Dear All

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the break in cozy, warm conditions though I know a number of our families enjoyed the ski slopes. It was also great weather to snuggle up with a good book!

Yesterday’s morning assembly had a certain buzz to it with the students happy to return and catch up with their friends. I am sure they are looking forward to another term of learning and enjoyable activities.

Some of the events planned for the term are: Kindergarten’s 100 Days at School Party, Education Week’s Open Day, the Albury Eisteddfod, Fathers Day stall, Book Week, PJ Day (Stewart House fundraiser) and concluding with the School Musical extravaganza in Week 9.

This term we have had a number of staff changes. We welcome back Ms Danae Bray, our school counsellor, from maternity leave. Ms Bray will be at APS on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Sue Waters will be fulfilling the role of Learning and Support teacher for three days and on Thursdays Ms Kathryn Bonham will be teaching some K-3 classes as a Release From Face To Face teacher. We also welcome a new teacher Mrs Lyndall Brain who will be teaching 4CCB on Fridays.

We also welcome three new families from Tumut, the Gold Coast and Albury.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
On Monday all teaching staff attended the Combined Learning Conference at the Entertainment Centre which brought together the three learning communities in the Albury area. Approximately 560 teachers from 17 schools attended the conference. We were all inspired by the three keynote speakers to reflect on our current practices, identify what makes a difference in a classroom and how we can improve learning outcomes for our students. It was also a great opportunity to network with our colleagues from other schools. Many thanks to the Northern Spirit Learning Community for organising this event.

ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL PORTRAIT PRIZE
Selected creative portraits created by the students from the Crossing Point Learning Community (Albury PS, West Albury PS, Howlong PS and Albury HS) will be displayed in the K-12 Art Competition at the Albury LibraryMuseum. You are invited to attend the official opening next Thursday 23 July 5:00-6:00pm. The exhibition will run from 23 July until 28 August. I hope you will be able to see this wonderful display of artistic talent. Our own Albury Public School Art Show will occur early in Term 4. This event was very successful in 2015.

SCHOOL GYMNASTICS PROGRAM
Yesterday 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 as they developed their aerobic fitness, gross motor and listening skills. This program will continue for the term.

EDUCATION WEEK
Education Week will be celebrated in Week 3 with our Open Day planned for Wednesday 29 July. Classrooms will be open for parents/carers to visit at the following times: K-2 10:30-11:00am and Years 3-6 11:20-12:00noon. More details in next week’s newsletter.

Carolyn Howard
Principal (Rel.)
KINDERGARTEN 2016
Please remember we are now taking names for enrolment in Kindergarten in 2016. If you haven’t contacted us already and you intend starting your child next year, please call into or phone the front office and give details.

Information about the enrolment process will be mailed out in the next few weeks. The 2016 Kindergarten Parent/Carer Information night will be held on Tuesday 15 September, commencing at 7:00pm.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH REMINDER
A reminder to please return the ‘Permission to Publish’ blue form that was sent out last term. It is important that the school is notified of your decision to allow your child/children to be published. This new form replaces the Media Consent form and includes the public websites of the Department of Education and Communities and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. Additional forms are available from the front office if you have misplaced your original. Thank you for you prompt attention to this matter.

CONTACT DETAILS
If you have moved house or changed phone numbers, please inform the front office of these changes. Correct details are essential if we need to contact you in an emergency.

MATHLETICS
Congratulations to Harriet Murphy, Carl Liden and Lacey Harrison who have received certificates for mastering greater than 85% of Mathletics activities. Well done!

ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following students who received outstanding results in the recent ICAS Digital Technologies Competition:-

YEAR 6– HIGH DISTINCTION– Lily Robertson,
DISTINCTION–Joshua Green, Oliver Henderson, Aylish Jorgensen, Darcy Power
CREDIT–David Pasko, Kristian Shipard, Meghan Yensch,
MERIT–Mia Johannis, Milisa Milanovic.

YEAR 5– CREDIT– Ian Howsam, Mitchell Lawes, Lucy Mack

YEAR 4– DISTINCTION– Liam Pontt, Jasper Wood,
CREDIT– Alexander Clune, Jessica Kemp, Spencer Robertson, Ryan Yensch
MERIT– Claudia Collie

YEAR 3– DISTINCTION– Harry Methven

MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING (MPPS) DISTRICT FINAL
On Wednesday 24 June (Tm 2 Wk 10), Harriet Murphy, Mia Graham, Ziggy Lamond and James Steer presented their Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking speeches at the District final held at Thurgoona Public School. They also had to prepare an impromptu speech to present as well.

Congratulations to these students who have gained invaluable experience from the opportunity to participate at such a competition at this next level. Thank you also to the parents and carers who provided support and transport to enable the students to take part.

Christel Pargeter, MPPS Coordinator.

SPORTS NEWS- PSSA SENIOR AFL – MATCH REPORT
The Senior AFL boys played Thurgoona at the Ernest Grant Oval in Thurgoona on the last Friday of Term 2. The Thurgoona side was undermanned and it was very pleasing that a number of our boys volunteered to assist their opponents and make up numbers to even up the sides. The game was low scoring but APS came away with a win. Our students encouraged one another and demonstrated fair play. Thank you to Mr Hynes and Mr Pargeter for assisting with coaching and umpiring.

Christel Pargeter, Senior AFL Coordinator.
CANTEEN NEWS
Welcome back. As we enter Terms 3 & 4 and everyone gets very busy, we always struggle to fill our volunteer positions. The canteen cannot run without the help of our school community.

PLEASE if you are available to help at lunch times (in particular), it would be terrific. If we don’t get helpers we will only be able to offer lunch orders but NO WINDOW SERVICE at recess or lunch times. The children do love to see family members helping at the school—it makes them happy!
If you can help out please contact us! Many thanks in anticipation.
Rachael and Ali, 60212370.

ROSTER
July
Thurs 16 HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE!!
Fri 17 9:00–2:30pm Anna Gillespie
Mon 20 12:30-1:30pm Louise Cameron
Tues 21 HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE!!
Wed HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE!!
Thurs 23 HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE!!
Fri 24 HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE!!

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

JUNIOR GALLERY ART CLASSES
Private art classes for talented &/or enthusiastic children held during term time after school hours at Albury Public School. Contact Helen on 0414 392 459 or visit www.juniorgalleryartclasses.com.au

MOVIE- X + Y
Aspire Support Services would like to announce the exclusive showing of the Movie X + Y at the Regent Cinemas in Albury on Wednesday 22 July. This screening is open to the general public to raise the awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder in our community. Cost of the movie is $25 which includes a light supper beforehand. Tickets are available from Aspire Support Service offices at 220 Borella Rd, Albury. For further details contact Sue Pringle on 60584000 or email sue.pringle@aspiress.com.au

ALBURY WODONGA MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB JUNIOR RACING
The Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club are running two races for kids on the weekend of 25 & 26 of July. On Saturday at 2:00pm, round 5 of the Junior series, for 10 to 16 year-olds, will be run on Nail Can Hill. On Sunday at 10:00am, round 5 of the Kids Race series, for 3 to 12 year-olds, will be run on an easy, fun track at Black Range Park in Lavington. Racing is free, however participants will require a racing licence. These can be purchased on the MTBA website: www.mtba.asn.au For more information visit the Albury Wodonga Mountain Bike Club website or find the club on Facebook. Dylan Clift.

HUME SCHOOL BANKING
Hume School Banking will resume next Tuesday 21 July, 2015. This is a great opportunity for students to develop life-time saving habits. Application forms are available from the front office.
Thank you to Mrs Pargeter for organising our camp. Also to the teachers and the School Learning Support Officer who looked after us so well.