Dear All

**CITIZENSHIP DAY - 17 SEPTEMBER** - Citizenship day was introduced in Australia in 2001 and is an opportunity for all Australians to take pride in our citizenship and reflect on the meaning and importance of being Australian. The day is a time to celebrate our democratic values and commitment to a fair go, equality and respect for each other. At Albury Public School we acknowledge and respect these values and our School Councillors proudly raise our Australian National Flag each day.

**YEAR 3 WYMAH EXCURSION** - As you would be aware by now, we had quite a lot of rain in Albury on Monday and Tuesday of this week. How fortunate we were in deciding last Friday afternoon to postpone this camp until Thursday 24 - Friday 25 October. Mrs Martin and all the teachers involved in this excursion were most appreciative of the students’ and parents'/carers’ understanding in this decision. Thank you also to the staff at Wymah who was part of this decision making last Friday.

**NAPLAN** - The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has advised us that it is anticipated the 2013 NAPLAN Student Reports will be delivered to schools across Australia from 8-11 October, with distribution of reports to parents to occur in the week Monday 14 to Friday 18 October. Our Year 3 and Year 5 students’ parents were notified of this change last Thursday.

**WRITE AROUND THE MURRAY NANO STORY WRITING COMPETITION** - Entrants in the nano competition had to write a complete story in exactly 50 words and they also had to include the word ‘voice’. Congratulations to the two Albury Public School students who were Highly Commended for their nano stories. Great writing girls!

**Years 3 – 4 Category** - Highly Commended: Ziggy Lamond for “Just do it”.

**HINTS TO HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME A BETTER WRITER** - You don’t have to be an expert to help your child with writing. Simply supporting your child with the areas of writing that you feel confident with will benefit them. When you’re writing something down such as the shopping list, sending an email or filling in a form, talk to your child about what you’re doing, why you’re writing it and who you expect to read it. When writing at home, make it purposeful and interesting for yourself and your child

- Children need to understand that writing has a purpose.
- When you’re writing something down, talk to your child about what you’re doing and why.
- Praise your child for having a go at writing words that are new to them.
- Read your child’s writing or get them to read their writing to you.
- When your child has writing tasks for homework, help them understand why they have been given the writing task.

**CANTEEN MESSAGE** - Last week we had several students asking the canteen staff to re-heat their lunches. A reminder that due to Work Health and Safety regulations the canteen cannot heat up students’ food. I suggest the students bring their food in a thermos or insulated bag to keep it warm.

**THANK YOU** - I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our wonderful Albury Public School Staff and Parents/Carers for again making this term such a productive and rewarding learning experience for our equally wonderful students. Our students are indeed fortunate in having such a committed and enthusiastic staff and parent/carer body to support and guide them in their endeavours.

I hope you have a good week and share a safe and happy holiday with your families. I look forward to welcoming you all back for a very exciting and busy Term 4.

Gail Eckley, Deputy Principal, (Rel).
SCHOOL VALUES - The current School Value is: **Cooperation**: Working together to achieve common goals, providing support to others and engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict.

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION RESULTS - Congratulations to the following students, who achieved commendable results in the recent ICAS English competition:-

**Year 2**:
- **Credit**: Maiza Aynayya, Ella Henderson, Elinor McGarvie, Eliza Mooney, Brielle Pedler and Spencer Robertson

**Year 3**:
- **Credit**: Bridgette Gay, Ian Howsam and John Kean

**Year 4**:
- **Distinction**: Grace McGarvie
  - **Credit**: Claudia Hanrahan, Oliver Henderson, Ziggy Lamond, Milisa Milanovic, Sienna Myers, Lily Robertson, Meghan Yensch and Eve Zawertailo.

**Year 5**:
- **Distinction**: Callum Bruce and Tom Grigg
  - **Credit**: Nick Hobbs

**Year 6**:
- **Distinction**: Felix Baker, Poy Buakaeo and Johanna Ratnik
  - **Credit**: Katherine Brownbill, Faye Cameron, Myles Hanrahan and Scott Howsam

CITIZENSHIP AWARD - Congratulations to **Ruby Kadaoui** in 1MBM for being awarded an AlburyCity Citizenship Award. Ruby was presented with her award and a $20 Dymocks voucher at last Thursday's assembly. Thank you to Ruby for always displaying excellent citizenship and for taking positive steps to ensure the wellbeing of her fellow students.

Jacqueline Henderson, Assistant Principal

LAPATHON 2013 - Our major student led fundraising activity is soon approaching. Our annual school Lapathon will be held on Wednesday 23 October. Students walk laps of the school and raise money for much needed technology resources. Information, including a blue sponsorship form and a canteen order will be sent home in Week 1 of Term 4. Spare forms will also be available at the office. Students are reminded to only approach adults they know for sponsorship. The event starts at 11:30am and runs until just after 2:30pm. Family members are most welcome to join in the fun.

In the event of wet weather the Lapathon will be postponed to 30 October, 2013.

Jess Brooker, Lapathon Committee

SAFE INTERNET USE - With the holidays coming it's a good time to share some tips to prevent cyberbullying. These tips are on the [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology) website.

**Say NO to cyberbullying – tips for parents/carers:**

1. Talk to your children about cyberbullying before it happens. Work out strategies to address cyberbullying that both of you are comfortable with so your children know what to expect if they do report their concerns to you.

2. Establish one or two other trusted adults your children are comfortable in approaching about their concerns.

3. Be aware of what your children are doing online and explore it with them.

4. Keep the lines of communication open so your children will be comfortable about talking to you if something is worrying them. Help your children to develop the skills they need to interact safely and respectfully online. Guide their online activities and help them learn to communicate appropriately with friends and family.

5. Try to locate the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.

6. Have a technology curfew when all mobile devices are handed to mum or dad.

7. Discuss the kinds of sites that are ok to explore and those that are not and have clear rules about online activities.

8. Help your children to block anyone who sends offensive content. Most social networking services allow users to block and report someone who is behaving badly.

STUDENT BANKING - Term 4 Hume Student Banking will commence on **Tuesday 15 October, 2013** (Week 2).

LOST PROPERTY - Parent/Carers are encouraged to check the Lost Property bins in each building. The Lost Property bins are always overflowing with items of clothing. Please help return these to their rightful owners.
**Gold Certificates**

Congratulations to:- Ella Morgan, Zach Graham, Emily Charters, Jessica Hamilton, Jacinta Orgill, Alex Lutton and Sykla Azzi.

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**Canteen News**

**Thurs 19**

- 9:00-1:30pm Natasha Barber

**Fri 20**

- 9:00-1:30pm Christine Mendes, 11:00-1:30pm Donna Collins

**NEXT TERM** - October

**Tues 8, Wed 9, Thurs 10 and Friday 11** - HELPERS NEEDED! - Please call us if you can help us out!

A REMINDER - WE ARE UNABLE TO RE-HEAT LUNCHES (due to work Health and Safety regulations)

Have a lovely holiday, see you next Term! Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370.

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**P & C NEWS** - A huge thank you to

Kate Preston, Bruce Haszard, Lyndon Robertson, Pip Newman, Julie Clarke, Robert Boehm, Jacinta and Glen Harrap and Leigh MacKenzie.

They gave up their Sunday morning to come and help at the gardening working bee. In 1 ½ hours they busily moved the old vegie bed in Olive St and established a new vegie bed for the Kindergarten students near the corner of Olive and Smollett Sts. In addition the beds were prepared in the sensory garden. It will be planted out next term.

I hope the Kindergarten students have loads of fun growing delicious vegetables in their new vegie bed!

Lou Newman P & C Member.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**ALBURY NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL** will be running a free Refugee Play Group during October and November at Albury North PS. Please contact 6025 1730 for more information.

**LAVINGTON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL** will be running a free Refugee Play Group during October and November at Lavington East PS. Please contact 6025 1157 for further information.


**ALBURY/WODONGA SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION** - Registration Sunday 22 September at Jelbart Park North Albury from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Contact 0432 854 857, 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 Kirby on 0419 374 454.

**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 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 Wednesday 18 Sept. Please contact Wini Cooke on 0421 227 017 for further information.

**WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM** - Looking for Volunteer Host Families. For further information please phone 1300 884 733, Email info@wep.org.au or visit www.wep.org.au