Dear All

As this will be the last newsletter for this year I would like to thank the whole school community for their wonderful support and especially our fantastic students! Our staff, both teaching and administrative, deserve many accolades for everything they do for our students every day. It has been a very busy and fruitful year, our students have achieved well, excelled in sporting endeavours and more importantly grown as citizens.

PRESENTATION DAY

This morning we held a very successful Presentation Day for Years 2-6 students at the Albury High School hall. It was great to see so many students receiving awards or performing. Unfortunately we can only present a certain number of awards but I know the staff and I are very proud of the achievements of all our students. Every student should feel very proud of their efforts this year and strive to continue to do their best in all their endeavours in 2016. Congratulations to these students:-

2016 School Captains - Phoebe Grigg and Mitchell Lawes
2016 Vice Captains - Ava Tuksar and Harrison Lawes

I am sure you will all fulfil your roles admirably. The recipients of the special awards, both academic and sporting are printed on page 2 of this newsletter. Congratulations again to them all!

COUNCILLORS LUNCH

Yesterday Mrs Dicketts, Mrs Whitehead and I shared a ‘lunch out’ with our current student councillors. We shared quite a few pizzas and it was great to have a social interaction with 12 students who have done so much for our school during the year. It would have been demonstrated to all those present today, as they led the ceremony, that they were indeed wonderful leaders!

2016 NEWS

A reminder that students in Yrs 1-6 return to school on Thursday 28 January. As is the custom, students will return to their 2015 classes for a few days until enrolment numbers are finalised. Our current enrolment numbers indicate we are only one student off forming a 24th class. As you are aware, many things can happen over the holidays, and two students either way make a huge difference.

New Kindergarten students will receive a letter stating their starting time for Friday 29 January.

STAFF CHANGES

Miss Di Heywood, has announced that she will not be returning to our school next year. She has decided to retire and move to sunny Queensland! I wish to thank her for her commitment to the French program over many years. Many of our ex-students who have travelled abroad have been able to ask questions, directions, find accommodation and eat, as a result of the French program led by Miss Heywood.

Thanks for everything and best wishes for the future!

Ms Alison Griffith and Mr Ross Sewell will be on leave during 2016. We wish them a happy and safe year.

As we are unsure of other staff appointments we are not able to announce replacements at this stage.

To conclude I wish you and your families a very happy festive season and a 2016 full of peace.

PLEASE travel safely!

Vicki Harris - Principal
PRESENTATION DAY SPECIAL AWARDS 2015
Congratulations to the following students-

Performing Arts Award - Junior - Rory Harrap
Senior - Ziggy Lamond
Creative Arts Award -
School Music Award -
School Citizenship Award -
Principal’s Award -
Jane Cummins Lotte Award -
Junior Sports Award -
Senior Sports Award -
Michael Carney Sports Citizenship Award -

Sophie Irvine and Natasha Simuong who have each gained a position in the 2016 Junior Riverina Albury Dance Ensemble. This year the field of applicants was large and very talented, so these girls have done very well to make it through. We wish them well in their endeavours.

JUNIOR RIVERINA DANCE ENSEMBLE- Congratulations to

SPORTS ASSEMBLY- We are holding our final sports assembly tomorrow, Thursday, 10 December, at 2:00pm in the APS hall. At this assembly we will be awarding pennants for district representation. We will also be presenting certificates for PSSA and school sport. Thank you to all members of our school community who have contributed to making our sports programs run smoothly this year. APS Sports Committee.

CRICKET REPORTS
BLUE- APS Junior Blue played LEPS Green. We batted first and quickly put 78 runs on the board. With some excellent bowling LEPS were out for 11. Team members were: Sanjaya K, Liam P, Jack H, Dominic M, Luke V - Z, Rhys K, Jack W, Lachlan R, Noah S, Rory H, Oscar W, Jake L, and Billy R. It has been wonderful to see the boys enjoy their cricket and be such great sports. Well done boys!

APS Senior Blue played their last game against LEPS Green. Batters struck several boundaries during our innings with some accurate bowling and fielding. Team members were: Josh G, Louise G, Joseph W-H, Ian H, Brodie P, Rupert B, Charlie J, Jonathon G, Hamish W, Charlie C, Theo T, Joel O, David P and Will P. The boys were great ambassadors for the game. Congratulations boys!

A special thank you to Mrs Pargeter for trialling and organising the four teams, also to the parents who gave their support at matches on Friday.

GOLD - Our final match for the term was played against Albury North at Norris Park. The Junior Gold team made 114 runs, with most batters retiring on solid scores. The Senior Gold team were quite efficient with their bowling and fielding; holding NAPS to a total of 63. Our Senior batters made 83 quickly. Well done to all members of the Gold teams as they continued to encourage one another and display fair sportsmanship. A huge thank you to Mr Grigg and Mr Boehm who assisted with umpiring and scoring throughout the season.

JUNIOR T-BALL- The last game of the year saw many team members trying to take catches, both on our mixed team and on the Lavington team. It was terrific to hear encouraging comments being given to others throughout the game.

The teacher from Lavington, who supervised our girls’ team playing against her girls’ team, also reported fantastic attempts at catching and running by our Albury Public students.

Many thanks to all the parents and friends who attended our Years 2-6 Presentation Day this morning. I look forward to seeing our Kindergarten and Year 1 parents at the Presentation Assemblies tomorrow. I wish you and you family a Merry Xmas and a safe holiday.

Carolyn Howard, Deputy Principal.

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Thank you very much to our loyal but fair supporter, Caroline Whittle, who assisted with the Albury Public teams each week. The students also enjoyed having some of their parents come along throughout the season to cheer them on from the sidelines.

Jenny Boehm, Class Teacher.

SENIOR SOFTBALL- The Senior Boys team had a bye for their final game so they played against each other; enjoying a bit of friendly competition.

The Senior Girls team had a great win over Hume Public School. I would like to thank all the players for their positive attitude throughout the season; each of them showed good sportsmanship and they were always ready to lend a hand with the kits. Well done everyone.

Also, a special thank you to Lyndon Robertson, who assisted with coaching and umpiring.

Juniors are invited to attend the Disco and are to arrive no earlier than 5:40pm via the Smollett Street gates. Please refer to separate note sent home last week for more information re food.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY
Year 6 students will be presented with their Graduation Certificates at our Year 6 Graduation Assembly to be held on Tuesday 15 December 2015. This assembly will be held in the APS Hall commencing at 11:30am and finishing at approximately 12:45pm. All students are to wear their formal summer school uniform.

YEARS 5 & 6 CELEBRATION DAY - Celebration Day is on Friday 11 December. Stage 3 will be going to Albury Regent Cinema to watch ‘Goosebumps’ at 11am. The movie will be followed by party food for lunch at 12:30pm back at school. Please refer to separate note sent home last week for more information re food.

Year 6 students are invited to the Dinner and Disco - The Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Disco will be held on Tuesday 15 December 2015. Year 6 students are invited to attend the Dinner and Disco and are to arrive no earlier than 5:40pm via the Smollett Street gates, to share nibbles near the canteen. Year 5 students are invited to attend the Disco and are to arrive no earlier than 7:00pm via the Smollett Street gates near the canteen. The 2016 Student Councillors
are invited to the Dinner and Disco and are also asked to bring a small plate of nibbles to share prior to the dinner. These students will need to arrive no earlier than 5:40pm. All students are to be collected by 9:00pm from the APS hall.

YEAR 6 CLAP OUT - The Year 6 Clap Out is a much loved tradition at our school. We extend an invitation to all of our families to join us for this event as Year 6 enjoy their last walk across our playground as students of Albury Public School. This event will begin at 2:45pm on the last day, Wednesday 16 December. Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

REVERSE CHRISTMAS TREE (ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY & BORDER FOOD 4 THOUGHT) The Christmas tree is decorated and ready for your donations of unwrapped gifts and non-perishable food items to be placed underneath. Thank you to the generous families who have already placed items there. Remember that the gifts can be for babies, children or adults. Jenny Boehm, Coordinator.

HUME STUDENT BANKING - No more banking will be collected this year. Banking will resume Week 3 Term 1, 2016.

ROSTER
Thurs 10 Christie Pengelly 9:00-11:30am
Elizabeth 11:00-1:30pm
Fri 11 HELPER NEEDED 9:00-11:30am
Boun Robson 11:00-1:30pm
Mon 14 HELPER NEEDED 9:00-11:30am
Amy Hayne 11:30-1:30pm
Tues 15 HELPER NEEDED 9:00-11:30am
Julie Crawley 11:00-1:30pm
Wed 16 - CANTEEN CLOSED– LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to our school community. Thank you for supporting the APS Canteen. We look forward to working with you again next year!
Rachael and Simone- 60212370

MANGO FUNDRAISER.
Thank you to Ian Pantling, Stuart Howsam and Pip Newman for unloading all the mangoes. Thank you also to the people who helped hand them out and to all the people who purchased the mangoes as part of the P & C fundraiser. We hope you are enjoying them! We sold 320 trays and raised $1,935. 00– a fantastic effort!
Lou Newman, Coordinator.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPEAKOUT SCHOOL OF SPEECH AND DRAMA - School holiday drama workshops. Five day workshops, 15 hours of learning about different aspects of the theatre, including acting, movement, costume, and staging, with a final performance on the last day. Workshops for ages 7-9 and 10-12 years. Contact Sallie on 0498 143 194, or email sallielao@gmail.com. Workshops are limited to 14 participants, so book early.

FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Looking for something fun to book your children into these school holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics is offering school holiday programs at both our Albury and Wodonga venues, running both weeks of the holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a structured two hour program for Primary school children aged 5-12 years. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We are also offering trampoline and dance gym workshops which give children aged 5-16 years something a little different. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices and times please call (02) 60411127 Albury or (02) 60241129 Wodonga or visit www.flyawaygymnastics.com.au

GET A GRIP ON TENNIS -@Albury Tennis Club
Mitchell St, Albury. Contact Kate @ Get A Grip on Tennis—0418 572 626 or email kate@getagripontennis.com. Four Day Clinic, 12 hours of being introduced to the game, honing your skills, or for the more experienced being pushed out of your comfort zone! Bookings essential.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN & EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY
SATURDAY 12 December from 10:00am-1:00pm at QE11 Square. For further information please call 6021 7775.

HELEN BISHOP JUNIOR ART CLASSES – held at Albury Public School. Vacancies exist for Term 1, 2016. Check out the website www.juniorgalleryartclasses.com.au or phone 0414392459 for further enquiries.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER CLINICS – For locations and registrations visit www.australiannsoccerclinics.com.au or phone 1300 002 934. Bringing you Australia’s #1 Holiday Soccer clinics nationwide. Held at Albury-Metrole Park (Lavington) 18 & 19 January.
Introducing.......  
3/4CM's CRAZY CRITTERS

John
Dorothy

Oscar

Miss Piggy
Mary and Jamie

Crazy Nibbles
Ellie

Critter
Fluffy Lily

Tex

John Rockstar
Quacky
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2015 SPORT AWARD RECIPIENTS

The 2015 Michael Carney Sports Citizenship Award recipient is:- Max Byrne
The Premier's Sporting Medallion recipient this year is:- Ella Riches
The 2015 Junior Sportsperson of the Year is:- Caleb Clemson
This year’s Senior Sportsperson of the Year is:- Emily Wills

Riverina Region Representatives on one occasion during 2015.

Keely Bullivant-Athletics
Tilby Strang-Athletics
Asha Finlay-Athletics
Zachary Williams-Cross Country
Will Clarke-Diving
Lillian Eggleton-Hockey
Oliver Henderson-Hockey
Toby Lewis-Hockey
Thomas Newman-Hockey
Lily Robertson-Hockey
Spencer Robertson-Hockey
Kynon French-Rugby League
Ben White-Soccer
Ky McFaull-Softball
Myron Ayton-Swimming
William Haberfield-Swimming
Ella Henderson-Swimming
Rhys Kilo-Swimming
Olivia McCaig-Swimming
Abbey McCaig-Swimming
Charles Murphy-Swimming
Ella Riches-Swimming
Daisy Tuksar-Swimming
Jack Wills-Swimming
Amelia Baillie-Water polo
Olivea Beltrame-Water polo
Deacon Hogan-Water polo
Asha Krautz-Water Polo
Ruby Martin-Water polo

Riverina Region Representatives 2 or more occasions during 2015 or for 3 consecutive years.

Caleb Clemson-Athletics, Swimming
Lisa Cary- Athletics, Soccer
Ally Fowler-Athletics, Netball
Ava Tuksar- Athletics, Swimming, Soccer
Sally Lefoe- Basketball, Netball, Water Polo
Emily Wills-Basketball, Swimming, Water Polo
Petria Travassaros- Netball, Softball
William Murphy-Swimming, Water Polo
William Pargeter- Swimming, Water Polo
Max Byrne-Tennis, softball