Dear All

A reminder that the students’ last day of school is Wednesday 16 December. The following day Thursday 17 December, will be a pupil free day when staff will be participating in further professional learning and planning for 2016. The school will be closed on Friday 18 December, as staff have completed additional training hours during the year in lieu of the additional Staff Development Day.

SEMESTER TWO STUDENT REPORTS- Student reports will be sent home on Friday. After reading (almost) all of the 605 reports, I am very impressed with our students’ academic and social progress during this semester. Congratulations to every student; your parents should be very proud, as your teachers and I are, of your personal efforts and progress. Well done!

HELPERS MORNING TEA- This morning we held our ‘Helpers Morning Tea’ to thank those family and community members who have assisted our school during the year. This is just a small way in which we show our appreciation for the support and assistance so many give to aid our students and staff throughout the year. It was great to see so many who were able to join us. Thanks to our staff who supplied the yummy treats!

PRESENTATION DAY YEARS 2-6 An invitation is extended to all families and friends to attend our Annual Presentation Day at the Albury High School hall next Wednesday 9 December commencing at 10:15am. Class, special and regional/state sport awards, as well as incoming student leader badges will be presented. The Senior Choir and Ensemble will be performing. 3/4CM will be presenting a French item. Parking will be available on the school oval, the entrance being along Memorial Drive off Kiewa St. (AHS Oval).

Please see Dates in the Diary for Kindergarten and Year 1 Presentations.

2016 HOUSE LEADERS- Congratulations to our House Leaders for 2016!

HOVELL- Captains- Deacon Hogan and Myah Glenane
Vice-Captains- Rupert Baker and Ava Howard
HUME- Captains- Noah Graham and Genevieve Childs
Vice-Captains- Thomas Hyman and Lillian Eggleton
MITCHELL- Captains- Reese Spokes and Lucy Mack
Vice-Captains- Beau Morrison and Tilby Strang
MURRAY- Captains- Jake Cooper and Abbey McCaig
Vice-Captains- Charlie Bruce and Cody Smart

FIVE GOLDS MORNING TEA- Congratulations to the following students who achieved the Five Gold Certificates level and attended the special morning tea with the Principal last Wednesday:- Emily Pape, Mia Graham, Lucas Nusser, Max Geering, Ryan Yensch, Bridget Ritchie, Jessica Kemp, Ella Henderson, Zachary Williams, Bill Richardson, Jack Kelso, Hayley Coulter, Emma Sullivan, Mitchell Lawes, Soma Higginson, Gabby Baines, Brodie Porta, Lily Alexander, Ruby Martin, Ines Hazard, Dante Kirwin, Ky McFaul, Rachael Kemp, Sami El-Souki and Petria Travassaros. This is a wonderful achievement by these students.

MERIT CARDS/GOLD CERTIFICATES- Just a quick reminder that as we have now held our final weekly assembly for the year, that students should save their merit cards and gold certificates until next year to bring them in please.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete our 2015 survey, I have attached the link again: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/APSschoolsatis2015

The survey is to be completed online by Friday 4 December, 2015. The easiest way to access the link is from this newsletter page on the school’s website. Survey completion is confidential and voluntary – Thank you!
SPORTS NEWS
PSSA BLUE CRICKET
APS Junior Blue had a very convincing win against LEPS last Friday. Several players retired at 20 runs. Our bowlers dominated play with some quick wickets. Our fielders ensured that the LEPS’ run rate was kept to a minimum. Thanks to Mrs Karen Kilo and Mr Mark Korzeniowski for supporting our team. APS Senior Blue also defeated LEPS. As LEPS was short of players we evened up the numbers to help out with fielding and batting. There were an amazing number of boundaries hit by our team as well as some skilful wicket keeping and bowling to close play with a score of 66 – 0.

Lynn Macleod , Coordinator.

PSSA GOLD CRICKET
Last Friday we played our second last match for the season against West Albury at Waites Park. The Junior players batted and fielded very consistently and made 74 runs to WAPS’ 27. The Senior players also played very well against a good side. It is pleasing that all of the cricketers encouraged one another and acknowledged their achievements – either out in the field or with the bat. Well done!
Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.

SENIOR SOFTBALL
The Senior Girls team played Glenroy, everyone showed great sportsmanship, with Mackenna Robson, Natasha Simuong and Petria Travassaros all deserving special mention. Thanks to Aylish Jorgensen for taking on umpiring duties once again. The final score was 14 to 3, with Albury Public School being the winning team. The Senior Boys team also played Glenroy and the whole team played as a very cohesive unit. Everyone cheered one another and encouraged the efforts of their fellow players. Our final score was 23 to 0. Will Clarke, and Navraj Dhillon displayed accuracy in hitting the ball, which resulted in our win. Ky McFaull also excelled in moving between the bases. We had a very exciting game with the players using the skills they have acquired during the season. Helen O’Brien, Teacher.

JUNIOR T-BALL
A very friendly game of T-ball was played between a combination of our two junior T-ball teams and Albury West on Friday. Three of our students helped make up the Albury West team as it was short of players. Max Geering, Joel Bartasius and Alex Lutton showed terrific sportsmanship qualities while they played against the Albury Public team. Well done, boys! All of our students displayed a good eye for the ball, whether hitting or catching and I enjoyed the opportunity to accompany the team. Jenny Boehm, Teacher.

STAGE 3 CELEBRATION DAY
Celebration Day is on Friday 11 December. On this day we acknowledge the hard work and achievements of all the members of Stage 3 with a small celebration. This includes an excursion to Albury Regent Cinema to watch ‘Goosebumps’ at 11:00am. Permission notes were sent home last week and are due back on Monday 7 December. The movie will be followed by party food for lunch at 12:30pm back at school. Please refer to the separate note being sent home (pink) today 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.

STAGE 3 DINNER AND DISCO
The Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Disco will be held on Tuesday 15 December 2015. Year 6 students are invited to 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. These students are to arrive no earlier than 5:40pm and are also asked to bring a small plate of nibbles to share prior to the dinner. Students received permission notes last week; these are due back on Wednesday 9 December.

ALL CHILDREN are to be collected at 9:00pm from the Hall.
Jessica Brooker, Deputy Principal (Rel.)

LIBRARY NEWS
Borrowing for the year has ceased. All books need to be returned to the library. Your assistance with this matter is appreciated.
Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.

REVERSE CHRISTMAS TREE
(St Vincent de Paul Society & Border Food for 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.
Gold Certificates
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

ROSTER
Thurs 3  Kellie Kadaoui  9:00–11:30am
Boun  11:00–1:30pm
Fri 4  Kim Porta  9:00–11:30am
Christie Pengelly  11:00–1:30pm
Mon 7  Courtney Azzi  9:00–11:30am
Danielle Williams  11:00–1:30pm
Tues 8  Sue Shipard  11:00–1:30pm
Wed 9  Susan Marcuzzi  11:00–1:30pm
Thurs 10  Christie Pengelly  9:00–11:30am
Fri 11  HELPER NEEDED  9:00–11:30am
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Elizabeth  12:30–1:30pm

Rachael and Simone- 60212370

P & C NEWS- It is with great pleasure that the P&C Committee is contributing $30,000 and the school $10,000 towards the remodification of the manor playground. On behalf of the P&C Committee and the school I would like to make a special mention to Stuart Howsam for his tireless effort and time toward the design and planning of this project. The playground will be installed just before school starts for 2016, ready for our students to play on 1st term next year. We have also bought new netball uniforms and bibs, readers for the kindergarten classes and contributed over $1000 to the Stephanie Alexander Garden Program. The majority of these funds would not be available if it were not through the work of our P&C Committee and the entire school community’s participation in the Family Fun Fair last year. Thank you also to the Canteen for your $3000 contribution to the P&C Committee Funds. So a big thank you to everyone, as your efforts have contributed to enhancing our children’s learning environment here at Albury Public School, Kate Preston, President P & C

Please collect your child at 9.00pm from the Hall. MANGO DRIVE- The MANGOES are arriving next week on Tuesday 8 December. The mangoes will be available for pickup from the gym from 2:30 to 4:00pm. Please remember this date as there isn’t anywhere to store them if you forget. If anyone can help hand them out from 2:45pm onwards it would be fabuluous to hear from you. There are 2 trays spare, so if anyone would like them, please phone Lou Newman on 0408709960.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER PROGRAM- The students in the Stephanie Alexander Program have had a wonderful time over the past few weeks creating art from scrap materials found around their homes. We would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to the school community for your support, in particular Mr Waters who happily offered his time and skills to assist students assembling their projects. It was also lovely having Heidi Gray-Block’s very special grand-parents visit all the way from the Netherlands! We are also very grateful for the generous contribution made recently by the P &C. This enabled us to purchase more equipment, as well as some materials which helped make our art project such a success! Thank you! Please feel welcome to pop over to our garden and see some of the kooky little critters and other fantastic designs that adorn our lovely space!

Lynda Joyce and Leanne Schifferle

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 salliellao@gmail.com. Workshops are limited to 14 participants, so book early.

FLYAWAY GYMNASICS 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) 6041 1127 Albury or (02) 6024 1129 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.
Mo Day with Year 2 at Swim School

What a great way to celebrate Mo Day by going swimming. Year 2 had to make sure to peel off their moustaches before jumping in. Unfortunately we had some rather smudged moustaches by the end. However, Year 2 didn’t mind as they were having too much fun learning how to swim.