Dear All

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - Last Monday was a beautiful day for the Riverina Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all our students who competed. I know they represented our school admirably. As yet we have not been informed of results, but they will published as soon as we receive them. Several students have already told me of their success in their events which means they will represent our school at the State Carnival in Sydney in October. These are fantastic achievements!

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING - The Australian Government has declared tomorrow, Thursday 7 August to be a National Day of Mourning to honour the innocent victims of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17. As a mark of respect and mourning to those who lost their lives, the Australian flag will be flown at half-mast all day.

EISTEDDFOD - Congratulations to all the students who have performed at this year's Albury Eisteddfod in the areas of dance, music, speech and drama. Also special congratulations to our two wonderful, talented Junior and Senior choirs. At time of printing we did not know the results but I am sure both Miss Macleod and Mr Sewell were very proud of their efforts and behaviour. I know I certainly was when they performed at Open Day last Tuesday.

STAFF NEWS - Congratulations to Ms Danae Bray, our School Counsellor and her partner Georgio Moufarij on the arrival of their beautiful daughter Layla Grace. Layla arrived on 29 July. We wish the new family all the best and hope there are not too many sleepless nights for the happy parents!

Last Friday afternoon a staff member, Miss Kirsty Sheridan was involved in a car accident. Miss Sheridan is currently in a Melbourne hospital. I spoke to Kirsty yesterday and she assured me she was improving each day. At this stage we are unsure when she will be back on class. Mrs Helen O’Brien will teach 1MH this week and then Mrs Suzanne Burgess will teach 1MH until Miss Sheridan returns. Both teachers will be following the class program and routines. We wish Miss Sheridan a speedy recovery. I will keep the parents/carers of 1MH informed of Miss Sheridan’s progress.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - A reminder that the 2014 Voluntary School Contributions are still being gratefully received at the Front Office. These contributions supplement resources and programs in our school. This year’s general school contribution is $40 per student. This can be paid through the Parent Online Payment system (link is on the school website), by EFTPOS or cash at the Front Office. Please ask if you are unsure whether you have already paid.

THANK YOU - A big thank you to Mrs Fay Smith for sewing new fitted covers for the beds in our sick bay. The sheets certainly brighten the room. I would also like to thank the parents who help tidy up the Clothing Pool, particularly Melissa Wills. Ladies you are doing a great job and we sincerely appreciate your assistance! A reminder that we would appreciate any uniform items that are in good condition. If you have some items please pop them into the front office (especially socks). I would also like to acknowledge the time and effort our two wonderful Scholastic Bookclub organisers Penny Pope and Susie Geering give to organise the large number of book orders each month. It is great that we can give our students and parents/carers this opportunity to purchase quality books and promote the love of reading. Our school is also able to purchase books for the library from the bonus points we earn from each order.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
CORE VALUES - NSW 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. The Department of Education and Communities has nine core values. Each week at Albury Public School we have been emphasising a different core value. We are now going to focus on three core values that we regard as being very relevant to our school community. These three values will be implemented in conjunction with our current Code of Conduct.

We ask your support through a survey that is being sent home with today's newsletter, to establish which three specific core values we will be concentrating on. Thank you in anticipation. Brigitta Schwarz, Welfare Committee.

VISITORS FROM JAPAN
On Thursday 24 July, our Year 6 students at Albury Public welcomed some very special visitors to our school. A group of Japanese high school students from Albury High School’s “Sister School” in Japan, entertained our students with a variety of demonstrations. They sang their school song, and then enjoyed listening to our students sing our school song. The Japanese students also shared a power-point presentation of pictures of their school (which is 5 stories high) and has its own tennis court and swimming pool. Some of the girls wore their traditional Japanese dress (the kimono), whilst the boys, in traditional Judo attire, demonstrated some impressive moves. Our students also got to sample some Japanese noodles, which were delicious! 6AP Students.

SPORTS NEWS
Congratulations to Charlie Byrne who recently attended the PSSA Riverina Softball trials in Wagga Wagga this term. Charlie was selected to be part of the Riverina team, making the final squad of 12 boys. The squad will now represent Riverina at the State Championships in Lismore from 16 to 18 September. Well done Charlie!
Chris Bourke, Coordinator.
Thank you to all our helpers. We still have a few gaps in the roster for Term 3. Please call in or phone if you can help.

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Rachael and Ali, ph 6021 2370.

Spelling Bee- Spelling Bee is one of the most popular education games available for mobile devices, and now your children can also play it from the family computer. The Spelling Bee game quizzes your child with a huge list of words from Australia’s national dictionary, the Macquarie Dictionary. With three levels of difficulty, the Spelling Bee is a great learning tool for primary school-aged students and an excellent revision activity for older kids (and parents) too. Please go to http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/educational-games/spelling-bee to download the free game.

Parent Online Payments (POP)- Please note that the minimum payment for the Parent Online Payment is $10.00. Please do not pay smaller amounts via this method, as the school has to pay a fee for each transaction. Thank you for your cooperation.

Boomerang Blue Notes and Payments via Front Office- Please remember the front office staff are unable to give change to students to take home to parent/carers. Please ensure correct money is sent in with notes, in a sealed envelope with the students details clearly marked. Payment envelopes are available from the front office.

Head Lice- Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. You'll find these little critters at every school across Australia - and probably the world - at some point during the year. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. Go to http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits

Community News
John Wood and The Other Theatre Company present “HEROES”. This is an Art Health adult show in the form of a musical comedy that addresses serious men’s health and mental health issues. The show will be at The Cube between 14-23 August, 2014. Please phone Shoshanna Griffin for further information on 0407 942 106.
4LB's Kitchen Garden Experience

This Semester 4LB have been actively involved with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. We have had many wonderful opportunities including learning new skills, such as obtaining our ‘knife licences’ and learning over ten fabulous and healthy recipes that are so easy to make! The students had fun working in the garden, making compost, planting and harvesting fresh produce.

To construct a wicking box you need the following items...