Dear All

Welcome back everyone to Term 3. If you are a skier I am sure you enjoyed the cold weather over the holidays but many of us were yearning for some sunshine! It was great to hear the excited hum of the students at yesterday morning’s whole school assembly. I am sure they are looking forward to another great term of learning and enjoyable activities. Some of the events planned for Term 3 are: the lapathon, an Aboriginal performance, a cyber safety and anti-bullying visiting show, Fathers Day stall and the Year 3 camp at Wymah in Week 9.

EDUCATION WEEK- Education Week will be celebrated in Week 3 on Tuesday 29 July. Classrooms will be open for parents/carers and families to visit at the following times: K-2 10:15am-11:00am and Yrs 3-6 11:30-12:15pm. Our three choirs and the ensemble will be performing in the hall during recess, 11:00-11:30am. We hope you can join us to celebrate Public Education and all the wonderful learning that occurs every day at Albury Public School.

STAFF NEWS- This term we warmly welcome three new staff members to Albury Public School. Miss Kirsty Sheridan has arrived from the Byron Bay area, after receiving her first permanent teaching position. Miss Sheridan is teaching 1MH for the rest of the year. Our new school counsellor, Ms Pauline Allen will commence on Thursday and Miss Emily Dibben will commence her role as Welfare Teacher on Friday. Congratulations to Mrs Jenny Groch, our School Administration Officer (SAM), who was successful in gaining, by merit selection, the SAM position at Jindera Public School. Mrs Groch will commence her new position Day 1 Term 4.

STUDENT CONGRATULATIONS- During the holidays Mrs Moriarty and three students, Aylish Jorgensen, Charlotte Dean and Mia Johannis attended the Border Music Camp. All students displayed exceptional talent and dedication to their music. Congratulations to Mia Johannis who won one of the coveted awards for endeavour and commitment. Aylish played in the Davis orchestra at the Border Music Camp. This is the highest level group in the camp and is occupied mostly by much older students. She is one of, if not the youngest ever to perform in this group. An amazing accomplishment girls! Congratulations to Charlie Hargreaves for being selected in the PSSA NSW Tennis Team to play in the Interstate Championship in Darwin, commencing later this term. This is a wonderful achievement and we wish Charlie all the best as she competes against other tennis players from a variety of Australian schools.

Congratulations also to Sarsha Smith who played in the PSSA Riverina Girls Soccer Team at the State Carnival in Week 9 last term at Nelson Bay. Sarsha’s coach reported she was a credit to herself, her school and the Riverina team. Sarsha is to be congratulated on her teamwork, sportsmanship and her versatility within the team.

SCHOOL GYMNASTICS PROGRAM- On Tuesday the hall was abuzz with excitement and movement, as Kindergarten and Year 1 students commenced their School Gymnastics program with specialist teachers. I watched several classes having great fun developing their aerobic fitness, gross motor and listening skills.

We are accepting payment for this program until this Friday.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION AND NAIDOC WEEK- National Recognition Week was held late last term. Next Thursday our dance group, consisting of boys and girls, will be performing a reconciliation dance at both assemblies. All classes have also learnt a song titled ‘Let’s Recognise’.

Last week, around Australia NAIDOC Week was celebrated. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society. Tomorrow, as part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations, all Year 5 students will be involved in establishing an indigenous garden in front of the Annexe. The students will be creating some artworks to place in the garden. Each Year 5 student will need to bring an old shirt to protect their uniform whilst painting.

Many thanks to Kate Preston, P & C President for obtaining a Coles Junior Landcare grant and to Leonie McIntosh, an Indigenous CSU Lecturer for her involvement and advice in the establishment of this special garden. Unfortunately the Year 6 NAIDOC Week visit to Albury West Public School, planned for tomorrow, has been cancelled due to the inclement weather forecast.

Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS - A reminder that we currently taking names of students who will be
commencing Kindergarten in 2015. If your child is starting school, please contact the office so we can
ensure you receive the important enrolment information.

REMINDER—PERMISSION NOTES FOR PERFORMANCES have been extended to this Friday,
18 July. Kinder-Year 2 “The Little Bad Wolf” and Years 3-6 “The Cyber Bully”. Please return
permission notes and relevant payments to the front office as soon as possible. No late notes or
payments will be accepted. These notes were sent home last term.

PLEASE NOTE!- ONLINE PAYMENTS- When completing a payment online please remember
to manually fill out the permission note and return it to the front office. We still need your
written permission for students’ participation in activities.

YR 6 NAIDOC Albury West Public School Excursion - Due to inclement weather, the scheduled
Year 6 excursion to Albury West Public School on Thursday 17 July has been cancelled. The money
paid for your child to participate in this excursion will be used to reduce the cost of the Year 6 Dinner
and Disco at the end of the year. If you have any concerns regarding this arrangement please contact
the front office. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

FRENCH NEWS – Le 14 juillet– The 14th of July (Bastille Day). July 14th is the French national
holiday. On this day, the French people remember the Great Revolution. This was
the beginning of democracy in France and the idea that all people were free and
equal. The holiday recalls the day on which French people took over a prison called
the Bastille. In English, it is also called Bastille Day. There are fireworks and dances
in the street. There is a big parade in Paris, with planes flying in the sky. Nowadays le 14
juillet is a very happy and noisy celebration. Di Heywood, French Teacher.

SPORTS REPORTS

PLEASE NOTE– If inclement weather causes the cancellation of Friday PSSA Sport, the school is
notified at 11:15am. This is PSSA policy. Please ring the office after this time if you require
information. Thank you for your assistance.

PSSA AFL-Our first game for the competition was played at Xavier against St Annes. We
kicked 3 goals 9 points to make a total of 27, narrowly defeating a very skilful opposition by a
narrow 6 point margin. This win was due to the consistent efforts of ALL players. We were
fierce with tackling and quick to clear the ball to a team mate. Our Best-On Ground players were:
Mitchell Nusser, Tom Grigg, Connor Bartasius, Max Byrne, James Steer and Rhett Barton. Many
thanks to Tony Grigg who managed the team and our parent supporters who came along to watch.
Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.

PSSA HOCKEY- It was a cold and windy day when the Junior and Senior Hockey teams
finally got to take to the field at Alexandra Park. The grounds were very wet which made
for a muddy afternoon. Lyndon Robertson took the Junior team who played against
Lavington Public School. Oliver Rennie 3CC, Vishu Singh 4LJH and Spencer Roberston 3CC kindly
joined the Lavington team to assist with numbers. A special mention also to Lucy Mack 4MCH who
demonstrated great passing of the ball and strong defence skills. The Juniors were successful in
winning their first game with the final score being 2 – 0. Thank you to Lyndon for volunteering his
expertise to assist the Junior team.
The Senior Team played Lavington Public School with Matthew Brownbill 5/6AB captaining the side
and doing an effective job at managing playing positions. The Seniors enjoyed some great competition
and were also successful in winning their first game.
Thank you to the parents who came along to support the students at their first game for the season.
We invite all family and friends to our games held at Alexandra Park at approximately 1:30pm on
Fridays. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

RIVERINA HOCKEY TEAM- Bailey Clemson was one of just a few students from Albury who were
selected to represent the Riverina Region at the Hockey State Championships held in Canberra in
June. Over three days, the squad of 13 boys played 5 games under the guidance of Coach Ken
Browne. In what was some cold and miserable weather, the boys put in a terrific effort to win one
game. Ken Browne’s feedback about Bailey’s participation was extremely positive, with Ken noting the
strong performance of Bailey both on and off the field. Albury Public School is extremely proud of
Bailey; we commend him for his selection in the Riverina Hockey Team and also for the sportsmanship
and positive attitude that he demonstrated. Congratulations Bailey. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.
Welcome back to Term 3. Hope you all had a relaxing holiday.

We have a few gaps in the roster so please phone or call in and put your name down.
Rachael and Ali, Ph 6021 2370.

ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION—Congratulations to the following students who achieved terrific results in the recent ICAS Computer Skills Competition:-

Year 3:  
**Merit**—Lily Baillie  
**Credit**—Marissa Gardiner, Max Geering, Jessica Kemp  
**Distinction**—Alexander Clune, Jordyn Hopkins, Liam Pontt, Spencer Robertson, Ryan Yensch

Year 4:  
**Merit**—Ava Howard, Mitchell Lawes  
**Credit**—John Kean, Lucy Mack  
**Distinction**—Lillian Eggleton, Ian Howsam

Year 5:  
**Merit**—Joshua Green, Asha Krautz, Milisa Milanovic  
**Credit**—Mackenzie Jones, Tobias Lewis, Grace McGarvie, David Pasko, Darcy Power, Harkirat Singh, Meghan Yensch  
**Distinction**—Lily Robertson

Year 6:  
**Merit**—Matthew Brownbill, Callum Bruce, Ellie Zilberman  
**Credit**—Zain Allerdance, Tom Grigg  
**Distinction**—Ben Pedler

HOMEWORK SUPPORT- If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment, don’t forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework. For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G

BOYS VOCAL WORKSHOPS
Are you a boy in Years 6-12 at a Government school? Do you love to sing? Then this is for you !!! This is an exciting singing workshop specifically designed for boys from school Years 6-12. it will be held at Albury High School on Wednesday 6 August from 10:00-2:00pm. The cost for the workshop is $30, payable to Albury High School. Registration closes Friday 1 August. Contact Mardi Sergi, Music Teacher, Albury High School on 60213488 for further information.

FLU SEASON IS HERE!- Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Please remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.
The 20\textsuperscript{th} of June signalled the start of Sloth week. We had been reading about sloths in reading groups, and decided to look at a number of texts about these interesting mammals to get as much information as we could. Each of us has shared a fact about sloths.

\begin{center}
\textbf{Sloth FACTS 3CK}
\end{center}

\begin{tabular}{p{0.4\textwidth}}
\hline
BILLY: The male sloths have their own pattern on their back patch. \\
RYAN: When a sloth is sick, it’s mouth will change colour. \\
JASPER: The three toed sloth swims really well, while the two toed sloth cannot swim at all! \\
EMMA: The females let out a loud screech when they are ready to mate. \\
ELINOR: Sloths have more vertebrae in their necks than other mammals with nine. They can turn their heads 280 degrees. \\
HARRIET: Sloths can sleep upside down. \\
ISABEL: The orphaned babies get fed goats milk. It is all they will drink. \\
WADIH: Sloths move so little they actually grow algae on their fur. \\
LIAM: The name sloth came from early English – ‘slowth’ meaning slow. \\
FLYNN D: We need to save the rainforests to protect the sloths. \\
ZOEY: The babies cling to their mothers for six months. \\
FLYNN F: Sloths do a funny dance before they poo. \\
GURSAHIB: Sloths are endangered animals. \\
JAKE: Sloths are the slowest mammals. \\
CLAUDETTE: Sloths are herbivores. They eat plants, flowers and roots of trees. \\
SOPHIE: There are two types of sloth left. The two toed and three toed sloths. \\
BRIELLE: Sloths get the water they need from the leaves they eat. \\
AVA: Sloths have been known to cling in the trees when they are dead. \\
ELLA: Their arms are twice the length of their legs. \\
CALEB: Sloths eat upside down! \\
JESS: There is not much known about sloths. They are a mystery mammal. \\
KANESHA: Sloths take a long time to digest their food. Almost a month!! \\
RAJAN: Sloths sleep for about 15 - 20 hours a day. \\
BEN: Sloths come down to the ground only once a week to poo. \\
\hline
\end{tabular}