Dear All

SEMESTER TWO STUDENT REPORTS- Student reports will be sent home this Friday. After reading all the reports I am very impressed with our students’ academic and social progress during this semester. Congratulations to every student and I am sure your parents will be very proud, as your teachers and myself are, of your personal efforts and progress. Well done!

PRESENTATION DAY- YEARS 2-6- An invitation is extended to all families and friends to attend our Annual Presentation Day at the Albury High School hall next Wednesday 10 December commencing at 10.30am. Class, special and regional/state sport awards will be presented as well as items from our Senior Choir and Ensemble. 4LB will also be performing a French item.

Parking will be available on the school oval, the entrance being along Memorial Drive off Kiewa St. (on AHS Oval).

Please see dates in the Diary above for Kindergarten and Year 1 Presentations.

HELPERS MORNING TEA- This morning we held our Helpers Morning Tea to thank all the people who have assisted our school during the year. This is just a small way in which we show our appreciation for the support and assistance so many school community members give the students and staff throughout the year. It was great to see so many who were able to join us. Thanks to the staff and canteen who supplied the yummy treats!

NEWSLETTER AND SURVEYS- Our last newsletter for 2014 will be published next Wednesday. I would appreciate it, if you have not already completed the annual surveys, if you do so this week. Thank you to parents who have already completed these surveys. I have extended the closing date to next Monday 8 December. It is easier to access the links through the newsletter page on the school’s website. The links are:

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

BOOK PACKS- We are introducing book packs for all students in 2015. These book packs will contain stationery items, exercise and text books relevant to each year level. A payment note will go home tomorrow. A sample book pack for each year level is available for inspection at the front office.

SWIM SCHOOL- Swim School concludes this Friday. The teachers have reported that all students have been showing excellent behaviour and manners, and trying their best when given instructions by the trained instructors. Swimming is such a vital skill required in our local environment. Many thanks to all the staff members who have been involved in the organisation of this very important program for our students.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER PROGRAM-OPEN DAY- Yesterday many parents of Year 4 students attended the Open Day to celebrate the wonderful achievements in the kitchen and garden in 2014! It has been wonderful to see the various skills the students have developed during the past 6 months. I have certainly enjoyed tasting the many healthy treats presented to me on a Tuesday!

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel)
REGIONAL WATER POLO GALA DAY REPORT- Congratulations to: Sam Baillie, Will Pargeter, Callum Bruce Meg Waite, Sally Lefoe, Grace Butlin, Lauren Antonello and Asha Krautz who were part of the Riverina Water Polo teams that played in Sydney recently. They played 3 games against Sydney metropolitan teams. The boys’ team won 2 of their 3 games, while the girls’ team also won some games. What a terrific opportunity it was for our students to play against the Sydney teams! Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.

PSSA CRICKET- Our second last game for the season was played at Norris Park against Lavington. Both the Junior and Senior teams had unfinished innings. The Senior team won the toss and elected to bat first. Their final score was 7/93. James Steer retired on 20. Our bowlers faced a very wet pitch and Myron Ayton was fortunate to take a wicket in his over. The Junior team made 57 runs for a loss of 2 wickets, while LPS was currently on 4/40. Spencer Robertson and Caleb Clemson retired on 20 runs. Eddie Brookesby, Hamish Warner, Xavier Allerdice and Caleb Clemson took a wicket in their bowling overs. Thank you to Mr Lyndon Robertson who assisted the Junior team. Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.


2015 HOUSE LEADERS- Earlier this week students in Years 3, 4 and 5 elected House Leaders for 2015. Thank you to all of the candidates that ran for a position and well done. Congratulations to the following students who were successful:

Hovell House-  
Boy Captain: Sam Brown  
Boy Vice-Captain: Harry Carmody  
Girl Captain: Keely Bullivant  
Girl Vice-Captain: Charlotte Dean

Hume House-  
Boy Captain: Sami El’Souki  
Boy Vice-Captain: Oliver Henderson  
Girl Captain: Chloe Barker  
Girl Vice-Captain: Ava Black

Mitchell House-  
Boy Captain: Mitchell Houlihan  
Boy Vice-Captain: William Pargeter  
Girl Captain: Rachael Kemp  
Girl Vice-Captain: Grace McGarvie

Murray House-  
Boy Captain: Joseph Spendier  
Boy Vice-Captain: James Steer  
Girl Captain: Olivia McCaig  
Girl Vice-Captain: Meghan Yensch

YEAR 6 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY- Year 6 students will be presented with their Graduation Certificates at our Year 6 Graduation Assembly to be held on Tuesday 16 December 2014. Assembly will commence at 11.30am and finish at approximately 12.45pm. It will be held in the APS Hall. All students are to wear their formal summer school uniform. Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

STAGE 3 CELEBRATION DAY- Celebration Day is on Friday 12 December. On this day we acknowledge the hard work and achievements of all the members of Stage 3 with a small celebration. This includes an excursion to Albury Regent Cinema to watch ‘Big Hero 6’ at 10:30am. Permission notes were sent home last week and are due back on Thursday 11 December. The movie will be followed by party food for lunch at 12:30pm back at school. Please refer to separate note being sent home today for more information re food.

STAGE 3 DINNER AND DISCO- The Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Disco will be held on Tuesday 16 December 2014. Students received permission notes last week; these are due back on Friday 12 December. 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.

Year 6 students are invited to the Dinner and Disco and are to arrive no earlier than 5:45pm via the Smollet Street gates, to share nibbles under the COLA. Please collect your child at 9.00pm from the Hall. Year 5 students are invited to attend the Disco and are to arrive no earlier than 7pm via the Smollet Street gates near the canteen. 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.)
**Gold Certificates**

Congratulations to:-

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**Canteen News**

Thurs 4 11:30- 1:30pm Courtney Azzi
Fri 5 9:00- 11:30am Fiona Pedler 11:00- 1:30pm Janet Waite
Mon 8 12:30- 1:30pm Trish Briggs
Tues 9 12:30- 1:30pm Sue Shiphard
Wed 10 11:00- 1:30pm HELPER PLEASE
Thurs 11 11:00- 1:30pm Tracey Brown

**Thursday 11 December will be the last Canteen Day for 2014!** Thank you to everyone who has helped us throughout 2014. We appreciate your help. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2015. Rachael and Ali, 60212370.

**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER PROGRAM SPECIAL EVENT REMINDER**

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents of students in 4LB and 4LJH who attended our Open Garden on Tuesday. It was an inspirational occasion and a pleasure to witness students celebrating their many achievements as well as showcase the skills they have learnt throughout the year. Just a reminder that the garden will be open again for parents/carers/friends of students in 4/5LM and 4MCH. Tuesday 9 December: 9:00-11:00am 4/5LM 11:20am-12:55pm 4MCH. We would love to see you there!

**Thank YOU!** We would like to thank the following people/organisations for their wonderful contributions to our program:- Jenny Butlin, Anne Ridoutt, Marie Morell and Jackie Wakley for their assistance with washing aprons and tea towels throughout the term. Thanks Jenny also for donating your surplus eggs! Michelle Cary, Lindy Tasker-Evans and Kate Preston for sharing your vast knowledge and assisting in the garden. Fay Smith for her computer prowess, generosity and general amazingness! Thank you for your assistance in designing and creating our logo, labels and posters. Peard’s Wodonga and Howlong Nursery for your generous donations of plants throughout the year. The wonderful canteen staff, Ali and Rachael, for your great support of the program. Ian Pantling for your continuous assistance in many areas. We would also like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of staff, the P & C committee, families and other members of the school community in preparing for the Family Fun Fair. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who donated plants, biscuits and other items for our stall. Many people commented on how impressive it looked!

Lynda Joyce and Leanne Schifferle, Kitchen and Garden Specialists.

**VALUES AWARD WINNERS**

- **Week 6**- Yr 3- Sophia Clift, Yr 4- Myah Glenane, Yr 5- Estelle Ward, Yr 6 Madison Hopper.
- **Week 7**- Yr 3- Oscar Warner, Yr 5- Sally Lefoe, Yr 6- Monae Scott-Couotts.

**Week 8**- Yr 6 Connor McAleer, Alesha Mackinnon, Yr 5- Meghan Yensch, Chloe Barker, Yr 4- Zali Dingle, Yr 3- Austin Harper.

**REVERSE CHRISTMAS TREE**- Please remember to bring in a present to place under the Reverse Christmas Tree in the front foyer. This is a perfect opportunity to remind children of those less fortunate than themselves. St David’s Uniting Care will be collecting the gifts on Monday 15 December. Jenny Boehm, Coordinator.

**MULTITOUCHE SMART BOARD**- KWD students had great fun trying out the new Multi-touch Smart board over in the Annexe shared learning space last Friday. The race was on to be the first to spell “the” in a very close competition, pictured here! We are looking forward to seeing what kinds of applications other classes think of when they get a turn using our beautiful new board.

Sally Morris, Computer Coordinator.
A snapshot of Year 4 2014

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