Dear All

FIVE GOLDS MORNING TEA

This morning we held our Five Golds Morning Tea for the thirty students who had received Five Gold Merit Certificates. This is a wonderful achievement. It was great to see many family members join us to acknowledge the great efforts of these students. Thanks to the canteen ladies for providing the delicious morning tea.

SURVEYS-Thanks to the families who have already completed the online surveys which were in last week’s newsletter. A reminder you can complete these surveys until this Friday 28 November. It is easier to access the links through the newsletter page on the school’s website. Survey completion is confidential and voluntary.

The links are:-


Library Survey :  https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/surlib

We have commenced developing our 2015-2017 School Plan and the school community is encouraged to have input to create a shared vision and develop three strategic directions.

The link for this survey is  https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Schoolplan

P & C- Last night was our final P & C meeting for 2014. I thanked all P & C members for their support and contribution to our great school, particularly the current executive, Mrs Kate Preston (President) Mr Stuart Howsam (Secretary) and Mr Steven Logue (Treasurer). On 24 February, the first P & C meeting for 2015, the P & C will be deciding what items from our wish lists will be purchased with funds raised from the recent Family Fun Fair. I encourage you to attend and have input into the decision making.

YEARS 2-6 PRESENTATION DAY- Tomorrow invitations to our Presentation Day will be sent home to all families of the award recipients. I invite all parents and friends to join us on this very special celebration day for our school. It will be held at 10:30am on Wednesday 10 December in the Albury High School Hall. Please ensure your children have returned their permission notes to their classroom teachers.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION- A reminder that supervision before school commences at 8:30am each morning. Please ensure your child does not arrive before this time.

RAFFLES- A reminder that the P & C Christmas raffles will be drawn at the 9:00am assembly on Monday 8 December. Please ensure you have returned your tickets by Wednesday 3 December. There are some great prizes to be won! Extra tickets are still available from the Front Office.

READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL- Just to let you know that the Transition to High School, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.


STAFF NEWS- Congratulations to Mrs Gail Eckley and Mrs Jenny Boehm who have completed the professional learning course in the Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) program. L3 is an early intervention literacy program for students in Kindergarten. Congratulations also to Miss Shelley Merritt who will graduate next Wednesday, after completing her Reading Recovery training. Both programs have been 12 month courses.

We have been informed Ms Vicki Harris will be returning to Albury Public School as Principal in Term 1, 2015. Ms Harris has been working in another DEC role for the past four years. I will return to my substantive position of Deputy Principal and Mrs Gail Eckley will resume her Assistant Principal role and return to teaching a class.

END OF YEAR- Yesterday evening the staff participated in professional learning in the new English syllabus until 6:15pm. We will be having another similar session next Tuesday evening, looking at spelling and the new History syllabus. The office staff is also participating in after hours training. These extended professional learning sessions will allow us to close the school on Friday 19 December.

A reminder that the students' last day of school is Wednesday 17 December. The following day Thursday 18 December, will be a pupil free day when staff will be participating in further professional learning and planning for 2015.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
The Juniors played Glenroy and showed what good sports they can be. They played well as a team, were kind to the opposition and shared the ball around. Well done on a great team effort. Winning 5 - 1. The Senior Blue played Springfield Heights Blue and won 7 - 3. The best players were Keely Bullivant and Ella Riches scored her first try. Senior Gold had a win against St Pats Gold, 3 - 2. Emily Wills scored her first try, Tom Grigg also played well. Nadene King, Coordinator.

**PSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL**- The Juniors played Glenroy and showed what good sports they can be. They played well as a team, were kind to the opposition and shared the ball around. Well done on a great team effort. Winning 5 - 1. The Senior Blue played Springfield Heights Blue and won 7 - 3. The best players were Keely Bullivant and Ella Riches scored her first try. Senior Gold had a win against St Pats Gold, 3 - 2. Emily Wills scored her first try, Tom Grigg also played well. Nadene King, Coordinator.

**PSSA SOFTBALL**- The Senior Boys softball team enjoyed a convincing win over Albury North.

A special mention to Jack Deighton who hit a home run with bases loaded. The Senior Girls were defeated by Albury West. Thank you to Jenny Butlin who umpired our game. We welcome all families and friends to our games each week at Jelbart Park starting at approximately 9:30am. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.


2015 HOUSE LEADERS- Year 5 students have nominated for House Leader positions in 2015. Candidates are now required to deliver a short speech (no longer than one minute) that will be presented to students in Years 3, 4 and 5 on Monday 1 December during House Meetings. Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 will then vote for two Captains and two Vice-Captains. Ms Howard will meet with all the candidates on Wednesday 3 December to announce the successful House Leaders. Badges will be awarded to each of the House Leaders on Presentation Day. Successful House Leaders will also be named in the newsletter on Wednesday 3 December.

Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

**YR 6 AMBITION DAY**- Students in Year 6 are invited to participate in Ambition Day on Tuesday 2 December. For a $2 donation, students can come to school dressed in something that represents what they would like to do or be when they leave school. The money raised will go towards the cost of printing the yearbook, which Year 6 students will receive on the last day of school.

Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

**LIBRARY NEWS**- At the end of every year a Library Stocktake has to be completed. This week is the last week in which students may borrow. Any outstanding books need to be returned as soon as possible.

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**- The 2014 PRC certificates have arrived at school. This year there were 140 students who completed the Challenge! Two students received a Platinum Award for reading for a total of seven years. They will receive their awards at Presentation Day. Thirteen students achieved a Gold award by successfully completing four years in the Challenge. They are Danni Antonello, Abbey Carroll, Claudette Freeman, Ella Hansford, Lucy Mack, Dana Matthew, Abbey McCaig, Vidhushe Sarangadasa, Natasha Simuong, Sarsha Smith, Ava Tuksar, Grace Wolki and Ryan Yensch. These awards were presented at the Thursday school assembly. The remaining Participation Certificates have also been presented to students. Students who would like to start reading for the 2015 Challenge can do so. They just need to keep a personal record of their reading until online registration becomes available in March 2015. A reading log is available on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website. Alison Griffith PRC Coordinator.

**YEAR SIX DINNER AND DISCO**- The Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Disco will be held on Tuesday 16 December 2014. Students will receive permission notes today with the newsletter. Please contact Jess Brooker if you are able to provide any of the following items for the evening (they will be used to decorate the hall/COLA):
- Surfboard, Beach umbrella, Striped deck chair, Fish netting, Fairy lighting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have volunteered to assist with the organisation and preparation of the event.

**Year 6**: Year 6 students are invited to the Dinner and Disco and are to arrive no earlier than 5:45pm via the Smollett Street gates, to share nibbles under the COLA. Students are to wear neat casual clothes and sensible footwear. The meal will be served in the Hall at approximately 6.15pm. The disco will commence at approximately 7:10pm. Please collect your child at 9:00pm from the Hall.

**Year 5**: Year 5 students are invited to attend the Disco commencing at approximately 7.10pm. Year 5 students are to arrive no earlier than 7pm and are to arrive via the Smollett Street gates near the canteen. Students are to wear neat casual clothes and sensible footwear. Please collect your child at 9.00pm from the Hall. The 2015 Student Councillors are invited to the Dinner, prior to the Disco. The 2015 Councillors are also asked to bring a small plate of nibbles to share prior to the dinner. These students will need to arrive no earlier than 5:45pm.

Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

**$ HUME SCHOOL BANKING**-- Next Tuesday 2 December, will be the last day for Hume School Banking this year. Banking will resume in Term 1 2015. Dates to be advised.
### Canteen News

**Thursday 11 December will be the last Canteen Day for 2014!** Thank you to all our helpers. We only have two weeks of canteen left for 2014. We have a couple of gaps so please this is your last chance to help for 2014.

**Rachael and Ali, 60212370.**

### STEPHANIE ALEXANDER PROGRAM SPECIAL EVENT REMINDER-

Just a reminder that the garden will be open for parents/carers/friends of students participating in the program to celebrate the wonderful achievements in the kitchen and garden for 2014! These special classes will occur in weeks 9 and 10 during the students’ usual class time. Dates/times as follows:

**Tuesday 2 December:** 9:00-11:00am 4LB, 11.20am-12.55pm 4LJH

**Tuesday 9 December:** 9:00-11:00am 4/5LM, 11.20am-12.55pm 4MCH

### P & C NEWS-

**FAMILY FUN FAIR**- There are far too many individuals to thank with regards to the success of this year’s Family Fun Fair. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our school community for their hard work, commitment and time. Parents, grandparents, students, teachers and friends have all contributed to raising around $19,500 this year. This is a fantastic effort and we look forward to spending this money next year on ‘wish list’ items that the staff and school community have prioritised. These will augment our children’s education at Albury Public School.

### P & C-

Last night was our last P&C Meeting for 2014. Thank you to all our members and for your contributions during the year, it has been greatly appreciated. Thanks to Ms Howard, Mrs Eckley and to the various teachers that have joined our meetings, for your support, guidance and ongoing relationships that have allowed us to remain so active in our school community. Our next meeting will be 24 February, 7:30pm, so pop it in your diary, as we would love to see you and hear your ideas on how we can make our P&C and school even better.

Kind regards, Kate Preston, President P&C Committee

### MANGO FUNDRAISER-

The mangoes are arriving on Monday 8 December, so if you are craving for a mango it is not long now!! They will be available for pick up from 2:30pm until 4pm from the school gym. It may be hot and we don’t have anywhere to store them overnight, so please remember to come and pick them up. We have 320 trays to distribute so if you are able to help for half an hour please let me know. Thank you and we hope you enjoy them. Lou Newman piplou@bigpond.com 0408709960.

### RICE TRANSPORT CHALLENGE-

Last week, Kerry Grigg visited 5/6AB to facilitate a ‘Rice Transport Challenge’. In teams, students had to devise a system to transport rice. To increase the challenge, the rice had to move through the system several times and the distance was measured to ascertain the most effective design. The activity demonstrated the importance of team work skills; by effectively collaborating within our groups we were much more successful. We would like to thank Kerry for her time and expertise over the two days and for providing the materials. Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal.

### COMMUNITY NEWS-

**FUN CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN**-- These will run over four Sundays, starting 23 November at 9:15am-11:30am. They will be held at St Davids Uniting Church. For further information please phone Elizabeth on 0415 667 810. Email elizabeth@hemsley or visit www.albury.unitingchurch.org.au

### KIDS ON KEYBOARD REMINDER-

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2015**-- Why not consider learning piano/keyboard at school? Book and CD are included with fees— no hidden costs. Students in Years 2—6 are invited to come along, learn to read and play music, and have fun in a familiar environment. Numbers are limited to one class, which is on Friday at 8:15am (at school). Call Jacqui Dainer on 6025 8273 for details and bookings.

### PROJECT WILD THING-

You’re Invited to a FREE screening of the film *Project Wild Thing*, a film-led movement to get more kids (and their parents) outdoors reconnecting with nature so that they are happier and healthier. PG rated.

Wednesday 10 December, 5:30 - 8:00pm, Regent Cinema Albury. RSVP: 5 December 2014. The film screening will start at 6:10pm. Visit Ecoportal Calendar of Events page for more information and to RSVP to guarantee a seat www.ecoportal.net.au

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### Gold Certificates

*Congratulations to:*

- Daisy Tuksar, Tegan Gibbons, Isla Smith, Ella Brooks, Matilda Ball, Michael Ly, Laura Gillard, Cooper Sulman, Kaitlyn Boehm, Maryam Al-Jawad, David Pasko, Sarah Boyall, Rosemary Haszard, Declan Hopper, Pattako Buakaeo and Ellie Zilberman.*
**Wolf**
Fast, aggressive
Hunts, plays with cubs, runs
Great, happy, angry
Animal
By Chepelle Bourke

**Hamburger**
Juicy, tasty
In my mouth
Drawn to the hamburger
Cheeseburger.
By Lochie Semmler

**Bird**
Loud, annoying
Squawk, fly, play
Likes to eat seeds
Bird
By Sophie Cary

**Raccoon**
Black, grey
Climbing fast, hissing
Desperate, scared
Possum
By Lucas Nusser

**Cat**
Colours
Slow, lazy, playful
Also related to lions
Cheetah
By Jack Kelso

**Panda**
Cute, cuddly
Sleeps, climbs, eats
Can’t fly
Bear
By Austen Harper

**Penguin**
Soft feathers
Swim, waddle, slide
Can’t fly
Flightless bird
By Alex Clune

**Lego**
Building Blocks
Cool connecting stuff
Building all day and play
Bricks
By Jack Hodgson

**Cat**
Sneaky, cute
Purr, sleep, play
Sleepy, angry, happy, soft
Kitty
By Ella Cooper

**Horse**
Big, cute
Runs, bites, kicks
Soft, hairy, nice, cuddly
Pony
By Charlie Brinkworth
2015 STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students who have been successful on being elected as

2015 Student Councillors

Ziggy Lamond
Will Murphy
Josh Green
Elijah Farrah
Eve Zawertailo
Isabella Towner
Petria Travassaros
Ben White
Sally Lefoe
Lisa Carey
Emily Wills
Harkirat Singh

Captains and Vice captains will be announced from this group at Presentation Day on Wednesday 10 December at the Albury High School Hall.