Dear All

**AHS Family Year 7 Information Night** - A reminder that the Albury High School Family Information Night for the 2015 Yr 7 students is on tonight at 7:00pm. It is being held in the Albury High School's Performing Arts Centre. Details and a map were sent home earlier.

**Kindergarten Photos** - Kindergarten students will need to bring their best smiles to school tomorrow morning as all Kindergarten classes will have their photos taken by the Border Mail. These photos will be published in the annual ‘First Class’ supplement, which we expect to be printed in April. Keep an eye out for it!

**Selection in PSSA Trials** - Our school provides many sporting opportunities to our students. This year we are offering opportunities in 15 different sports. This is a huge commitment from our teachers who hold trials and training in their own time. Trials are held following the guidelines from the Albury PSSA group and our school Sport Policy.

The Albury PSSA states that all children attending Albury PSSA trials need to have gone through a school selection process which has been organised by the school PSSA Sports Organiser (or representative). At Albury Public School these trials are often held during lunchtimes by staff members. Students must be highly skilled in the sport and/or able to provide evidence of their participation, at a high standard in a sport that is not offered by the school. The number of nominations is set by the Sport’s Convenor. Selections are finalised by the school co-ordinator for each individual sport.

A permission note is sent home with the nominated students and is returned to the school by the due date. The school PSSA Sports Organiser (or representative ) sends a list of nominated students to the Sport’s Convenor by the date requested.

The district trials and carnivals are deemed to be excursions and students must have Principal (or delegate) approval to participate. Therefore parents/carers cannot decide to send a child to any selection trial without gaining prior approval from the Principal (or their delegate). All students must also comply with the Albury Public School Code of Conduct in order to be considered for School, District, Regional and State selections.

**Regional Swimming Carnival** - Next Monday we have a group of swimmers representing our school at the Regional Swimming Carnival at the Albury Swim Centre. We wish them all the best and hope they continue to perform ‘Personal Bests’. Mrs Coughlan will be assisting at the carnival.

**Clean Up Australia** - A big thank you to all our students, teachers and other staff who participated in the ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ last Friday. Their combined efforts ensured our school environment was cleared of litter and now the grounds look wonderful. Let’s see if we can keep them looking so tidy and clean for the rest of the year!

**School Assemblies** - Most weeks we have a K-2 and a 3-6 assembly. Due to limited space in the hall, as well as the child missing their own valuable class time, children are not to go to their sibling’s assemblies. Your cooperation with this matter would be appreciated.

**Tree Maintenance** - Following the tragic accident two weeks ago at Pitt Town Public School, the DEC is reviewing the tree maintenance policy. All trees in our playground will be inspected by a qualified arborist before the end of Term 2. The arborist will provide the school with a written report and any necessary tree maintenance will be carried out by qualified personnel.

Enjoy your week
Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
SPORTS NEWS

PSSA ZONE BASKETBALL TRIALS - Congratulations to the following students who will represent Albury Public School at the PSSA Zone Basketball Trials this afternoon: Tom Grigg, Owen Sowden, Ky McFaul, Mitchel Houlihan, Chelsea Ehlers, Ellie Avage and Sally Lefoe. Best of luck! Karlee Nolan, Sports Coordinator.

WATER POLO - Congratulations and good luck to the following students who will be representing Albury Public School when they trial for the Regional Water Polo team in Wagga on 19 March: Callum Bruce, Will Pargeter, Samuel Baillie, Meg Waite, Sally Lefoe, Monae Scott-Couts, Grace Butlin, Ellie Avage, Lauren Antonello, Amelia Baillie and Asha Krautz. Well done! Christel Pargeter, Water Polo Co-ordinator.

PARENT WORKSHOPS - During Week 8 staff will be holding parent workshops on current practice in English and Numeracy. The aim of these workshops is to equip parents/carers with ideas to help their children at home in these areas. K-2 Parent Workshops, Topic: English-Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Date: Week 8 Wednesday 19 March, Time: 4.00-5.00pm, Venue: West, KWD’s Classroom. 3-6 Parent Workshops, Topic: Numeracy, Date: Week 8 Thursday 20 March, Time: 6.00-7.00pm, Venue: Castle, 3CM’s Classroom. For further information please contact Leann Dicketts (Assistant Principal) or Melinda Martin (Assistant Principal).

FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY - Leukaemia Foundation — World's Greatest Shave 2014 - Every March thousands of people shave, colour and wax their hair to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. To show our support of the Leukaemia Foundation, students are encouraged to get creative with their hair in return for a gold coin donation towards the World's Greatest Shave. Show your true colours and go wild and wacky with your hair on Funky Hair Friday 14 March 2014. All hair styling must be done prior to arriving at school. No aerosol cans or other products are permitted at school. Jessica Brooker, Assistant Principal.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN - The resources we ordered from the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion last year have arrived. Some of the resources we received are: percussion and multi-cultural music sets, CD’s of music/songs from different cultures, maths resources and a large worm farm! A big thank you to all the families who brought in their vouchers and to Tiana Johannis who collected and collated them all! These resources will be used to enhance the learning of our students.

BOOKCLUB - Bookclub orders are due back on Thursday 20 March. Please remember to include correct money or cheque (made out to Scholastic), full name and class on the envelope. The office does not give out change for Bookclub orders.

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

HELP WITH ENGLISH - Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english

MATHS - Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics
**Gold Certificates**

Congratulations to:-

Emily Pope, Chilli Bergic, Dominic Korzeniowski, Abbey Carroll and Madison Hopper.

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**Canteen News**

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**P & C NEWS**

It was a terrific start to the school year with a great turn up for the first P&C meeting of 2014. A very big thank you to all who attended and we hope that everyone will return and bring a friend along to next month’s AGM. Our Fundraising Events have been decided for 2014:-

- Mother's Day Stall - Thursday, 8th May
- Father's Day Stall - Thursday, 4th September
- Family Fun Fair, Thursday evening, 13th November
- Mango Drive - Early December

Our school's Fun Fair is our major fundraising event, held every second year. It has been a huge success in past years and a wonderful night for our school community. Please keep reading the school newsletter for information about our fundraisers, put the dates in the diary and be a part of supporting the school. I strongly encourage everyone to attend our P&C AGM next month. The P&C is an avenue for you to be involved in decision making about Albury Public and keep informed about events that affect our school.

The P & C Annual General Meeting will be held on 25 March in the Staff Room at 7:30pm.

Marie Bucher, P & C President.

**BOOKS IN YOUR OWN LANGUAGE**

If you are interested in reading books in your language, please ask at the Albury LibraryMuseum. This is a free service from the State Library of NSW. Languages include Gujarati, Korean, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Punjabi, Russian, Urdu, Arabic, Thai and Chinese.

Marie Morell, ESL Teacher.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FIRST CHILD TAX OFFSET**

If you have a child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive entitlements from the Government. There is a 30 June 2014 deadline so please make enquiries at the A.T.O. website (www.ato.gov.au) to receive further information.

**ST MATTHEWS CAR BOOT SALE**

All proceeds to the St Matthew's Homeless Appeal. Venue:- Adamshurst 603 David Street Albury on Saturday 8 March from 8.00am-12.00pm

**VAL EDMUNDS' CHILDREN'S THEATRE**

meets each Saturday from 2:00-4:00pm in the school assembly hall. Join in the drama games and activities, prepare duologues and plays for the Eisteddfod. Contact Val on 60217561 for further information.

**MARGARET COURT TENNIS ACADEMY**

Please call Paul Sykes on 0418 699 485 if you are interested and require further information.

**SHELL QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Albury Convention Centre, Swift St, Albury, Sat 29 March 11am - 4pm. Children under 5 FREE. Students attending our in-school performance receive a FREE student entry ticket. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Science toys for sale-cash only.

**WODONGA HOCKEY CLUB**

For further information please contact 0427 264 114 or visit wodongahockey@gmail.com

**CARTOONING CAMPS**

- Special weekend cartoon program 29 - 30 March in Canberra.

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| Thurs 6 | Megan Morgan | 9:00-11:00am | Sue Lefoe | 11:00-1:30pm |
| Fri 7   | Helen Macpherson | 9:00-1:30pm | Sonia Butterworth | 11:00-1:30pm |
| Mon 10  | Annie Phothisomphane | 12:30-1:30pm | |
| Tues 11 | Sally Graham | 11:00-1:30pm | |
| Wed 12  | Stuart Howsam | 9:00-1:30pm | |
| Thurs 13 | ONE HELPER PLEASE | 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 | |

Thank you to all our helpers. Please keep your eye on the newsletter for HELPERS NEEDED.

Thank you- Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370
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<td>Basketball, reading and piano.</td>
<td>Learning new things.</td>
<td>To be an inventor.</td>
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<td>Natalie Gibbons, School Captain</td>
<td>Swimming, athletics and diving.</td>
<td>Catching up with friends and helping in the playground.</td>
<td>To travel the world.</td>
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<td>Bailey Clemson, Vice-Captain</td>
<td>Wakeboarding, fishing, football, motorbike riding and cricket.</td>
<td>Having the opportunity to learn.</td>
<td>To be a professional AFL player.</td>
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<td>Charlie Hargreaves, Vice-Captain</td>
<td>Tennis and athletics.</td>
<td>Meeting great people and doing creative arts.</td>
<td>To be a professional tennis player.</td>
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<td>Monae Scott-Coutts</td>
<td>Netball, hockey and drama.</td>
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<td>Chelsea Ehlers</td>
<td>Soccer</td>
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<td>Grace Butlin</td>
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<td>Sport and playing with friends.</td>
<td>Getting a great education with great teachers.</td>
<td>To be a professional sportsman.</td>
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<td>Hattie Evans</td>
<td>Singing, dancing and netball.</td>
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<td>Helping people.</td>
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<td>Jack Drummond</td>
<td>Soccer and playing table tennis with my family.</td>
<td>Being able to build great friendships and learning.</td>
<td>To play for Chelsea F.C. in the Barclays Premier League.</td>
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<td>Micaela Jaksetic</td>
<td>Playing games with my sister and brother and playing with my rats.</td>
<td>The teachers are nice and the classrooms are comforting.</td>
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