Dates for the Diary

Dear All

Welcome back everyone to another wonderful school year at Albury Public School. What a hot start to the year we have had! It always seems to be a dreadfully hot week when the Kindergarten students start school. Certainly several drink bottles and school hats are necessities this term.

Welcome Morning Tea
9:00am

No Assembly
10:20am

No Assembly
12:00noon

K-6 Parent Information Evening
WED 12

K-2 Assembly-Councillors
10:20am

3-6 Assembly- 6AP
12:00noon

Swimming Carnival
FRIDAY 21

P & C Meeting
TUES 25

7:30pm

STAFF NEWS- This year we do not welcome any new staff members to APS but there are two name changes: Mrs Nadene Glenane will now be known as Ms King and our School Counsellor, Ms Danae Wiegold, is now known as Ms Bray. Ms Bray is at our school on Mondays, Thursday and Fridays, the same as 2013. Miss Lauren Hastings will be teaching 1MH until staffing is finalised. Mrs Sue Waters will be working Tuesday to Thursday as our Learning and Support teacher. Mrs Jane Day will continue as the other Learning and Support teacher, teaching Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Congratulations to Mrs Rosemary Coughlan who has been successful in gaining a permanent position. Mrs Coughlan will be teaching 4MCH. Each student will continue to have a 40 minute lesson of both French and Library. This year students will also receive a weekly drama/music lesson with Mr Ross Sewell in the classroom at the bottom of the Castle. Mr Sewell has a passion and talent in these areas and we look forward to the students developing and showcasing their creative performing skills. Computer and technological skills will be integrated into class programs and taught by the classroom teacher.

K-6 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT- Next Wednesday 12 February we will be holding our Parent Information Night. This is a great opportunity to meet your child’s new teacher and be informed about the class requirements, routines, expectations and planned events. A reminder that this is not a forum for a teacher/parent interview. It is not an appropriate time to talk to individual teachers about your child. Please ring the office and arrange a mutually convenient time if you require an interview. The sessions will be held in your child’s classroom and will run for 30 minutes. We have staggered times so those parents with more than one child can attend the relevant meetings.

The session times are: Kindergarten: 6:30pm, Years 1 and 2: 7:00pm, Years 3 and 4: 7:30pm, Years 5 and 6: 8:00pm. Please note the session for Miss Macleod’s class, 4/5LM will be at 7:30pm. I strongly encourage you to attend if you are able. Please note this night is for parents but if you need to bring your child please ensure they are under parental supervision at all times. The class newsletters will be placed on the website. Parking will be available in the playground, using the Smollett Street entry (past the hall). P.T.O. >
SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Our school swimming carnival is on Friday 21 February. Years 3 - 6 students will be attending. All students will be travelling by bus to the swim centre. Also any Year 2 students, born in 2006 are eligible to participate. If your Year 2 child would like to participate, they will need to get a note from their class teacher.

COLLECTING STUDENTS - A reminder that all Year 1-6 students are to be picked up from the front of the office, where they are supervised. Students are not to meet parents in the playground. Students need to wait in front of the office so that if you are delayed collecting your child they can come inside and we can contact you. If students are waiting in the playground they are not supervised and we would not know if they were not collected. For your child’s safety and welfare please ensure you arrange for your child to meet you in front of the office. Kindergarten students are to be collected from the West building.

WEST COLA - Over the holidays we had a COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) erected outside the West building. This is a weatherproof and shaded area where the Kindergarten students will be able to line up and also play during the breaks. This was funded by school funds.

BUDDY CLASSES - As part of our student welfare program each class is allocated a buddy class for the year. This program provides a network of junior and senior students, enabling relationships to be formed. The buddy classes will do an activity and eat lunch together once a week. The buddy classes are:

KWB- 4MCH  
KWD- 4LJH  
3CC- 5/6AB  
3CM 5LB  
Sem. 1  
KWC- 4LB  
KWS- 4/5LM  
3CK- 5LN  
Sem. 2  
5/6AKB- 1MH  
6ACP- 1MN  
6AP- 1MM  
Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)

HUME SCHOOL BANKING - Hume School Banking will commence for 2014 next Tuesday 11 February.

LIBRARY NEWS - The library program focuses on literature and information skills. All classes K-6 have a set library session. Library times for the children are as follows:

* Kindergarten - Wednesday  
* Year 1 - Friday  
* Year 3 & 4LB - Monday  
* 5AB - Monday  
* 5/6 classes - Thursday  
* 1MN & 2MWM - Tuesday  
* Year 2 - Thursday  
* Year 4 - Thursday  
* 4/5LM & 5LN - Friday  
* Year 6 - Tuesday  

K-2 children require a library bag to borrow books. Students may borrow two items for two weeks. The library is open from Monday to Thursday at the second half of lunch time. The expectation is that children will be involved in “Quiet” activities (reading, borrowing, board games, etc.)

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE - If students are interested in completing the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) they can start reading now. The Challenge runs from 1 February to 1 September. Children just need to keep a personal record of their reading until online registration becomes available 1 March 2014. They should then be able to log on using their DET username and password. There are copies of the log available from the library. A reading log is available on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website at: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html Any student from Kindergarten to Year 6 is able to participate. K-2 students need to read 30 books, 25 of which need to be from the set reading list. Children 3-6 need to read 20 books of which 15 need to be from the provided reading list. Please refer to the website for the complete rules and reading lists. Alternatively see Ms Griffith in the library. Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.

AFL CLINICS - On Friday 7 and 14 February Jack Bradley (AFL Development Coordinator Albury) will be conducting AFL clinics for all students at Albury Public. Students will participate in 30 minute sessions involving basic skills and modified game play. Students will also receive promotional material/information on how and where to sign up at their local football club. I am sure the students will participate with great enthusiasm and enjoyment! Karlee Nolan, School Sports Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bailey Clemson who won gold in the 12/under relay and made the finals for the 50 free and 50 backstroke events at the Victorian Country Swimming Championships in Wodonga.
Thurs 6  Sue Lefoe  11:00-1:30pm  
Fri  7  Penny Pope  12:30-1:30pm  
Mon 10 1 HELPER NEEDED  12:30-1:30pm  
Tues 11 1 HELPER NEEDED  12:30-1:30pm  
Wed 12 1 HELPER NEEDED  12:30-1:30pm  
Thurs 13 1 HELPER NEEDED  11:00-1:30pm  
Fri 14 1 HELPER NEEDED  11:00-1:30pm  

**WELCOME BACK! We need helpers!** If you can spare an hour especially over lunch time 12:30-1:30pm, please call us. If you have any questions or dietary requirements please contact us and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370

**ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C** would like to invite all parents to our Morning Tea, this Thursday, 6 February under the COLA at 9:00am. Come along and have a quick catch up with other parents and hear about the exciting events that are scheduled for 2014. It will be a great chance to ask questions and get some information about the school. If you can't make the morning tea, then come along to the P&C meeting, held on the 4th Tuesday of every month commencing at 7:30pm in the staff room. I look forward to meeting all our new faces and catching up with returning families. See you Thursday. Marie Bucher, P&C President.

**EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A K-2 CLASS PARENT? IT’S NOT A BIG JOB, BUT IT IS A VALUABLE ONE!** We are in need of volunteers to take on the role of Class Parent for their K-2 class. It is possible to share this role between two parents if you like. This role will be discussed at the Parent Information session. For more details and copies of approved document templates for the note and class contact list, please call Kerry on 60406290 or 0402325721.

**HEAD LICE** - A reminder to all parents/carers that Head Lice is an ongoing problem in every school. Please check you child’s hair regularly and treat as necessary. The Health Department advises that students with head lice should not attend school until they have been treated and no head lice are visible. Visit the website for further information regarding treatment. (www.health.gov.au/)

**COMMUNITY NEWS - AUTISM-LIVING ON THE BORDER** - Parent focussed seminar. February 10, 11, 12- 2014 at Quest, Albury. To register please contact Belinda Martin at 0437310688 or email autismsupport@live.com.au Tickets are limited so book now! Meet local service providers and get local information.

**ST PATS FOOTBALL CLUB** - Are you a girl turning 10, 11 or 12 this year? Do you love PSSA soccer? If the answer is yes, then St Pats FC want you. St Pats FC are eagerly seeking girls turning 10, 11 and 12 this year for our regular Sunday competition starting mid March. Want to know more? Contact Kerryn (registrar@stpatstfc.com.au) or visit www.stpatstfc.com.au. Or come and see us at Alexandra Park, 2 February 10.00am – 1.00pm. Ph 0400-444 337

**TACKERS** - Tackers weekend programs about to start. Tackers is Yachting Australia's program aimed at getting kids aged 7-12 into sailing. Each program includes 20 hours tuition from qualified YA Instructors & Assistant Instructors, fun on-water & off-water games and a Tackers Kit & Certificate. Conducted at Lake Hume at Albury Wodonga Yacht Club. 5 week courses start February 9th. Contact Leanne 0467 355 258 email awyc.training@gmail.com or check out the Tackers link on our website www.awyc.yachting.org.au

**KIDS ON KEYBOARDS ENROLMENTS 2014- LAST CHANCE TO JOIN IN 2014!** Tired of running your children to activities and paying excessive fees? Why not consider learning piano/keyboard at school. Fees are low and there are no hidden costs (Book and CD included). Students in Grade 2 to 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 (02) 6025 8273 for details and bookings.

**ALBURY WODONGA CAMP QUALITY FUN RUN** - March 23 to raise money for kids living with cancer. The 5km and 10km runs will start at Oodies Creek Park in Albury. To enter go to www.mycampquality.org.au/awfr
Registrations will also be taken on the day but will incur an extra $5 cost per entry. There will be prizes for biggest fundraisers, best costume and winners of race categories. So challenge your friends to enter with you and compete against them, get some exercise and enjoy a fun morning knowing you are helping kids living with cancer. Any questions regarding this event call Adelle on 0427 835 749 alburywodongafunrun@gmail.com

Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome.

**DRAMA FUN IN 2014**- Sharyn Hill School of Speech and Drama. Classes take place after school at Albury Public School. For further information go to the web site: www.shdrama.com.
Contact Sharyn Hill: 0411 181 655.
**ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL**
**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
Friday 21 February 2014
Start at 9:30am

*** MAIN EVENTS ***

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