Dear All

**Surveys**- Each year, at this time, the School Self-Evaluation Committee surveys parents, staff and students in three areas to ascertain how the school community views different areas of school life. The three areas identified this year are Learning, the French program and School Satisfaction. The analysis of these surveys is used to develop effective school plans and programs. It is also printed in our Annual School Report. The French program survey is enclosed with this newsletter. The Learning and School Satisfaction surveys will need to be done online and below are the two links. It is easier to access them through the live links on this week’s newsletter page on the school’s website. If you prefer a paper copy please collect one from the front office. All surveys need to be completed by Wednesday 6 November. Survey completion is voluntary but I encourage you to have an input into your child’s education. All responses will be treated confidentially and stored securely. Thank you for your anticipated input.


**Kindergarten Orientation**- Yesterday we had a group of 74 very excited pre-schoolers visit our Kindergarten rooms for their first Orientation visit. After a short tour of the school, it was great to see so many of them confidently joining in the classroom activities and playing with friends in the playground. Next Tuesday will be the second session, starting at 9:30am and concluding at 12:30pm.

**Charles Sturt University**- Last week two 4th Year CSU students arrived. Mr Damien Morrison is working in 5LN and Ms Jade Versteegen in 6AB. Next Monday two 3rd Year students, also from CSU, will arrive. Ms Rebecca Robinson will be with 6AP and Ms Rebecca Benstead with 5/6AB for three weeks. I am sure all students will enjoy their time with us and develop many valuable teaching skills as they complete their training.

**World Teachers Day Friday 25 October**- Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

**Grandparents' Day**- Grandparents’ Day is the day to celebrate those people who are there for us in all walks of our lives. The people who serve not only as grandparents, but as our teachers, caregivers, friends, and confidants. They guide us with their never-ending wisdom and provide us with stories from generations past. This Friday we invite grandparents to visit the school to see their grandchildren in the classroom and to have morning tea in our hall at 11:00am. The K-2 classrooms will be open from 10:30-11:00am while the Yrs 4-6 rooms will be open 11:30-12:00noon. Please note Year 3 students will be away on their camp. We hope you will be able to join us!

**Learning Community**- Yesterday I had a meeting with our Crossing Point Learning Community. We are planning to have the launch of our Learning Community on Wednesday 4 December, coinciding with the Year 6 Orientation Day at Albury High School. Our senior and junior choirs will perform and a static display of K-6 students’ work will be shown. Parents and carers of Year 6 students and the two choirs are invited to attend the launch in the Albury High School hall at 9:30-10:30am and attend morning tea.

**For Tender**- We have two large glass doors, 2020 H x 950 W for tender. They were the front doors of the administration office until we replaced them with our automatic door. They are in very good condition. If you would like to inspect them please contact the front office. Written tenders need to be placed by Friday 8 November.

Enjoy the week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
SPORTS NEWS - ATHLETICS - Congratulations to Bailey Clemson, Natalie Gibbons, Will Haberfield and Charlie Hargreaves who competed last week in Sydney at the State Athletics Carnival. Although no records were broken it is a fantastic achievement to be selected to participate at such a high level. With the current bushfire crisis in Sydney I understand that returning to Albury was quite eventful because of road closures and detours. I would like to thank the parents whose efforts to get their children there and back made it possible for Albury Public School to be represented at such a high level. Well done to all. Rosemary Coughlan, Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS - Well done to Willson Mack, who recently represented Albury Public School at Riverina cricket try-outs at Barooga. Willson was successful in being selected for the Riverina side. He will now travel to Bathurst on 4 November to attend the carnival, where selections for the State team will occur. Chris Bourke, Cricket Coordinator.

PSSA RESULTS
CRICKET JUNIOR AND SENIOR - On Friday 18 October we played our first games of PSSA cricket against Albury West. The Junior team played a great game and managed to win the match convincingly. The Seniors were also in excellent form, having a win over Albury West as well. Well done to Liam Moon and Sam Brown for captaining on the day! All the players from both teams represented Albury Public School with pride, commitment and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Well done boys. Thank you for those parents who came to support our teams! APS has a bye next week. Chris Bourke, Cricket Coordinator.

SOFTBALL - This year, there are only two schools participating in the Senior Boys PSSA Softball competition; St Pats and Albury Public. Both schools have two teams each. This week, our APS Blue team played our APS Yellow team. Thank you to Paul Davis who came along to share his softball expertise with the boys. Thank you also to Mr Morrison (Charles Sturt University prac teacher) who assisted the teams. The Senior Girls Softball team had a bye so they were able to play a game against each other. This was a fantastic opportunity to practise their skills and even allowed a few of the girls to have a go at pitching for the first time. Miss Versteegen (Charles Sturt University prac teacher) was pivotal in managing the game. We appreciate the support shown by families who came along to watch the students at their first game of the season. We welcome all families and friends to our games each week at Jelbart Park starting at approximately 9:30am. Jess Brooker, Softball Coordinator.

JUNIOR T- BALL - A big thank you to all the parents who assisted Ms Bonham with the three junior teams: APS Yellow, APS Blue and our Mixed Team. It was a steep learning curve for the year three students who had little to no training before the game, but everyone did really well and displayed great sportsmanship. Asha Finlay excelled with a string of home runs. A reminder that junior T ball is cancelled this Friday due to the year three excursion. Kathryn Bonham, Coordinator.

WRITE 4 FUN - Congratulations to Claudia Murphy and Ainslie Hunter. These two incredible authors have had their narratives published and printed in a publication called ‘Written in the Stars’. The girls entered a writing competition entitled ‘Write 4 Fun’ in term one this year. Claudia’s narrative is titled ‘Another Hogwarts’. Ainslie’s narrative is titled ‘The Break-in’. ‘Written in the Stars’ is full of amazing writing produced by students around Australia. The school will be purchasing a copy of ‘Written in the Stars’ so that all students at APS can enjoy this book. Lynn Macleod, 5LM Class Teacher.

YEAR 3 WYMAH CAMP - Year 3 will head off to Wymah tomorrow for their camp. Last minute reminders; the students are to assemble on the basketball court by 9:00am. Departure will be at 9:30am. Please place luggage in a neat line along the footpath, on the outside of the fence. Please have all medications clearly labelled with names and the administration instructions. These are to be handed to Mrs Whitehead. Students are to bring their own asthma puffers. No food is allowed on the bus and no mobile phones are allowed. The weather is forecast to be fine over the two days. Teachers attending the camp are; Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Eckley, Ms Bonham, Mr Bourke and Mrs Martin. We will return to school at approximately 2:30pm on Friday. Melinda Martin 3CM Class Teacher.

MUSIC: COUNT US IN – WHOLE SCHOOL SINGING - On Thursday 31 October, the whole school will join more than 600 000 other Australian students in a nationwide sing-a-long. Students will be singing “Keep On”, a song composed and written by four high school students and renowned musician Katie Noonan, and Program Ambassador, John Foreman. The sing-a-long will take place following the combined assembly at 12:30pm on the basketball court under the C.O.L.A. Parents/carers are invited to come along and join in if they wish. If you’d like to learn more about this event visit the website: www.musiccountusin.org.au We hope to see you there. Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

YEAR 7 ENTRY INTO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2015 - All applicants seeking placement into a selective high school in 2015 are invited to submit an online application or see me for a printed application form. Online applications are available from 15 October 2013 until Monday 18 November 2013. These must also be completed and returned to school by 18 November 2013. Detailed instructions on how to apply online can be found at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Please be advised that the closest selective high school to Albury is Yanco Agricultural High School. Gail Eckley, Deputy Principal (Rel).
FREE ZOO WHIZ ACCESS FOR TERM 4 AND SUMMER HOLIDAYS! - Thanks to our schools’ participation and purchases made in EdAlive’s Complete Learning Initiative, we have been awarded 5 months free online access to Zoo Whiz, worth $2000 (a great way to avoid some of that “I’m bored” holiday time this summer!). The program consists of exploration based, curriculum linked activities. Your child will have been issued a password this week. Please keep it in an accessible place at home so that your child can use it to access the program if they wish.
Go to www.zoowhiz.com and sign in with the username and password supplied. Activities are tailored to suit children at their level from the ages 5-15 so there should be plenty to do.
Sally Morris, Computer Coordinator.

WOOLWORTHS ANIMAL CARDS TRADING DAY - Thank you to all the students who came along to our trading day last week. We still have lots and lots of cards so we are going to hold one more trading day next Wednesday 30 October at lunchtime, from 12:55-1:30pm. Please bring a list of all the numbers you still need and bring along your doubles to swap. Lisa Halliday, Coordinator.

CLOTHING POOL - The Clothing Pool in the front office is very short of coat hangers. If you can spare some, please drop them into the front office. Thank you in anticipation. The stock on hand in the Clothing Pool is quite large at the moment, so if you require spare uniform, now would be a great time to visit.

COMMUNITY NEWS -
CURTIN UNIVERSITY - The Curtin University School of Psychology and Speech Pathology in Perth WA is conducting research into parents’ perceptions of their child’s school readiness. Your involvement will require you to complete a 15 minute online questionnaire. The link to the online questionnaire is https://qtrial.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5asTDTnLxWEGGFF the email is beverley.stacey@student.curtin.edu.au

WORKSHOP - Understanding & helping young people who hurt themselves. Tuesday 29 October, 9:00am-3:00pm at the Glenecho Neighbourhood Centre. Please email Sally Gillam on sally.gillam@det.nsw.edu.au

FLIPPA BALL - Flippa ball water polo skills program “come and try day” is Saturday 2 November 12-1pm for children aged between 8-12 yrs at the Albury Pool. They must be able to swim at least 25 metres.
For registration details and more information on the day, contact Shaz Boyle 0408218274.

PET SHOW - St Matthew’s Fair on the Square, Saturday 2 November. 10:00am - for all creatures great & small!
MONSTER COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - 2nd Albury Scout Group is holding a Garage Sale and Fete on Sunday 27 October from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Hall on North St., near Mate Street, Call Deb on 0400 259 964 for further information.

DOLL, BEAR & HOBBY SHOW 2013 - Sat & Sun 30 Nov & 1 December- Mirambeena Community Centre. Phone 60214203 or 0402 827 813.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN ALBURY - Mission Australia. 3 Session Program commencing on 12 November. 11:00-2:30pm at 2/432 Townsend St, Albury. Bookings are essential- contact Stacey on 6942 8001 or ParentingRiverina@missionaustralia.com.au

THE GREAT GONDOS VARIETY SHOW - Sunday 24 November at 5:00pm at the Cube Wodonga. Promoted by Arts Wodonga, a voluntary, not for profit organisation aiming to promote and actively engage the community in art and cultural activities. Phone 02 6022 9311 for bookings.

Gold Certificates
Congratulations to:- Baxter Macfarlane, Ben Hyman, Amalie Glenane, Kaitlyn Boehm, Cooper Tanner, Ryan Kemp, Harry Grigg, Deacon Bellenger, Suryansh Mishra and Ruby Martin.
The Dream Team’s Dreams

Absent: Poy Buakaeo, Bella Campbell, Alan Huang and Zach Van Zanten.

By 5/6AB