Dear All

LAPATHON

Although the weather was not very kind to us last Wednesday, we did manage to complete our annual Lapathon. I congratulate all the students on their behaviour, efforts and perseverance. The total number of laps completed was 14,500 laps which is 7,250 kms. This is approximately the distance of a return trip to Perth - how amazing is that! This is an outstanding effort. The winning house was HOVELL! We also had a lot of parents and friends who braved the weather conditions to join us. Many thanks for your support! Also thanks to the parents who assisted with the barbecue lunch.

To date we have raised $4985.75. We would like all sponsorship money in by next Friday 8 November. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated as this is our major fundraiser for the year.

YEAR 3 CAMP

Congratulations to all the Year 3 students who attended the Year 3 camp at the Wymah Resort last week. The reports from the resort staff and our teachers about student behaviour and manners were glowing. This was great to hear!

GRANDPARENTS DAY

What a wonderful day we had last Friday when many grandparents were able to visit classrooms. Some grandparents travelled long distances, with some coming from Adelaide. I saw grandparents joining in games, such as elastcs and ‘drop the hanky’ and reading to their grandchildren. Many thanks to Rachael Baker and her team of canteen volunteers who supplied the lovely morning tea and the students who assisted throughout the morning! I spoke to one grandfather who had attended Albury Public School himself in the 1940’s and he remembered being in Kindergarten in the Manor!

SURVEYS

Last week I sent out a survey regarding the French program. We have already received quite a few responses. If you haven’t returned your survey yet please do so by next Wednesday 6 November. A reminder the other two surveys, Learning and School Satisfaction are to be completed online. The links are: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TPGN3T6 and http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VJGW9D7 -These live links are easily accessed from this newsletter on our school website. Paper copies are available at the front office.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Congratulations to the many families, students and staff members who participated in the Albury Relay For Life event last weekend. I have spoken to several students who participated and they should be very proud of their efforts, especially after completing the Lapathon on the previous Wednesday!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

The pre-schoolers have been having an enjoyable time visiting Kindergarten classrooms over the past two weeks. A reminder that the last Kindergarten Orientation Day is 9:30am - 2:30pm next Wednesday 6 November. Children will require fruit, a snack for recess and also lunch.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE-

The Albury Public School Remembrance Day Service will be held on Monday 11 November, commencing at 10:45am. Parents/carers are most welcome to attend our service which will be held under the C.O.L.A. Red poppies will be on sale for 50 cents each, outside the Gym during 1st lunch on Thursday and Friday this week and Monday, Tuesday next week. Sincere thanks to our Student Councillors for organising the sale of poppies. By wearing a simple emblem, a red poppy, we salute the memory of those men and women who sacrificed their lives so that we might live in freedom. Also on Remembrance Day our two School Captains, Bella Campbell and Wendell McFarland, will be representing our school at a Wreath Laying Ceremony at QE II Square in Dean Street.

Gail Eckley, Deputy Principal (Rel.)

SPORTS NEWS- PSSA RESULTS

SOFTBALL- This week, APS Blue played St Pats Green. The boys fielded first with Jayden Lyness (5LN), Beau Davis (6AB) and Leo Smith (6AB) pitching. Bailey Ahne (5LN) was impressive in the outfield, getting two out on one play. Paul Davis was again pivotal in assisting the boys; thank you Paul. APS Yellow played St Pats Yellow. Charlie Byrne (5LM) was strong and consistent in his pitching. Callum Bruce (5/6AB) was fundamental in keeping the opposition to a low score, securing five outs. All the boys put in an impressive effort and are to be congratulated on their excellent team work and sportsmanship. Thank you Mr Morrison (CSU prac teacher) for managing the team. The Senior Girls Softball team played Lavington P S which is playing at State level next week. The girls are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and persistence in the face of such fierce competition. Karlie Travassaros (5/6AB) showed terrific intuition on the field; she is a sharp pitcher who was critical in minimising the opposition’s stealing of bases. Well done to all the girls for giving the game their all. We welcome all families and friends to our games each week at Jelbart Park starting at approx. 9:30am.

Jess Brooker, Softball Coordinator.

MUSIC: COUNT US IN – WHOLE SCHOOL SINGING- Tomorrow at 12:30pm, the whole school will join more than 600 000 other Australian school 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. We have been practising this catchy song for the past few weeks and are looking forward to the event. The sing-a-long will occur 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 even 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.

VALUES AWARDS- Our Value for Weeks 4-7 is FAIRNESS- being committed to the principals of social justice and opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.
The following students recently received APS Values Awards for displaying our Weeks 1-3 target Value of Care.  Weeks 1 & 2 – Years 3-6: Mac Harper, Madison Hopper, Lilly Pargeter, Grace Butlin, Chloe Barker, Hannah Payne. Years K-2: Matilda Thompson, Isaac Travassaros and Emily Hillam.

Week 3 – Years 3-6: Ben Pedler, Charlotte Towner, Isabella Towner. Years K-2: Emily Shipard, Tegan Inglis and Brielle Pedler.
**Gold Certificates**

**Congratulations to:-**

Mitchel Spokes, Natalie Gibbons, Sienna Croker, Sally Lefoe and Zach Van Zanten.

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**Canteen News**

- **Thur 31** 9:00-11:30am Mary McAllister 11:00-1:30pm Sue Shiphard
- **Fri 1** 9:00-1:30pm Morgan Pinder 11:00-1:30pm Melinda Benham
- **Mon 4** 11:00-1:30pm Anne Phothisomphane
- **Tues 5** 11:00-1:30pm Luke Brown
- **Wed 6** 11:00-1:30pm Marion Baines
- **Thurs 7** 9:00-11:30am Rachel Ayton 11:30-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
- **Fri 8** 9:00-11:30am Leanne Smith 11:00-1:30pm Cath White

**HELPERS NEEDED 14/11, 15/11, 22/11 and 29/11.**

Thank you to everyone who helped with Lapathon lunches. It all went really well. There are a few gaps in the roster for this term. Please call or come in and put your name down.

Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370.

**P&C NEWS - THE MANGO FUNDRAISER**

The P & C are conducting a fundraiser that we hope you will find delicious! Yes, it is almost mango season, so if you love mangoes or know people who do, please support our fundraiser by purchasing trays of fresh mangoes for only $25.00 per tray. Orders with payments are to be left in the mango box at the school office by **Wednesday 13 November**. They will be delivered to the school in the last two weeks of term. The confirmed date will be published in the newsletter. Order forms have gone out with this newsletter or you can get one from the office.

For more information please phone Lou Newman 0408 709960.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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!

**DOLL, BEAR & HOBBY SHOW 2013** - Sat & Sun 30 Nov & 1 December- Mirambeena Community Centre.

**KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN ALBURY** - Mission Australia. 3 Session Program commencing on 12 November.

**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.

**ALBURY UNIFORMS AND SCHOOLWEAR** - has recently moved to 1104 Mate Street, North Albury. Let us look after your Schoolwear needs whether it be for this year or for when your child is either starting Primary School or is moving to High School. Contact us on 6040 9381.

**1-2-3 MAGIC & Emotion Coaching** - A program for parents/carers of 2-12 year olds. Booking are essential so please contact Stacey at Mission Australia on 6942 8001 or ParentingRiverina@missionaustralia.com.au.

**HOUSE OF CHIROPRACTIC - LEGO BUILDING COMPETITION** - Saturday 16 November, Streetbean 1/556 Macauley St, Albury. 6009 0999. Registrations close Thursday 14 November at 5:00pm.
2MC Celebrate Grandparents’ Day

Last Friday we enjoyed a visit from our grandparents. While they were with us we gave them a preview performance of “Keep On”, played maths games with them and did a fun Blueearth activity outside.

Later, we thought about why our grandparents are so special to us, here are our reasons:
- They make me a special ice cream for dessert - Akiko.
- They help me learn new board games and take me places like the pool and the park - Ava.
- They give me treats, they are funny and play games with me - Billy.
- They take me to Melbourne and give me ice-cream - C.
- They give me littlest pet shops every time we go to Big W to buy clothes - Chepelle.
- They are fun, they travel around the world and they bought me a bike and a trampoline - Cooper.
- They care about me and love me - Emma.
- They always take care of me and are very funny - Flynn.
- They like me the way I am and they will always love me for who I am - Georgie.
- They are kind and always happy. They take me shopping and spoil me - Jack H.
- They take me out for dessert - Jack W.
- They like to play with me - Jake L.
- They buy me presents from their holidays. They give me ice-creams - Jake E.
- They take me to places that I want to go like the Albury pool. They love me and they always will - Jordyn.
- They play games with me and they are so nice to me - Kanesha.
- They take me shopping and they give me chocolate - Lili.
- They are cool, make me swords and care for me - Lucas.
- They are creative, love travelling, take me to some pools and take me out for dinner - Maiza.
- They spoil me and they take me out for dinner at the Commercial Club - Makayla.
- They give me pancakes, chocolate and strawberries and they love me - Marissa.
- They give me toys and they always listen to me - Seif.
- They spoil me and are way too nice to me because they give me lollies - Sophie.
- They are kind and helpful and they give me toys and clothes - Talesha.
- They like baking and making biscuits and cakes and they make Joseph and I pancakes nearly every day - Wadih.