Dear All  

NAPLAN (NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY AND NUMERACY) - Tomorrow 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 our students for their efforts and achievements. 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 will be distributed tomorrow, 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 your 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.

SCHOOL MUSICAL - Our school musical is well underway with the main cast and all classes practising their items and staff constructing sets and props. A reminder that tickets are now on sale for $14.00 per ticket. They can be purchased online at alburycity.nsw.gov.au/entertainment or over the phone or in person at the Box Office of the Albury Entertainment Centre. The Box Office is open from Monday-Friday 9:00 - 5:00pm and the phone number is 02 60435610. A reminder that the rehearsal note which was sent home last Wednesday should be returned as soon as possible. Thank you to all the families who have already returned the note. A copy is also on the school website.

GOOD ATTENDANCE - There is a number of sound reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly. Firstly, attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older students, absenteeism often interferes with their academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly. The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and below the minimum school leaving age are required to attend school. Please let the school know why your child is not at school and provide an explanation on your child’s return to school within 7 days. Sickness or injury, attendance at a special religious ceremony or serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Birthdays, haircuts, Mondays, etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence from school. Also please try whenever possible to arrange your family holidays in school vacation times. Missing school leaves gaps in your child’s education. If a student misses as little as 8 days in a term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of school.

SAFETY MESSAGE - Earlier this week we received a phone call reporting some of our students were not following the correct safety rules when walking and waiting to catch a bus to school. Please have a chat with your children about the safe way to cross a street and wait for the bus. These messages are also regularly reinforced in the students’ classrooms.

TERM 4 DATES - A reminder that a Staff Development Day is not held at the beginning of Term 4. Both staff and students commence Term 4 on Tuesday 6 October, due to the NSW Labour Day public holiday. Term 4 concludes for students on Wednesday 16 December.

Have a good week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
SPORTS NEWS

SENIOR SOCCER REPORT- On Friday both teams played at Alexandra Park in East Albury. Blue team was victorious in their match against Hume, as was Gold in their match against Jindera. The good sportsmanship and behaviour of both teams were outstanding! Thank you to Blue team for your patience and assistance with Mrs Browne’s refereeing and thank you to Gold team for behaving so responsibly during your match. I was very proud of the way you represented our school in the community. Kirstie Browne, Coordinator.

JUNIOR SOCCER REPORT- APS Gold 1 lost to Jindera 4 at Alexandra Park
APS Blue 3 drew with Hume Public 3 at Alexandra Park

The junior Blue team had an exciting game against Hume. Jessica Kemp and Harry Benham played strong games in defence while Noah Spry ran hard all game moving the ball from defence into attack creating many chances. Ashlea Evans played a brave game across the midfield defending and attacking constantly.

The junior Gold team had a tough game against a talented and determined Jindera squad. All the players enjoyed themselves and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Thanks to the parents who came to Alexandra Park and cheered the players on.

This Friday’s games:- Gold Vs Scots at Haydon Park, West Albury
Blue Vs L.E.P.S at Melrose Park, Lavington

Dylan Clift and Chris Bourke, Coordinators.

SCHOOL SPELLING BEE FINAL- Congratulations to the 24 students who participated in the School Spelling Bee Finals that were held today. There was fierce competition in both the Senior and Junior finals, which went on for many rounds, progressing through harder and harder levels to determine two finalists for each stage. In the Junior Final, Mariana Horta-Vieira and Harry Cameron were our winners, while in the Senior Final, James Kilpatrick and Lisa Cary were the winners. Our talented finalists will represent the school at the regional finals in Corowa on 10 September. Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

BOOKCLUB– Book Club brochures were handed out yesterday to the students. Please note there is a short turnaround this time for the return of the orders. ORDERS ARE DUE BACK NEXT FRIDAY 28 AUGUST! Remember you can order online, by visiting www.scholastic.com.au and click on parent payments. If you have any difficulties on the site you can call Scholastic Book Club on 1800 021 233, Monday - Friday between 8:00am and 5:00pm. If you are ordering via the school office, please ensure you have enclosed in the envelope the correct money or a cheque made payable to Scholastic, with the students details clearly marked on the order form.

Hume Bank

HUME SCHOOL BANKING- Don’t forget to bring in your Hume School Banking books each Tuesday morning. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop positive saving habits for the future. The school also benefits by receiving commissions from the Hume Bank, based on the deposits made.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)-Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by this Friday 21 August (11:59 pm). If your child believes that they have been reading for the Challenge AND have NOT received a letter from me stating that they have completed the Challenge, please contact me as soon as possible. Remember if you have a problem or have a print copy of your reading log I need it by Friday. The website is:- https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Happy reading! Alison Griffith, PRC Coordinator.
**Gold Certificates**

CONGRATULATIONS TO-
Rajanjeet Singh, Chloe Hitchon, Van Piazza and Zac Murray-Noble.

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**CANTEEN NEWS**  
Rachael and Ali, 60212370.

Thanks for all the volunteers who have offered to help. We still have a few spots if anyone could help out for an hour over lunch or 20 minutes over recess.

**ROSTER**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE** - This Sunday 23 August at 10.00am, the Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club will host another Kids Mountain Bike Race. The event will be run on an easy, fun track at Black Range Park in Lavington. The event is open to children up to 12 years of age. There will be skill/age group categories. Racing is free, however participants will require a racing licence. A $40 annual “Dirt-Master” licence can be purchased or you can sign up for a free 2 month trial licence on the MTBA website: [www.mtba.asn.au](http://www.mtba.asn.au).  
We hope to see lots of young riders there on the day. Dylan Clift.

**SPIRIT OF ANZAC CENTENARY EXPERIENCE** - Discover Australia’s history of courage, service and sacrifice from the First World War to the present day. From 4 - 10 September at the Wodonga Sports & Leisure Centre. Bookings are essential. Reserve your FREE tickets now at [www.spiritofanzac.gov.au](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au)

**NRL HOLIDAY CLINIC** – Fun/fitness/friends. Come along these holidays and enjoy a Rugby League experience at Sarvaas Park on the 1 October from 10:00am-1:00pm. To register visit [http://www.playvrl.com/programs/](http://www.playvrl.com/programs/) and type Albury into the search panel, click on the clinic and follow the link. For further details please contact Dean Whymark on 0411 159 456.


**FREE ENERGY AND WATER FORUM** - AlburyCity is partnering with St Vincent de Paul’s to host a Free Energy and Water Forum where people can meet Janine Young the new Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON). A free Energy and Water forum will be held on Monday 24 August at 9:30am at the Library/Museum. The Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW will talk about common electricity, gas and water complaints, current rebate information and retailer hardship programs. This is an opportunity for residents to find out more about their rights and how to get help and advice.

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1MD visited the Albury Railway Station last Thursday as part of our Railway Safety Education. You can tell by the faces, we had a terrific time!
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Who had a very good job  
But one day he got fired  
Because he was so tired  
And got another good job!  
*By PHOEBE GRIGG* |
| **There once was a boy called Jim**  
He had a dog called Jim A Dim  
Dim  
The dog ran away  
Then he ran away  
And that was the last time they saw him!  
*By FLYNN FINLAY* |
| **Once there was a tall man**  
Who really loved fatty ham  
He liked it big  
Or with a fig  
That man also fried it in a pan.  
*By JACK WILLS* |
| **Once there was a young little pug**  
The young little pug always dug  
The young pug liked ducks  
The young pug had big bucks  
When the pug dug he always found mugs  
*By RYAN YENSCH* |
| **There was a young girl at the park**  
Who liked to think she was on Noah's Ark  
But the park had no slide  
So the young girl just cried  
And started to do lots of art.  
*By JESSICA KEMP* |
| **There was a kid at the pool**  
Who thought it was very cool  
He loved splashing around  
But then started to frown  
Because he was bored of the pool.  
*By ELIZA MOONEY* |

**Danni, Xavier, Shreya, Sierra and Hailey are displaying some of our fantastic artwork we have created this term.**

**We are very clever and can hold many challenging Bluearth yoga poses.**