice for budding authors is that writing is a process that requires more than one draft. She recommended that the students allude to possibilities within the storyline, never spell it out for the reader.
6AP and 6AB met Jan Wositzky who is passionate about the Australian outback. He writes novels for adults and is inspired by events in his life. Jan enjoys camping and travelling through remote areas of Australia. He is a creative person who also makes musical instruments made from various materials found in the outback.
Jessica Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel).
Gold Certificates
Congratulations to:-

Don't forget the September Meal Deal is only available on MONDAY / TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY! The Canteen is still unable to source Fish Fingers. Please cross these off your menu. Nearly the end of term. Thanks so much to all our helpers, we do appreciate you! Don't forget to put your name down for Term 4. Please call us! Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370.

P & C NEWS- What an amazing result for our ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL and BBQ-$2020.40. It was a wonderful school effort with a huge number of yummy baked goods that were quickly snapped up. So a VERY BIG THANK YOU to all our very talented school bakers, many in Albury will be awaiting our next Cake Stall!!! There was also a terrific crew who donated time to price the goods on Friday afternoon, keep the supply of sausages and onions coming all day and manning the stall from 8am until 4pm on Saturday. I would like to give a very big thank you to Barbara Gould who organised all that was needed for the BBQ, decked us out in Albury Public School Aprons and made sure the last of the sausages were sold. Barb was there from 8am until close. Thank you also to Kerry Van Zanten for making all our colourful signs and rounding up help for Friday and Ian Pantling for getting everything organised for set up. PLEASE COLLECT ANY PLATES/CONTAINERS YOU MAY HAVE LEFT BEHIND from the front office. All our volunteers on the day were:- Barbara Gould, Kellie Kadaoui, Tracy Brown, Melanie Benham, Wayne Nagle, Jac Carroll, Tiana and Steve Johannis, Kylie Strang, Rob Martin, Joanna Tutos, Cathy Ballie, Stuart Howsam, Judith Sowden, Ruby Martin, Brooke Bowler, Pavitha Sarangadasa, Jenny Butlin, Yvonne Mobbs, Anthony Ainsworth, Kim Collins, Sara Clift and Louise Richardson. Marie Bucher, P & C President.

BIKE TRAILS AROUND ALBURY- Do you and your family like to take long bike rides around the local area? There are a limited number of booklets available from the front office showing all our local bike trails. Get in quick if you would like one and enjoy some healthy family fun exploring the trails. Don’t worry if you miss out because you can also pick one up from the Albury LibraryMuseum or the council chambers. Lisa Halliday, Teacher.

COMMUNITY NEWS- ALBURY/WODONGA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION- Registration Sunday 22 September at Jelbart Park North Albury from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Contact 0432854857, Kathy Goode, Secretary.

SS & A JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB are looking for players, male and female, in all age groups to commence in Term 4, 2013. If you are interested please phone Sharon Martin on 0419 374 454.

JUNIOR CRICKET- EAST ALBURY CRICKET CLUB-Rego Days, Saturday 14 September- 9:00am-12:00noon, Thurgoona Plaza, Thurgoona or Alexandra Park, East Albury. Contact John Milosta on 0407 261 386. (Includes ‘in2 CRICKET’ for ages 6-10).

NORTH ALBURY JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB REGISTRATION DAY- Registration day at Bunton Park, North Albury between 10:00am-12noon on Saturday 14 September for Under 12, 14 and 16 year olds and also for the younger kids for Milo Cricket. If you have any queries please contact Craig 0400466062 or Rob 0408625674

LAVINGTON-JINDERA LITTLE ATHLETICS- Registration Friday 13 September and 20 September at Alexandra Park from 4:30pm-6:00pm. Please bring birth certificate or blue/yellow book. ONLINE REGO- www.lavic.com.au and follow the Join/Registration prompt. Enquiries please phone Julie Clarke, Secretary, on 0423 413 310.

FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS- some exciting programs on offer these holidays, for children aged 5-12 years. Bookings are essential. For more information call (02) 6041 1127 or visit www.flyawaygymnastics.com.au

ALBURY GIRL GUIDES are opening a new Unit in Term 4 for girls aged 5-7 years. ‘Come and try’ event for next Wednesday 18 Sept. Please contact Wini Cooke on 0421 227 017 for further information.
As part of the “Write Around the Murray Festival”, a selection of popular authors visited Albury last week. Students of Albury Public school had the opportunity to meet some of these authors and ask questions about the book writing process. Our Year 4 students met with popular author Libby Gleeson and were able to ask her lots of questions about her books. You are sure to recognise some of her books. Many parts of Libby’s books are based on real-life experiences and then developed into stories. Most picture books contain 32 pages because the number needs to be divisible by 4. Her picture books can take a few weeks to write and her chapter books can take months or even years to finish. Meeting Libby Gleeson was a great experience!