Dear All

MEMORIAL SERVICE- Ms Lisa Halliday’s family would like to invite you to a memorial service to celebrate Lisa’s life. It will be held at the Springfield Heights Public School hall on Saturday 17 May, commencing at 1:00pm. Lisa requested people to wear her favourite colours, purple, green and/or blue. In lieu of floral tributes Lisa’s family request you please bring your favourite children’s book to be donated in Lisa’s name. If you are unable to attend the service but would like to donate a quality children’s book please place it in the collection tub in the front foyer before next Friday 16 May. We will pass the books on to Lisa’s family.

NAPLAN- Next week all Year 3 & 5 students will participate in NAPLAN, an annual National Assessment. The best way you can prepare your child is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program and to remind them to simply do their best. A good breakfast and plenty of sleep is also ideal.

Tuesday- Language, Wednesday- Reading and Thursday- Numeracy.

MOTHERS DAY STALL- A reminder that the Mother’s Day stall is being held tomorrow Thursday 8 May. Please bring some money if you would like to purchase a small gift for your mum. The cost of the gifts range from $1.00 to $5.00. Each class will go to the gym with their teacher to have an opportunity to make a purchase. Thanks again to the P & C, particularly Kerry Van Zanten and Brooke Bowler, for organising this for our students.

RETURNING NOTES- A reminder that the Year 3-6 Cross Country permission notes and special lunch orders are due next Monday 12 May. The special lunch order and helper notes for the K-2 Sports Day are due next Tuesday 13 May. Please ensure these notes are sent in by the due dates. We require more parent helpers for the K-2 Sports Day. If you can help please return the tear off slip.

BUS TRAVEL- From July 2013 seatbelts have been progressively installed in regional school buses. Some of our school buses now have seatbelts installed. If your child travels by bus please discuss with them whether their bus has seatbelts. If so, discuss the importance of wearing seatbelts and please encourage them to do so each time they travel on the bus.

KITCHEN PROGRAM- Today the parents/carers of 4/5LM will receive a note regarding the completion of a parent/carer survey as part of the evaluation of the Kitchen Program. This survey is to collect information about the program as we commence implementing it into our school. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. As you can see from the newsletter’s back page the Year 4 students are thoroughly enjoying the program. They are working cooperatively and learning a lot about healthy food. I love some of their comments!

CHILDREN, SOCIAL MEDIA AND PRIVACY- Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:-

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (~ it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your children at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS FRIENDLY REMINDER - This year our school photographs will be held on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 May. Envelopes to order photos will go home with today’s Newsletter with each student. Please ensure the envelope is returned to school by your child/children and given to the class teacher (not to the front office) on the day of his/her photos. No envelopes will be accepted prior to the day. Students are expected to wear full winter school uniform, including black shoes.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ORGANISATION - Tuesday 20 May - Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, 4/5LM and 5AB. Wednesday 21 May - 5LN, 5/6AB, 5/6AKB, 6ACP, 6AP, Student Councillors, Captains, House Leaders and Family photos. As stated, students are expected to wear full winter formal uniforms as listed below. Please note: whilst formal girl’s and boy’s Winter Uniforms are preferred, navy blue tracksuit pants for boys and girls will be acceptable. Girls: Blue tartan pinafore, bib front, inverted pleat with zippered pocket or blue tartan pants. Yellow skivvy with long sleeves or light blue shirt (blue tie optional). Round or V-necked navy blue wincheater with large yellow logo. Navy tights or navy socks. Black shoes. Alternative uniform for Years 5/6: Blue tartan skirt with inverted pleat (same as tartan pinafore), blue cardigan. Boys: Long grey pants. Yellow skivvy with long sleeves or light blue shirt (blue tie optional). Grey socks and black shoes. Round or V-necked navy blue windcheater with large yellow logo. Any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to me. Gail Eckley, Deputy Principal (Rel).

NSW STATE SWIMMING CARNIVAL - The NSW State Swimming Carnival was held on 9 & 10 April. Albury Public had 14 swimmers compete in Sydney - Hattie Evans, Will Pargeter, Myron Ayton, Emily Wills, Ella Riches, Natalie Gibbons, Ava Tuksar, Phoebe Grigg, Rhys Kilo, Harriet Murphy, Will Murphy, Elinor McGarvie, Meg Waite and Bailey Clemson. All of these swimmers represented Albury Public School with pride and many of them finished in the top 30 swimmers for the state which is a fantastic achievement! A notable mention to the Senior Girls Relay Team who finished a commendable 5th in the final! Well done girls! Karlee Nolan, Sports Coordinator.

PSSA TENNIS - All this week, Charlie Hargreaves and Charlie Byrne, will be in Newcastle attending the 2014 NSW PSSA Tennis State Championships. I have no doubt they will both represent Albury Public School and Riverina with pride and with great sportsmanship. We wish them well with their tennis this week and eagerly await the results. Shelley Merritt, Coordinator.

PSSA ZONE SOFTBALL TRIALS - Selection trials for PSSA Zone Softball were held in the second last week of term one. Gerty Balbao, Chelsea Ehlers and Asha Finlay were selected to represent APS at Springdale Heights Public School on Thursday 10 April. Gerty Balbao and Asha Finlay attended these softball trials. They were unlucky not to have been selected as these girls had excellent throwing, catching and batting skills. Thank you to parents for organising transport for these girls. Congratulations Asha and Gerty for your fantastic efforts. Lynn Macleod, Coordinator.

WINTER PSSA SPORT – commences Friday 6 June 2014. Next week, on Monday, you will be able to register for AFL, Netball and Hockey. The trials will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at lunchtimes. Commencing Monday 19 May Soccer registration will take place followed by trials on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students need to listen to the daily messages for additional information they may need about this process. Karlee Nolan, Coordinator.

K-2 SPORTS DAY - Let’s hope the weather is fine for Friday 16 May when the students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be running, jumping and using their ball skills to participate in the K-2 Sports Day. Parents/carers are very welcome to join us as helpers or spectators for part of the day or the whole day. Remember to return the parent helper note if you are able to assist and the special canteen lunch order if you would like a sausage in bread.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY FRIDAY 23 MAY - Albury Public School will be participating in the National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 23 May. We encourage students to walk to school on this day, in particular to practise safe pedestrian behaviours in the community. If you live within walking distance of the school, leave the car behind and walk with your child to Albury Public School. If your home is not within walking distance, drive part of the way to school, park the car then walk the rest of the journey. You might like to join our WALKING SCHOOL BUS that is operating on the day. More information in next week’s newsletter. Jenny Boehm and Kareen Clements, KWB and KWC Classroom Teachers.
Thank you to all our wonderful helpers. There are still lunch orders coming in envelopes—“please buy brown bags”! Don’t forget our Wednesday Specials in each week’s newsletter.

**P & C NEWS** - The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 May at 7:30pm in the Staff Room - all welcome.

**GARDEN WORKING BEE** - Sunday the 18 May 10:00am. The P & C is having a working bee to renovate the garden bed in front of the fence in David St. All the plants are to be pulled out, so if you could lend a hand we would be delighted to see you. If you have any questions please call Lou Newman 0408 709960

**MOTHERS’ DAY STALL** - A reminder to all that the P & C will be holding a Mothers’ Day Gift Stall in the school gym tomorrow, Thursday 8 May. Classes will be taken to the gym by their teachers to select a special gift for mum. Prices will range from $1.00- $5.00. Support the P & C that supports our school!

**LIBRARY NEWS** - This term there have been some changes to the library timetable. The following classes will now come on these days.

- **KWB & KWS** - Friday,
- **1MM** - Tuesday,
- **1MN** - Friday,
- **4/5LM & 5LN** - Wednesday

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME (NSS)** - Albury Public is once again participating in NSS. This year Kindergarten will be involved as part of their library sessions. This year’s story is “Too Many Elephants in this House” by Ursula Dubosarsky and Andrew Joyner.

**BOOK FAIR** - The library will be hosting a Book Fair commencing on 16 June. As this a library fund raising activity students may like to start saving their pocket money. Thank you for your support. Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.

**SOCCER NEWS** - Although not a school based activity, our congratulations go to Chelsea Ehlers, Sarsha Smith and Lauren Antonello, as members of the Girls AWFA U12 Soccer Team. The girls travelled to Griffith last weekend to compete in the Riverina Branch Titles. Their team was very successful, playing six games, winning five, drawing one and taking home the Gold Medal! Well done girls.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE: CHANGE OF VENUE** - The remaining six rounds of the Albury/Wodonga MTB Club’s Kids Races will take place at a new venue: Black Range Park on the corner of Schaeffer & Kotthoff Streets in Lavington. The next race is on **Sunday 18 May** at 10:00am. The races are open to children aged between 3 to 12 of all abilities. For more information visit the club’s website: [www.alburywodongamtb.org.au](http://www.alburywodongamtb.org.au) Dylan Clift, Classroom Teacher.

**GATEWAY COMMUNITY HEALTH - TUNING INTO KIDS** - A five week parenting program that supports parents to become more aware of their child’s emotions and its impact. Phone 60228888 for further information and bookings are essential.

**ASPECT RIVERINA OPEN DAY** - School for children with autism. Tuesday 13 May from 10:00am-12:00noon at 437 Olive St, Albury. Phone 60573777 or email lmason@autismspectrum.org.au
The students in 4/5LM, 4MCH, 4LB and 4LJH would like to share some of the sights, smells and tastes of our very first experiences of the Stephanie Alexander Program…

**WE MADE:** Wicking boxes and rice paper rolls

**WE GOT:** Our hands dirty and the garden beds ready for planting

**WE PLANTED:** Lettuce, basil, parsley, thyme, oregano and chives

**WE HARVESTED:** Potatoes, capsicum, tomatoes, chives and rosemary

**WE LEARNED:** Reading, writing, measuring, times tables, problem solving, working co-operatively, sharing and respect

**WE REFLECTED ON:** The importance of eating fresh, sustainable food. It is good for our health and the environment!

**WE HAD:** Lots of fun!!!!

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**Notable Quotes**

“I’ve been working so hard in the garden, I’m doubly hungry!” - Aaron Arnold

“I’ve found the world’s biggest potato”- “Deacon Hogan

“EVERYONE WAS CO-OPERATING AND WORKING TOGETHER” LILY ALEXANDER

“This is the best day at school ever!” - Flynn Geddes

“If you grow your own food, you know it is healthy and doesn’t have any chemicals on it”

- Ian Howsam

“A worm! Yuuuck!” – A chorus of students

“This is yummy. Can I please have another one???” (The rice paper rolls, not the worms!) – Another chorus of students