Dear All

Welcome to the 2016 school year at Albury Public School! Our staff have a great year planned which will offer our students the chance to be engaged in learning and growing to be the best that they can be.

A very special welcome to the 27 new students who started at our school last week, and the 77 new kindergarten students who started their formal education on Friday. We have started the year with 600 students.

We also welcomed the completion of some new playground equipment jointly purchased by the P&C and the school. Our students are really enjoying it!

*I like how the jumping pole thing has a chain that keeps us spinning and makes it a challenge to stay on. Jasper Yr 5
*It's more modern and easier for the smaller kids to get across. Alexander Yr 5
*Now it's easy to get on and I like how everything has moved. Lewis Yr 4
*It's awesome. Amalie Yr 5
*Pretty cool. Ruby Yr 5
*The new monkey bars are cooler because they are further off the ground and I touched the ground on the old one. Mackayla Yr 5

Special thanks to Mr Stuart Howsam and Mr Ian Pantling for their efforts in ensuring that it was up and ready for the start of the year!

Please note: Preschoolers are not to be climbing on equipment at any time and should be under close parental supervision at all times when on school premises. Playground equipment cannot be accessed before the green flags go out at 8:45am.

We also welcome Mr Nathan Fisher, (previously Principal of Blighty Public School) as our new Assistant Principal for Stage 3. Mr Fisher has been impressed by the warmth of our students and looks forward to sharing a great year of learning with his Year 6 class. Mr Fisher enjoyed meeting some of the Year 6 students he had last week. He is now away for the rest of the week, as yesterday he and his wife became the proud parents of Lenny. So he will be also getting to know his new son in the next few weeks!

ASSISTANCE DOG IN TRAINING:

Some of you may have noticed a little dog waiting out the front of the school each afternoon in a green vest which has an L-Plate on it. “Gracie” is being trained to assist one of our diabetic students to identify changes in his blood sugar levels. PLEASE if you see Gracie in our playground or out the front of the school in her green vest do not approach her as she is being trained for a specific purpose.

2016 CLASSES:

We were able to move our students in Years 1-6 into their new classes this morning. It is NOT an easy task to try and put 600 jigsaw pieces together as not all of the pieces are the same. Our staff form classes based upon behaviour, educational and social needs as well as maturity.

I sincerely thank all of the staff for the many hours they have given to this very important task. If you or your child have some concerns about class placement, the following information may be of interest. It is taken from the NSW Education and Communities ‘schoolatoz’ practical help for parents’ site.

In 13 plus years of education, your child will eventually find themselves in a class without their close friends. It’s normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it? Tempting as it may be to request a class swap here are some important things to consider first.

- Don’t rob your child of this opportunity to develop social skills.
- Teachers turn a “bunch of kids” into a team every year.
- There’s still lunch and recess to play with your mates.
- Lots of their classmates are in the same boat.
- Children learn different skills from different classmates.
- You can gently help them make new friends.

If, after a couple of weeks, your child doesn’t seem to be settling in or is still anxious about their new class, by all means drop a note to the teacher or make an appointment to chat. Veteran parents and teachers tell us that more likely than not, your child will be absolutely fine and will have developed a new level of resilience from spreading their wings a little.

(schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au).
The 2016 classes are:

KWC- Mrs Karenne Clements
KWCR- Mrs Rachel Crawford
KWE- Mrs Gail Eckley
KWM- Miss Shelley Merritt
1MBM- Mrs Jenny Boehm, Mrs Sally Morris
1MS- Miss Kirsty Sheridan
1MDP- Mrs Leann Dicketts, Ms Nerilee Pace, 1/2MC- Ms Joanne Cameron
2MB- Miss Jessica Brooker
2MH- Miss Lauren Hastings
2MWM- Mrs Katrina Whitehead, Mrs Lynne Moriarty
2/3LK- Ms Nadene King
3CM- Mrs Melinda Martin
3LB- Mrs Kirstie Browne
3/4CH- Miss Jacqueline Henderson
4CCB- Mrs Rosemary Coughlan, Mrs Sue Burgess
4CB- Mr Chris Bourke
5AC- Mr Dylan Clift
5AM- Miss Lynn Macleod
5/6LP- Mrs Christel Pargeter
5/6LJH-Mrs Carissa Just, Mrs Donna Hodgson
6AF- Mr Nathan Fisher
6AN- Mr Mark Neil

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Parent Information sessions will be held next Wednesday night, 10 February. All sessions will commence in the school hall and then parents will move with the class teacher to their classrooms.

Kindergarten—6:30pm, Year 1 and Year 2—7:00pm, Year 3 and Year 4—7:30pm and Year 5 and Year 6 at 8:00pm.

We look forward to as many parents and carers as possible attending on the night.

These sessions are a great opportunity for parents to meet their children’s teachers for 2016. Parents will gain information about routines, major excursions, expectations and planned events.

Parking will be available in the school playground, with the entrance through the Smollett St gates. These sessions are not designed to be used for Parent/Teacher interviews. If at any time you wish to meet with a teacher, please contact the school office (ph 6021 3849) to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Parent/Teacher interviews are held at the end of Term One.

NB: To enable parents to gain the most from the sessions, we ask that where possible, children do not attend. There will NOT be supervision available for children.

PICKING UP STUDENTS:

A reminder that if you are collecting students at 3:00pm from the school, all students in Years 1-6 (2016) are to be collected from the front of the office area (David St). Kindergarten students can be collected from the Kindergarten area. Please do not collect your child from the playground. If you are delayed, we may not know that they have not been collected. If they are out the front under staff supervision, we can easily move the students away from the heat and into the office area, whilst we contact you.

STUDENT BOOK PACKS:

Thank you to those families who have paid for the 2016 book packs. These are being distributed this week, if they have been paid for. If you have not yet purchased the required materials, please complete this as soon as possible at the front office.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Parents are requested to inform the school office, whenever the family have a different phone number, address or emergency contact. The request is made to assist us to contact you as soon as possible to minimise concerns from your child in an emergency situation.

ROAD SAFETY:

The roads surrounding the school are very busy and this is certainly evident before school and after school. Unfortunately there have been some very unsafe practices exhibited by parents collecting their children.

**PLEASE do not double park and let your children out of the car.

**PLEASE do not park on the other side of the road and call your children across the road.

**PLEASE do not park in the bus zones.

**PLEASE set a great example to your children by crossing with the green lights at traffic lights, if you need to cross the road.

Parking rangers will be around our school at some peak times.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL— YRS 3-6:

A reminder that our swimming carnival will be held at the Albury Swimming Pool this Friday (5 February, commencing at 9:30am). Please return the permission note and money if you have not already done so. All students in 2016 Years 3 - 6 will be going to the carnival. Parents/carers are welcome to attend.

The NSW Health Department has issued an alert about swimming pools:

As the new school year has begun and swimming carnivals or swimming lessons will start shortly, I would like to remind you it is recommended that children who have had diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks should avoid swimming pools. Late in 2015 there was a sharp increase in cryptosporidiosis cases in NSW. Parents and carers of students are advised that if their child has had diarrhoea, they are to avoid swimming pools for 2 weeks after the diarrhoea has stopped. Further information is available at: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Cryptosporidiosis.aspx

If you have any questions or concerns please call the public health unit on 1300 066 055.

Have a wonderful week
Vicki Harris (Principal)
HUME STUDENT BANKING will resume next Tuesday 9 February. Please ask at the front office if you need an application pack or any further information.

MARTINS BUSES - FREE TRAVEL PASSES
All students have free travel up to and including Monday 29 February 2016. As from Tuesday 1 March, students must show a bus pass or pay appropriate fare. Any problems or queries, please call 60404400.

SPORTS NEWS
This Thursday Years 3 - 6 will attend an NRL Community Carnival presentation in the hall. This presentation is supported by the Melbourne Storm. The focus of the presentation is wellbeing and the importance of hydration, sleep and belonging in a young person’s life.

Albury PSSA Zone trials have already started with boy’s cricket and tennis trials happening over the next couple of weeks. These trials are mostly open to students in Years 5 and 6. Information about these trials is always put on the daily message sheet over a number of days. It is crucial that students who are eligible and wish to participate, attend trials at the times indicated by the teachers involved as there is often a short time between school trials and zone trials. Thank you to the staff who often carry out these trials during their lunch breaks.

School sport this term for Years 3-6 will involve practice and then trials for our school athletics carnival which will be held later this term.

Our school swimming carnival is on this Friday 5 February. Please refer to the blue note sent home with the permission note for details. The program is on the back page of this newsletter.

Melinda Martin - Sports Committee

CAZZIE NEWS
It’s good to see some new faces, both new students and parents. Any new parents who are interested in coming to help in the canteen just pop in and see either Rachael or Simone anytime or call the canteen on 60212370. We would love to see you.

ROSTER
Thurs 4 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED
11:00-1:30pm Amy Hayne
Fri 5 LUNCH ORDERS FOR K-2 ONLY
SWIMMING CARNIVAL Yrs 3-6
Mon 8 HELPER NEEDED
Tues 9 11:00-1:30pm Renee French
Wed 10 11:00-1:30pm Amy Hayne
Thurs 11 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED
11:00-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Fri 12 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED
11:00-1:30pm Kylie King
12:30-1:30pm Claire Rae

Rachael and Simone, 6021 2370.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY ART EXHIBITION – Saturday 13 February at the Albury Library Museum from 10:00-12:00. Morning tea and coffee van provided. Local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists will display their “Stolen Generations’ themed artwork for National Apology Day. For more information-Joanne at AWAHS on 6040 1200.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT LAUREN JACKSON SPORTS CENTRE – Multi-Sport Days, Netsetgo, Billy Ball and Kangaroo Hoops. Contact 6043 5810 for further information or visit www.laurenjacksportscentre.com.au

DRAMA FUN IN 2016 WITH SHARYN HILL
Drama classes with the Sharyn Hill School of Speech and Drama will be offered for primary and secondary students. Classes take place after school at Albury Public School. For further information go to the web site: www.shdrama.com. Contact Sharyn Hill: 0411 181 655 or admin@shdrama.com

SPEAKOUT SCHOOL OF SPEECH AND DRAMA is now taking enrolments for speech and drama lessons and group drama classes for Term One, commencing Thursday 4 February. For enquiries and enrolment forms please contact Sallie: 0498 143 194; email salliellao@gmail.com

LAKE HUME CYCLE CHALLENGE – 27 February, 2016. For further information visit www.facebook.com/lakehumeyclec, lakeider@bigpond.net.au- Colin 0438 264 365.

VIOLIN/PIANO/SINGING LESSONS - Experienced, Qualified Teacher, Performer & Accompanist. AMEB Exams, Violin Hire available, Violin Maintenance & Repairs. Jo Ellis, BA Mus - 0437 625 453 or joellisviolin@gmail.com

WODONGA CALISTHENIC ACADEMY FEBRUARY -‘Come & Try’ Month! CALISTHENICS is the perfect mix of sport and performing arts, combining elements of gymnastics, modern dance, ballet and singing.

Would you like to try Calisthenics for FREE!?
WHERE: Wodonga Senior Secondary College (GALVIN HALL) near the car park. For further information contact Penny Cleary on 0411093152 or mpcleary@aapt.net.au

ALBURY WODONGA DISCOVER SAILING CENTRE will be running Tacker - Kids Learn. Tackers is the Yachting Australia program aimed at getting kids aged 7 - 12 into sailing. Each program includes 20 hours tuition from qualified Yachting Australia Instructors, fun on-water and off-water games and a Tackers kit and certificate. More information and register online at www.awyc.yachting.org.au or visit www.laurenjacksonsportscentre.com.au

WODONGA CALISTHENIC ACADEMY FEBRUARY

ST PATS FC - Do you love to play soccer? Registration day 7 February, 2016 from 4:00-6:30pm at Alexandra Park. Contact Tracy-registrar@stpatsfc.com.au

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING - Contact Mission Australia- Stacey 6942 8001 for 2 further information regarding this program for parents and carers of 2-12 year olds. Bookings are essential.
**ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL**
**ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
**PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

**FRIDAY 5 February 2016**
**VENUE: ALBURY SWIMMING CENTRE**
**TIME: 9:30am – 2:30pm**

*All Children to come to school*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any parent taking their child **MUST** report to the recording desk when leaving.

**MAIN EVENTS**

*Warm Up at 9:15am*

*Start at 9:45am*

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