Dear All

ALBURY GOLD CUP-
A reminder that the school will close at 12:00noon this Friday due to the gazetted half-day Public Holiday for the Albury Gold Cup. Please note buses will be running in the morning but not at 12:00noon so all students will need to be collected from the school. Please ensure your child is picked up at this time. Due to no bus pick ups, there will be twice the number of students being picked up at the same time and I ask you to collect your child and leave promptly. Students can be collected from the front grass area and also from the jellybean area adjacent to the Lodge. Kindergarten students are to be picked up from their building. Teachers will be present in each of these areas. If you have an older child and you give permission for them to walk home at 12:00noon please send a note to your child’s teacher with the necessary information. Your cooperation on the day would be very much appreciated.

P & C NEWS- Last night the P & C held it’s Annual General Meeting. It was wonderful to see a good attendance as well as some new faces! I congratulate the following parents on their election to these office positions and thank them for taking on these important roles in our school.

P & C President:- Kate Preston  Vice Presidents:- Lou Newman, Nicky Bruce
Secretary:- Stuart Howsam  Treasurer:- Steven Logue

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL- What a fantastic day we had last Friday at the annual Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park! Luckily the storm stayed away so we could finish the events, although we did have to wait for the high jump area to dry out before completing the event. With approximately 325 students participating in the carnival, it takes a lot of organisation and preparation! A big thank you to the staff involved and the many parents/carers and grandparents who helped on the day or came along to cheer the students. Also thanks to Alex Coughlan (Mrs Coughlan’s daughter) who did a great job assisting with the marshalling. I must congratulate the students on their exemplary behaviour- well done everyone! It was great to see so many students participating and cheering for their friends and sport houses. Our age champions and the winning house will be announced in next week’s newsletter.

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION SESSIONS- Last week we held two very successful parent/carer literacy and numeracy sessions. It was great to see a good attendance from parents/carers and I am sure they received many ideas to help them when assisting their child at home in these areas. We are planning to hold another one on numeracy later in the year. Parents/carers suggested we put some useful websites in the newsletter to enable them to access at home with their child. One such website is http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home which has lots of tips, ideas and educational games. This website is produced by the DEC and is also available as a free mobile app, “School A to Z”, for both android and iphones.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS- A reminder that interviews are being held next week. Notes were sent home last week but if you did not receive your note please contact your child’s teacher. If you are unable to attend your interview please phone the office so we can pass the message onto the teacher and arrange another mutually convenient time.

UPDATED STUDENT INFORMATION- It is vital we have the correct contact details for parents/carers and emergency contacts so we can quickly contact you if required. If you have changed your address, phone number or would like to change the emergency contact details, please pop in or phone the office to make the changes.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
LABELLED CLOTHING- This weekend we are asking you to please check that your child’s uniform and all personal belongings are clearly labelled with their name. This term we are again getting a lot of lost property. Also with the cooler weather, students are wearing jumpers to school and then taking them off and leaving them in the playground. If items have names we do endeavour to return them.

EARTH HOUR- Earth Hour is a worldwide movement uniting people to protect the planet and is organised by the WWF. Earth Hour 2014 will be held this Saturday 29 March between 8:30pm and 9:30pm. The event is held worldwide to encourage individuals and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour as a symbol for their commitment to the planet. 2014 will be the eighth year of the campaign. For more information go to http://earthhour.org.au/about/

SCHOOL CAMPS- Overnight camps are a great opportunity for students to build confidence, self-reliance and experience new adventures. During the year our school offers some great camps for Year 3-6 students. This website has some great tips to help your child feel positive and confident about going on camp. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/practical/practical-helping-your-child-go-on-camp

HOMEWORK HELP- Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

SPORTS NEWS

HOCKEY ZONE TRIALS- On Tuesday 18 March Karmanjot Sandhu, Ben Pedler, Alex Rennie, Toby Lewis and Tom Newman represented Albury Public School at the PSSA Zone Hockey trials at the Albury Hockey Centre. On Wednesday 19 March, Mackenzie Jones, Yasmin Linssen, Monae Scott-Coutts and Lily Robertson also represented Albury Public School at these trials. Congratulations to Tom Newman, Karmanjot Sandhu, Bailey Clemson, Mackenzie Jones, Monae Scott-Coutts and Lily Robertson who were successful and will now represent the Albury Zone at the Riverina Hockey trials on Monday 31 March. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

BASKETBALL NEWS- Congratulations to Sally Lefoe who has gained selection in the Riverina Basketball Team. Sally will compete in the NSW PSSA Carnival being held in Albury in May. A fantastic effort Sally and good luck! Karlee Nolan, Coordinator.

AFL TRIALS- Last Friday Bailey Clemson, Jett Raudino, Charlie Byrne and Will Murphy travelled to Coolamon to take part in the selection of the Eastern Riverina team. The boys’ efforts were excellent, playing and winning all four games! Charlie Byrne took out the overall longest kick in a lunchtime competition, at a substantial 42m! Well done to Bailey Clemson who was one of 22 students who were selected to play for the Riverina in the coming months! Congratulations to all four students for displaying excellent sportsmanship in representing Albury Public School. Chris Bourke, PSSA AFL Coordinator.

K-2 EASTER PARADE- A reminder that the K-2 Easter Parade will be held on Thursday 10 April commencing at 2:00pm under the COLA. The construction of the Easter hats, masks and baskets will be held on Friday 4 April from 11:20am-12:40pm in the students’ classrooms. Buddies and parents/carers are invited to help make these items.

SAFETY MESSAGES- Last Wednesday 19 March, one of our parents, Mr Shane Green, a paramedic, visited Albury Public School in an ambulance. Year 1 students were lucky to have an in school excursion and visit with Mr Green in the playground. Mr Green shared some very important health and safety messages and certainly kept the students entertained showing them how to use some special equipment and sounding the sirens. A big thank you to Mr Green, for volunteering his time and expertise. Year 1 had a fantastic time!

Mr Green shared a great safety exercise:- Put your home address near the phone in case of an emergency!  Shelley Merritt, 1MM Class Teacher.
**Gold Certificates**

Congratulations to:-

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**CommUNITY NEWS**

**COMMUNITY NEWS - MAGPIES HOCKEY CLUB** - Hockey players wanted! Looking for junior hockey players, no experience necessary. Training is held on Wednesday afternoons between 5:00-6:30pm. For more details contact Lyndon Robertson or Toni Smart on 6021 0179.

**NORTH ALBURY LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB** - Register on line at www.aflauskick.com.au Pick Up Pack Day - Saturday 5 April at 9:30am at Alexandra Park. For further enquiries please phone Dave on 0402 673 566 or email: northalburyauskick@gmail.com

**DOC FOOTBALL (for Special Needs Children) EASTER HOLIDAY SOCCER CAMP** - to be held at Scots School on 16 & 17 April from 9:30am-3:30pm. Please call David on 0402 520 888 or visit the website www.docfootball.com

**SPORT AND RECREATION** - **MULTI SPORTS CRAZY EASTER CAMP** - MONDAY 14 April - Thursday 17 April, 2014. Borambola Sport and Rec Centre, Wagga Wagga. For further information please call 131302.

**RIVERINA STRINGS AND RECORDERS CAMP 2014** - Information for Parents and Applicants. The 2014 Camp will be held from Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May, at the Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre. The camp is open to students from Year 3-Year 12 who play violin, viola, cello, double bass, descant, treble, tenor, or bass recorder. They need to have been playing recorder for at least one year and wish to enrich their tuition and gain valuable experience in performing as part of a larger ensemble. The students will attend intensive tuition sessions for their nominated instrument and theory sessions, participate in small ensembles and combined ensemble rehearsals and experience the sporting activities available at Borambola. For more information please see the front office.

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**Canteen News**

**Don't forget the Canteen will be closed this Friday due to the Albury Gold Cup 1/2 Day Holiday.**

**PLEASE PLEASE buy brown bags** from the supermarket to order lunch orders. We are still getting lots of envelopes!

**PLEASE remember to send a spoon/fork** in your child’s lunch box if they need one for the lunch you have provided. They will cost you 10c each from the Canteen!

Thank you, Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370.

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Enjoying the Questacon presentation!
Our group is Deacon, Amelia, Poppi and Jonah and we are doing the Camel pose.

Tom, Mo, Roshika and Charlotte are doing the Child pose. It is easy and relaxing.

Our group, Bridget, Barnaby, Lara and Aaron did the Rag Doll. It was hard for some people, but easy for others.

Phoebe, Ava, Lillian and Dana did the tree pose which was hard for some people and easy for others.

4MCH
Bluearth Yoga Poses

Every Thursday Year 4 do Bluearth together with Mrs Just.
Here is 4MCH demonstrating some of the poses Ms Humphrey has taught us this year.

Here are Myah, Lucy, Rupert and Eddie doing the Gorilla pose which is good for your spine and leg muscles.

Our group, Mitchell, Ruby and Danni did the Warrior pose. You have to have your feet straight. Your front foot has to be bent and your back foot straight.

Our group, Simone, Jake, Harley and James has been learning Bluearth. We are showing the Mountain pose.