Dear All

Yesterday the staff and students observed a minute’s silence which coincided with the time of Ms Lisa Halliday’s funeral in Sydney. I would like to sincerely thank the parents/carers and community members who have expressed their condolences and support. At this stage I have not received any information about the proposed Memorial Service for Lisa. I will pass on this information when Lisa’s family inform us of the details.

EASTER PARADE - Our K-2 Easter Parade is being held tomorrow commencing at 2:00pm under the COLA, even if raining. Please note this parade is only for our K-2 students. If you take your child home before 3:00pm please remember to sign your child out at the front office. This is a legal requirement.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT - The Annual School Report is a great way to reflect on our many achievements of the year. Numerous highlights and successes, of which the whole school community can be justifiably proud, are described in the report. The 2013 Annual School report is now available for access on the school website. If you would like to have a printed copy there are some available at the front office.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS - During the last week the canteen staff have noticed a number of Kindergarten students bringing large amounts of money to the canteen to spend. Please talk to your child about the appropriate amount and ensure you are aware of how much money your child is bringing to school. You will receive a new canteen menu today.

Kindergarten class photos, which were taken earlier in the term, will be published in the ‘First Class’ supplement in the Border Mail on Tuesday 29 April.

LIFE EDUCATION - A reminder that the payment for Life Education was due today. Thank you to the families who have already paid. As the note was only sent out Wednesday I will extend the due date to this Friday 11 April. All money will need to be in by this Friday as some classes commence their visits to the Life Education van on the first day back next term.

The timetable of visits is:-

Tuesday 29 April-  5AB 1MH 1MN
Monday 12 May-  5/6AB 5/6AKB 2MWM 2MH
Monday 19 May-  5/6AB 5/6AKB 3CK KWB
Monday 26 May-  3CM 6ACP 2MC

Tuesday 6 May-  4MCH 4/5LM KWD
Tuesday 13 May-  6AP KWS
Tuesday 20 May-  4LB 4LJH 1MM
Tuesday 27 May-  3CC 5LN KWC

P & C NEWS - The P & C is planning a Mothers’ Day stall in Week 2, Thursday 8 May. There will be some great gifts for mums on offer so I suggest students start earning some pocket money over the holidays so they can buy a great surprise for Mothers’ Day. Please pop this date on your calendars. Also the P & C will soon be calling for volunteers to help with a working bee to transform the front nature strip, along David Street, early next term. More details will be published in the newsletter when confirmed.

STUDENTS RETURN - A reminder that students return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 29 April. On Monday 28 April all staff members will be participating in our Term 2 Staff Development Day, focusing on professional learning in the new English and Mathematics syllabuses. Staff will also be discussing effective student feedback and e-learning in the Disability Standards for Education.

PLEASE NOTE THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE ICAS COMPUTER COMPETITION IS TOMORROW THURS 10 APRIL—apologies for any inconvenience. NO LATE ENTRIES CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
PAYMENTS- Please place correct money in envelopes when making payments to the front office. With 590 students making payments at any one time, you can recognise that it is very time consuming if change has to be given. Also we do not keep cash on the premises. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

YEAR 4 CAMP- The Year 4 students return from the Borambola Camp this afternoon. Mrs Eckley has been talking to Mrs Just and she reported that everyone was having a great time, with the students attempting abseiling yesterday!! No doubt we will hear all about their adventures when they return!

LOST PROPERTY- Once again, at the end of the term, we have accumulated a large number of lost property items in each building. Please come in and take a look or remind your child to look in the lost property bins if your child has lost something during the term. Anything left by Friday will be sent to either the uniform shop or to a charity. Many thanks to Melissa Wills who does a great job and tidies the Uniform Shop.

COMPREHENSION- Good comprehension is important in all subjects and is a focus area we are developing within our classrooms. Teachers of Years 2-6 classes are using the Super Six Comprehension Strategies to develop their students’ comprehension skills. Please look on this website for hints to assist you when listening to your child read at home. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/hu/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading/comprehension-strategies-you-can

WHAT DOES YOUR CHILD DO AT SCHOOL? Have you ever asked your child what they did at school today only to receive the stock-standard "not much" or "nothing" response? Take heart. There is an easier way to get something out of 'nothing'. Visit http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/what-does-your-child-do-at-school to find some great questions to ask.

YEAR SIX NEWS

YEAR SIX CANBERRA EXCURSION- Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4, Thursday 5 and Friday 6 June, 2014. The final cost of the excursion is $385.00 This price includes a subsidy from the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing $20 per student towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. The next instalment of $100.00 is due this Friday 11 April. The excursion needs to be fully paid by Friday 23 May, 2014. Should you require financial assistance with the remaining amount, please arrange a meeting with Ms Howard (Rel. Principal) by Friday 11 April. Additional information including itinerary, dietary and medical information will be sent home early Term 2.

ALBURYCITY CITIZENSHIP AWARD- The AlburyCity Council values positive civic behaviour in schools across our region. This term, Ishan Upadhyay (6ACP) received a $20 Dymocks voucher in recognition of his contribution to our school. Ishan is dedicated to his academic studies and as a Year 6 student, is an excellent role model in the playground. Thank you Ishan for modelling positive civic behaviour at Albury Public School. Thank you also to AlburyCity Council for generously providing the gift voucher.

YR 6 TRIVIA NIGHT- Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed a night of laughs at their Trivia Night on Monday. The casual atmosphere was a great way to celebrate the end of Term 1 and a terrific way to raise funds ($120 in total) for our graduation dinner at the end of the year. Well done to all the students for their sensible and positive behaviour on the night. Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to assist in the running of our trivia night, your help was very much appreciated by the staff and students.

Jess Brooker, Stage 3 Assistant Principal (Rel).

HUME SCHOOL BANKING
Please note that Hume School Banking will resume on Tuesday 6 May, (Week 2). There will be no banking the first week back at school.
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We would like to take this opportunity to thank families for supporting the canteen. If you have any questions/suggestions or special dietary requirements please call us. Thank you also to all our wonderful helpers this term. We hope you all have a safe and relaxing term break.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CANTEEN MENU**- Please note that we have changed our canteen menu. The new Term 2/3 menu has had some **MAJOR CHANGES**. Unfortunately we have had to increase the price of some items to cope with the ever increasing price rises from suppliers. We have tried to keep these to a minimum. Some items have also been deleted and we plan to incorporate these items into special weekly meal deals on WEDNESDAYS. We hope you will take this opportunity to try new and exciting dishes as well as old favourites.

Thank you, Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370.

**P & C NEWS**

2014 is our Family Fun Fair year. This is the P&C’s biggest fundraiser and the money raised goes back into the school creating extra funding for the enhancement of our children’s education. **The Family Fun Fair** will be on the **13 November** this year. We need your help and ideas to make this year a great fair. Our aim is to break down the workload into small working groups, so many hands make light work. We have two staff members who are designated to aid with liaising between committee and the classes. So come and meet up on **Wednesday 7 May at The Lounge** in Dean Street at **7:30pm**. If you are unable to make it to the meeting but are keen to help out please contact me on 0401 202 860. Look forward to seeing you then, Kate Preston, President P&C.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FAMILY FUN DAY**- Friday 18 April, 9:00-12:00noon. Free family fun day at the Albury Presbyterian Church. The program begins at 9:00am with a Good Friday service and fun kids program. After this there are family friendly activities including an Easter egg hunt. There will also be hot cross buns and morning tea. For further information email dave@alburychurch.org.au or visit alburychurch.org.au
VALUES AWARDS

YEARS 3-6 AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 1
Congratulations to our Years 3-6 Values Awards winners in Term 1 for the values of Respect, Excellence, Integrity, Responsibility and Cooperation.
Year 3- Lucas Nusser, Jesse Hart, Elinor McGarvie, Joel Bartasius
Year 4- Vishu Singh, Mackenna Robson, Genevieve Childs, Ian Howsam
Year 5- Hannah Avage, Meghan Yensch, Isabella Towner, Ella Riches, Louise Granada
Year 6- Connor McAleer, Laura Gillard, Stephanie Fordham

K-2 VALUES AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR WEEK 10
Congratulations to the following students were recognised for demonstrating our key value of Cooperation:- Charlotte Rodd (KWB), Decodia Pagano (2MH) and Piper Attwood (1MM).