Dear All

HARMONY DAY TUESDAY 18 MARCH- Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Albury Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day next Tuesday 18 March. Students will be able to order a special International-inspired meal deal from the canteen. This note was sent home last week. Orders for this meal deal close this Friday. Students are also asked to wear something orange on the day- a hair ribbon, socks, t-shirt as orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. The Harmony Day activities will consist of:- **Each class will make a calico banner to represent their ideas of harmony. These will be displayed on the front fence from Tuesday 18 March to Friday 21 March. **On a large map outside the canteen, students will identify parts of the world from where their family has come.**6ACP and 2MH will present an item at Thursday's assemblies related to the theme of Harmony Week.

YEAR 6 NEWS- Yesterday Year 6 students and staff enjoyed a visit to Albury High School for 'A Taste of High School'. This is the first of several transition events we conduct with Albury High School to ensure our Year 6 students are happy and confident when moving onto secondary school next year. The students enjoyed a number of activities including sport, metalwork, cooking and photoshopping. The primary schools in the Crossing Point Learning Community will also be involved in extra transition lessons with Albury High School during Terms 1 and 2. Mr Schupina, Science Teacher and Ms Angela Moon, Art Teacher will be taking our Year 6 students for specialised science and art lessons. On Monday Year 6 students received their 'Transition To High School Expression of Interests'. Please complete, sign and return the forms to their class teacher as soon as possible so they can be processed. The due date is next Wednesday 19 March.

PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS-K- Yr 2- Wednesday 19 March, 4:00-5:00pm in KWD’s classroom in the West. Years 3- 6- Thursday 20 March,6:00-7:00pm in 3CM’s classroom in the Castle. The aim of these workshops is to equip parent/carers with ideas to help their children at home, in the areas of English and Numeracy.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS- I encourage and invite you to attend the Parent/Teacher interviews which will be held at the end of this term. All interviews will be held in Week 10, commencing 31 March except interviews for 4MCH and 2MWM parents. These interviews will be held earlier, 2MWM next week and 4MCH in Week 9. Please keep a look out for the note, select three suitable times and return to your child’s teacher. Interview times are allocated on receipt of the note and then returned to you. I hope you can take this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and to share information. If you are unable to make your allocated interview time please phone the office so we can make another mutually convenient appointment.

LOCAL HEROES- On Monday the following Year 6 students and Mrs Power attended an Information Session at Glenroy Public School for the ‘Local Land Heroes’ Enviro-Stories Education program. The program is supported by the Murray Local Lands Services. These students, in two teams, will research, write, illustrate and publish a book about an individual or business that has made a difference in our community by contributing to productive agriculture and looking after the environment. I look forward to reading the final publications. Team 1:-Laura Gillard, Belle Henderson 6AP, Ravnit Sekhon 6ACP. Team 2:- Lili Burgess, Lily Hansford 6AP, Grace Butlin 5/6 AB, Sophie Burke 6ACP.

PARKING- I have had several reports of parents still double parking in David Street in the mornings and dropping children off. This is a very dangerous practice as children are alighting from cars next to other cars. Double parked cars are also preventing parked cars from reversing and leaving. The Albury City Council Parking Inspector will be making regular inspections to ensure all our students are kept safe.

ALBURY GOLD CUP REMINDER- A reminder that Friday 28 March is the gazetted Half Day Public Holiday for the Albury Gold Cup. Due to this, school will conclude at 12:00noon. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at this time. Please note buses will be running in the morning but NOT at 12:00noon.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS- PLEASE NOTE! - The cost for this presentation is $4.50 per student. Year 3 will be attending on Tuesday not Wednesday as published earlier.

FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY- Leukaemia Foundation — World's Greatest Shave 2014- This Friday 14 March. Gold coin donation. No aerosol cans or other products are permitted at school. Jessica Brooker, Assistant Principal.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL- This week we are asking the students who wish to run in the 100m, 200m, and 800m races to put their names down with Mr Neil (during the week). This is not a trial. All students who put their name down will run and we would hope that every child would run in at least one event to help their House get points. With a new computer system we can pre enter the students which in turn enhances the recording system. Rosemary Coughlan, Coordinator.

APS SWIMMING CARNIVAL- The APS Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 21 February. Thanks to the fantastic support from community members and staff, the carnival ran very smoothly on the day. Thank you to the staff for their non-stop commitment during the day. Thank you also to the many parents who helped with marshaling, time keeping, place rankings and food. There are many jobs that are completed ‘behind the scenes’ which also contribute to a successful carnival on the day. Thank you to the office ladies who worked tirelessly before the carnival, counting the money and organising the notes for each class group. This is a very demanding job which was completed with the usual efficiency. We all appreciated the shade at the pool and our General Assistant, Mr Pantling, takes the credit for having this in place. Thank you Mr Pantling. Finally the results of the carnival were as follows:- House/ Champion Points:- HOVELL 347, HUME 357, MITCHELL 306, MURRAY 464

GIRLS JUNIOR YRS CHAMPION Ava Tuksar, Runner Up Phoebe Grigg
GIRLS 11 YRS CHAMPION Ella Riches Runner Up Emily Wills
GIRLS 12/13 YRS CHAMPION Natalie Gibbons Runner Up Meg Waite
BOYS JUNIOR YRS CHAMPION Deacon Hogan Runner Up Jack Wills
BOYS 11 YRS CHAMPION Will Murphy Runner Up Will Pargeter
BOYS 12/13 YRS CHAMPION Bailey Clemson Runner Up Callum Bruce

ALBURY DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL- On Tuesday 25 February we sent a team of swimmers, listed below, to compete in the Albury District PSSA Swimming Carnival. The team had a very successful carnival and Albury Public was awarded overall first place for the day. Well done to these students who swam at the Riverina Carnival on Monday 10 March, Callum Bruce, Bailey Clemson, Harriette Evans, Natalie Gibbons, Phoebe Grigg, Deacon Hogan, Ryleigh Hogan, Harriet Murphy, Will Murphy, Will Pargeter, Brodie Porta, Ava Tuksar, Meg Waite, Will Haberfield, Emily Wills, Meghan Yensch, Elinor McGarvie, Jona Morgan, Myron Ayton, Zac King, Ella Riches, Daisy Tuksar, Jack Wills and Rhys Kilo. These swimmers were awarded Age Champion Medals:-

JUNIOR GIRL CHAMPION- Ava Tuksar, Runner-up – Phoebe Grigg
11 YRS GIRL Runner-Up- Ella Riches
11 YRS BOY CHAMPION- Will Pargeter Runner-up – Will Murphy
SENIOR GIRL CHAMPION- Natalie Gibbons
SENIOR BOY Runner-Up- Bailey Clemson

Congratulations to all students! A big thank you to all parents/carers, friends and families for their support and encouragement on the day! Rosemary Coughlan, Swimming Coordinator.

CORE VALUES- N.S.W. Public Schools have always taught the values that are the basis of law, customs and care for others in our society. Values shape attitudes to the changing circumstances, events and issues encountered in our daily life. Each week at Albury Public School we will be emphasising a different Core Value. These values represent the aspirations and beliefs of the Australian community as a whole, including its concern for equity, excellence and the promotion of a caring, civil and just society. Two students from each Year Level who display attributes relating to the weekly Core Value will be recognised at our Thursday Assemblies. Our Value for last week was Respect (having regard for yourself and others and accepting the rights of others to hold different and opposing views.) This week’s value is Excellence (the highest personal achievement in all aspects).

Gail Eckley, Deputy Principal. (Rel.)

VALUES AWARDS-The following students received Values Awards in week 6 for demonstrating our core value of ‘Respect’:- Mia Graham (2MC), Vishawdeep Singh (4LJH),Matilda Thompson (1MH), Ella Riches (4/5LM) and Lucas Nusser (3CM).

**Gold Certificates**

Congratulations to:-

**Canteen News**

| Thurs 13 | Megan Morgan | 9:00-11:00am | Borge Engedal | 12:40-1:30pm |
| Pam Davies | 11:00-1:30pm |
| Fri 14 | Le-Anne Smith | 9:00-11:30am | Rebecca Tilders | 11:30-1:30pm |
| Kate Preston | 11:00-1:30pm |
| Mon 17 | Susie Geering | 11:00-1:30pm |
| Tues 18 | Tracey Brown | 11:00-1:30pm (HARMONY DAY) |
| Wed 19 | Jessica Wilkinson | 11:00-1:30pm |
| Thurs 20 | Kathryn Arnold | 9:00-11:30am | Sue Lefoe | 11:00-1:30pm |

**Fri 21**

**CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL DAY**

Please buy brown bags! - Too many lunch orders are coming in envelopes etc. This is very time consuming for canteen staff and helpers.

Don’t forget **Harmony Day** lunch orders have to be in by FRIDAY 14 March. **NO LATE ORDERS** will be accepted!

Thank you to all our fantastic helpers you are all much appreciated. Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370.

**P & C NEWS - The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on 25 March in the Staff Room at 7:30pm.** Marie Bucher, P & C President.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK** - A reminder it is a legal requirement all people who are working with children must complete a declaration (Appendix 5) and provide a 100 point check (Appendix 6). A volunteer who is not related to a student must complete the declaration and have the declaration verified, at no cost, at the RTA. If you are a parent or relative of an enrolled student, you only need to complete the declaration and provide the 100 point check at our front office. The link below sets out the documents that may be provided, including value of each document. [https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/child_protection/work_child/Working-with-Children-Check-Appendix-5-WWCC-Declaration-for-volunteers-and-contractors.pdf](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_serv/child_protection/work_child/Working-with-Children-Check-Appendix-5-WWCC-Declaration-for-volunteers-and-contractors.pdf) These documents need to be sighted at the office. If you are assisting in the classroom or with school events please call into the office to complete the necessary documentation. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. Thank you to the parents/carers who have already completed these requirements.

**NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY** - Wednesday March 19 is National Ride2School Day. To prepare for the day we will conduct a bike service workshop in the school’s gym next Tuesday at lunchtime. A bike-mechanic from Pushys Bike Warehouse and myself will check bikes for road worthiness and make simple adjustments or repairs where needed. On the day I will lead a bike train from South and Central Albury to school while Mrs Martin will lead a bike-train from Norris Park to school via the bike path. More details on meeting points and times will be provided to students next week. Parents are encouraged to join their children on their rides to and from school. I look forward to a great turn-out from students and parents. Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

**2014 RIVERINA COMBINED SCHOOLS MUSIC CAMP** - An expression of interest for students to attend the Riverina Combined Schools Music Camp is currently being sought. The Camp will be held at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre from Sunday 4 May to Friday 9 May 2014. Interested students from years 5-12 can nominate to attend the camp. A wide variety of experiences and activities are the focus of the camp, including concert band and instrumental tutorials, allowing students to enhance their knowledge and skills in music and performance. The camp will also be used as an initial audition and preparation for the anticipated 2014 Riverina Schools Band Tour and the State Wind Junior and Senior Ensembles. Please collect a nomination form and 2 medical forms from the front office if you are interested. Closing date for student nominations is: 4 April 2014

**COMMUNITY NEWS - ALBURY OOSH - VACATION CARE** - Vacation Care is offered from 14 April until 28 April (pupil free day) for 5-9 yr olds, except for the Easter and ANZAC public holidays. OOSH are open from 8:00am-6:00pm and you can book on-line at www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au from Monday 17 March. Follow the links from Community Services-Childcare-Vacation care. Please be aware they do book out quickly and the fee policy has changed. All booked days will be charged for, so ensure you only book what you are prepared to pay for. You must also have a current enrolment form at the service you intend to use. Children 9 years or over must book into St Patricks SPOT program for the vacation care period. For further enquiries call OOSH on 6043 5630. **A reminder that OOSH will not be open on Friday 28 March (Gold Cup).**

**KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE** - Sunday March 16 is round two of the Albury Wodonga MTB clubs Kids’ race series. Contact Dylan Clift (3CC) for further information.

**BORDER MUSIC CAMP** - The 40TH Border Music Camp will be held from Sunday 29 June - Saturday 5 July, 2014. Please visit www.bordermusiccamp.org.au Applications open 1 March and close 6 June.
IMN have been studying ‘Where the Wild Things Are’ by Maurice Sendak. We wrote about what we do when we feel wild!

When I feel wild I run to my secret spot and hide there for two minutes. Ella Brooks

When I feel wild I act silly and mess up my room. Cooper Appleton

When I feel wild I jump on the plants and I like to hide under the bed. Skarlett Hood

When I feel wild I hide under my bed and I kick the ground. Indi Osborne

When I feel wild I hide under my bed and I kick the floor and I want to be alone. Alfie Towner

When I feel wild I throw my teddy called Dogger and I stomp my feet. Mia Sheather

When I feel wild I hide under my dog and I hide in the corner. Charlie Mackenzie

When I feel wild I run away from mum, stomp my feet and growl at my mum. Charlie Murphy

When I feel wild I go to the fridge and steal food. Madison French

When I feel wild I mess up my room. Nate Nusser

When I feel wild I ROAR and fly my paper aeroplane around. Jonah Mobbs

When I feel wild I swing in my own secret tree and I hide under my bed.

When I feel wild I roar and stamp my feet and jump on the table and I hide in secret places. Charlotte L aird

When I feel wild I scream and I hide from my mum and I go outside to play with my dog. Sophie Dwyer

When I feel wild I hide from my mum and I hide in the tree. Oliver Mack

When I feel wild I climb the roof and I jump on the roof. Isaiah Clark

When I feel wild I cry, stamp my feet and I go to my room. Jett Crane

When I feel wild I hide under my bed, act silly, make Alex laugh and stamp my feet. Lacey Harrison

When I feel wild I steal food and go into the cubby. Bastian Hitchon

When I feel wild I find Coco my cat and I pat her and I play with her. I climb on my dad’s back.

Ava Henderson