Dear All

LAPATHON- What a magnificent sunny day we had today for our annual Lapathon. The students certainly enjoyed the day and should sleep well tonight after all the laps they completed! A big thank you to the many parents and friends who attended and completed laps of the course with their children. This is a main school fundraiser and I thank our families for their generous support. Thanks also to the canteen ladies and P & C members who provided the sausage sizzle, Mr Pantling and Mr Neil for setting up the course and Mrs Whitehead for organising the day.

The money raised will be used to purchase more laptops for student use and resources for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. We would appreciate all forms and money to be returned to the front office by next Friday 12 September.

NAPLAN (NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM- LITERACY AND NUMERACY)
Today parents of Year 3 and 5 students will receive their child’s NAPLAN results, stating how their child has performed compared to the school, state and national averages in literacy and numeracy. Congratulations to all the students for their efforts. An important feature of the reports is that they show achievement against a single scale that covers ten achievement bands from Year 3 to Year 9. This means that as your child does the NAPLAN tests every two years you will be able to compare results with those from previous tests and see his or her progress on the scale.

The student report from each year level shows six bands. It is important to remember that although the results are distributed today, students participated in NAPLAN in May and the results show the students’ knowledge and skills at that time. Also please note that NAPLAN is only one test in each area in literacy and numeracy on one day. Your child’s teacher is assessing him/her throughout the year in a variety of ways.
Parents are advised to make an appointment with their child’s teacher if you require further information about interpreting the report or to find out more about the performance of their child in the NAPLAN tests.

At Albury Public School we are continuously striving to improve our teaching practices, improve student learning outcomes and meet all students’ needs. As a staff we will analyse the NAPLAN and trend data and develop an action plan. I will include a brief summary of our results in a future newsletter, highlighting the achievements and future focus areas.

SASS RECOGNITION WEEK 1 - 5 SEPTEMBER
‘School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) - Stepping Up To The Challenge’. Our SASS play an essential role in the operation of Albury Public School and in supporting student learning. They provide wonderful support to the Principal, the executive team, teachers, parents/carers and students. We are very grateful to our SASS and all that they do for our school community. Please take the time this week to thank them for the high level of dedication they give to their work.

School Administrative Manager: Mrs Jenny Groch
School Administrative Officers: Mrs Felicity Bridle and Mrs Margaret Evans
General Assistant: Mr Ian Pantling
School Learning and Support Officers: Mrs Jackie Wakley, Mrs Fay Smith, Mrs Jill Stewart, Mrs Anne Ridout, Mrs Leanne Schifferle, Mrs Kellie Hyman, Mrs Carolyne Sullivan and Mrs Zara Merritt.

YEAR 3 CAMP- Next Tuesday 9 September and Wednesday 10 September our Year 3 students will be attending an overnight camp at the Wymah Resort. I know the students are very excited about their first school camp. The students will be accompanied by Mrs Martin, Mr Clift, Ms King and Mrs Anne Ridout. I will also be attending the activities during the day. Please ensure your child’s medical note has been returned by tomorrow.

LEAVING AFTER SCHOOL- To develop students’ independence and ensure student safety, we encourage parents to wait for their child at the front of the school at 3:00pm, not in the playground. Students then have the responsibility to get to the front area after school. It also ensures the safety of your child. If you are running late, and your child is at the front of the school we can phone you. If the students are waiting in the playground for you we may not necessarily see them immediately. This could cause anxiety. Each afternoon either Mrs Eckley or myself supervise the front area after school so please arrange to meet your child at the front of the school NOT in the playground.

STAFF NEWS- Mrs Katrina Whitehead commences Long Service Leave today. Miss Lauren Hastings will be teaching 2MWM Monday to Wednesday until the end of the term. Mrs Whitehead returns first day back Term 4.

CONGRATULATIONS- Congratulations to Joel Orchard, a Year 5 student, who performed with Opera Australia at the Albury Entertainment Centre last night with eleven other local students, aged 8 to 14 years. The performance was ‘The Magic Flute’. What a fantastic opportunity and a wonderful achievement Joel, well done!

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
PSSA HOCKEY– Last week the Juniors were successful in winning against Lavington East 6 – 0. All players worked together as a team to be strong in attack and vigilant in defence. Well done to all our goal scorers; Ryan Yensch, Lachlan Lambert, Lucy Mack, Ruby Martin and Spencer Robertson. Bridget Ritchie and Vishu Singh are also to be commended for their hard work on the day. A sincere thank you to Lyndon Robertson for his expertise in coaching. The Senior team defeated St Pats 6-4. Well done to all our goal scorers; Navraj Dhillon, Toby Lewis, Ben Pedler and Oliver Henderson. Ben and Navraj scored two goals each. Tom Newman was Captain and did a good job managing positions and the interchange bench. We invite all family and friends to our last game game held at Alexandra Park this Friday at approximately 1:30pm.

Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

PSSA AFL- It was a very warm Friday afternoon when Albury played a skilled St Pats football team at the Xavier oval. The final score was St Pats 46 – Albury 26. We were quite evenly matched in the first quarter but did not score in the second. We needed to defend our opposition more closely in the second and third terms as they converted every opportunity possible into major scores. We defended more tightly in the final term and managed to score again. It was terrific to see that our players showed good team spirit during the game and certainly tried their best. Best on ground: Max Byrne, Jett Raudino, Jack Drummond, James Steer, Zain Allerdice, Connor McAleer, Jack Deighton, Charlie Byrne, Bailey Clemson and Callum Bruce. Many thanks to Mick Murphy for coaching and umpiring. Christel Pargert, Coordinator.

PSSA SENIOR SOCCER- Last Friday saw APS Gold play St Johns and APS Blue play Trinity at Alexandra Park. Well done to both sides who had convincing wins and represented APS with pride. Lauren Antonello blocked the many attempts at goal by St Johns. Harry Carmody, Jayden Lyness, Myron Ayton, Sami El-Souki and Yasmin Linssen were also major contributors on the day. Well done to both senior sides!

Chris Bourke, Coordinator.

ICAS SPELLING COMPETITION– Congratulations to the following students who achieved fantastic results in the recent ICAS Spelling Competition-

Year 3- Merit- Jasper Wood, Credit- Xavier Allerdice, Sienna Bowler, Elli Cooper-Stonehouse, Alexander Newman, Spencer Robertson, Distinction- Elinor McGarvie, Jessica Kemp

Year 4- Merit- Paige Double, Myah Glenane, Valentina Todros, Credit- Lillian Eggleton, Thomas Hyman, Dante Kirwin, Mitchell Lawes, Lucy Mack, Distinction- John Kean

Year 5- Merit- Sarah Boyall, Alanah Kilo, Kristian Shipard, Credit- Rachael Kemp, James Kilpatrick, Ziggy Lamond, Emily Wills, Eve Zawertailo, Distinction- Joshua Green, Milisa Milanovic, Jye Tasker

Year 6- Merit- Matthew Brownbill, Credit- Gerty Balbao, Callum Bruce, Natalie Gibbons

ORANGO-TANGO DAY- The Orangutan Project (TOP) is a not-for-profit organisation, supporting orangutan conservation, rainforest protection and reintroduction of orphans in order to save the species from extinction. As our Term 3 fundraiser, our Student Councillors have chosen to support this organisation. On Friday 12 September, the students of Albury Public School are invited to come to school dressed in orange or in an item of clothing that symbolises orangutans. Students are to bring a gold coin to school on this day to support the Orangutan Project. For more information about this organisation, please visit the website www.orangutan.org.au

YEAR 5 VISIT TO ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL- Year 5 students will be participating in an excursion to Albury High (AHS) tomorrow, Thursday 4 September 2014. This excursion has been planned as an Orientation Day and to provide an opportunity for students to experience lessons in a secondary school setting. A BBQ lunch will be provided. As lunch will be at AHS, there will be no lunch orders available on this day. Students will be involved in a ‘Commonwealth Games’ style event, therefore they are encouraged to wear colours that represent their designated countries. Students have been notified of their country by their classroom teacher. A hat and enclosed shoes are also necessary. Jessica Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER & DISCO 2014- The Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Disco will be held on Tuesday 16 December 2014. Many thanks to all the parents and friends who have volunteered to assist in the organisation of this special occasion by attending an information evening in the Staffroom on Wednesday 10 September at 7:00 pm. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and appreciate your assistance in making this night a memorable one for our students.

2014 YEAR 6 GRADUATION MEMORABILIA- The Albury Public School Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) has offered Year 6 students an opportunity to purchase a ‘Signature Bear or Ball’ as a way to record their graduation and celebration of primary school. These items are available to purchase as part of a P&C fundraiser. If your child would like to purchase an item, please return the order slip in a clearly marked and sealed envelope with correct money to the Front Office by Friday 12 September. Payments can only be made in cash or cheque made payable to Albury Public School P & C. Payments cannot be made online. No late orders will be accepted. Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

APS FOOTY COLOURS DAY- Thursday 18 September. Be sure to wear your favourite football team’s colours. Bring along a gold coin donation to support the fight against cancer!

Chris Bourke, Coordinator.
Thurs 4 9:00-11:30am Mel Wills 11:00-1:30pm Anna Putland
Fri 5 9:00-11:30am Rebecca Tilders 11:00-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Mon 8 12:00-1:30pm Simone Irvine
Tues 9 12:00-1:30pm Louise Cameron
Wed 10 11:00-1:30pm Jessica Wilkinson
Thurs 11 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED 11:00-1:30pm Karen Kilo
Fri 12 9:00-11:30am Cath White 11:00-1:30pm Nicky Bruce

Thank you to all our helpers! We only have a couple of gaps for the rest of this term, but you are welcome to put your name down on next term’s roster if you can. Thank you, Rachael and Ali, Ph 6021 2370.

FATHERS’ DAY- A reminder that the P & C will be holding a Fathers’ and Others’ Day stall TOMORROW Thursday 4 September. We are looking for a couple of helpers for setup and to work on the stall from 9:30am to 1:00pm on the day. If anyone is able to help, please call Kerry Van Zanten on 0402 325721.

WORKING BEE THANKYOU. A BIG thankyou to all the parents, staff and enthusiastic students, who helped at the working bee on Sunday morning. It was a perfect day for gardening and the bed is now ready for planting some time during the Spring, by the SAKG students.
Lou Newman P&C Committee member.

LIBRARY NEWS- PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)- The 2014 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge has finished. Congratulations to all participants. This year 140 students successfully completed the Challenge. This is 23% of the school population! It is great to see so many students actively engaged in reading. Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting and encouraging your child/children in their efforts. Such support is greatly appreciated. The students who completed the Challenge will receive a certificate acknowledging their efforts. This will be presented in the middle of Term 4.

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK– The students completed wonderful drawings of their favourite books and characters. The Kindergarten, Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr 6 efforts have been displayed in the library. They look wonderful and are creating a lot of discussion. You are welcome to come and view them. Year 3 work is on display in the top of the Castle. The students who participated in the activity were given a participation certificate this week. Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.

VALUES AWARD WINNERS- Yr 6 Chloe Smiles, Yr 3 Claudette Freeman, Yr 4 Lara Butlin, Yr 5 Harkirat Singh.

LOST PROPERTY– We have three clothing baskets of lost property – all unlabelled. We will be hanging these items on the Manor steps to be claimed in the last week of term. If you are missing any items of uniform please come and claim them. Shelley Merritt, Coordinator.

COMMUNITY NEWS
LOCAL ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP– Next meeting will be held on 17 September at Thurgoona Public School. For further information email aileenwilliams22@hotmail.com
EAST ALBURY CRICKET CLUB REGISTRATIONS- Saturday 6 & Saturday 13 September from 9:00-12:00noon. Thurgoona Plaza, Thurgoona and Alexandra Park, East Albury. Contact John Milosta 0407 261 386 or Anthony Hunter 0414 591 194 for further information.
ALBURY JUNIOR TOUCH SUMMER COMPETITION- Registration Monday 8 September &15 September from 5:00-6:00pm at Jelbart Park. For further information please contact 0418 166 762 or visit www.alburytouch.com

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL
10/09/14
$5.50 Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll, Juice.
Year 3 Groups

Every Thursday Year 3 complete lessons with all of the Year 3 teachers. In Computer lessons Mr Clift has been teaching us how to use the digital cameras to make power points about our school values. Ms King has been teaching us about resilience and how to feel good about ourselves in “Bounce Back” and Mrs Martin has been teaching us about simple machines in COGs. Here are some samples of our work.

Care

Care is helping someone when they need it.

Care is caring for others.

Don’t just care for them, help them.

Keep calm and respect others.

You smile are responsible for you.

Many hands make light work.