Dear All

LAPATHON - FINAL TOTAL = $14,908.45!!
-What an incredible response! Thank you.

P & C - Last night was our last P & C meeting for 2013. Special thanks to Barb Gould and Jodie Tiernan who provided a lovely Christmas Spread. Thanks to the other P & C members who have also supported the school and participated in this years’ fundraisers. It would be great to see more parents involved in the P & C next year. It’s a great way, particularly if you work full time and cannot help in classrooms, to get involved and meet other parents in the school. Meetings are held in the staffroom the fourth Tuesday each month starting at 7:30pm. We would love to see you there!

CROSSING POINT LAUNCH - A reminder that all parents, particularly of Year 6 students and the Junior and Senior choir members, are invited to attend the Crossing Point Learning Community launch at the Albury High School hall next Wednesday 4 December. The launch, including performances from the four schools, will be held at 9:30am with a morning tea provided at 10:30am. Congratulations to Meghan Yensch and Mackenzie Jones, in 4LJH who jointly designed the winning logo which will be used to promote our Learning Community. They will receive the prize of a JBHi gift card. Well done girls!

SURVEYS - Many thanks to the parents/carers, students and staff who took the time to complete the three surveys, though there were limited parent surveys completed online. The information from the surveys is used to guide the direction of future plans for the school. Some of the data gained from the surveys is below. A more in depth analysis of the surveys, with proposed actions, will be included in the 2013 Annual School Report which is released in Term 1 2014.

SCHOOL SATISFACTION
The student, staff and parent survey responses stated strong support for the following statements
- Our students enjoy school and feel challenged in their learning
- Our school is friendly, tolerant and accepting of all students, and promotes fair discipline
- Students are our main concern and we have supportive welfare programs
- A focus is maintained on literacy and numeracy skills
- A range of extra curricular activities are provided for all students
- The office staff respond to enquiries in a friendly and prompt manner
- The weekly newsletter and school website keep the community well informed

FRENCH SURVEY
The student, staff and parent survey responses stated strong support for the following statements
- It is very important for children to learn another language
- Parents would like additional information about how to help their child at home
- Students like to learn cooperatively with other students
- Students enjoy learning French songs and games
The French program will continue in 2014.

LEARNING SURVEY
The student, staff and parent survey responses stated strong support for the following statements
- Our school expects students to achieve to the best of their ability and there are high expectations
- Our school supports effective communication between home and school
- There is a wide range of resources to assist students with their learning
- Our classrooms are stimulating and interesting places in which to learn

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS
Tomorrow morning, before school commences, a large shipping container will arrive in our school. This container has been purchased by the P & C and will be placed at the end of the bike storage cage at the end of the gym. It will be used as a storage area. Also during the holidays a COLA, similar to the one over the basketball court, though smaller, will be erected outside the West building. This area will provide a weather proof area for Kindergarten students when they arrive in 2014. Both of these projects will improve the environment for our school community.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 28
10:20am K-2 Assembly KWW
12:00noon 3-6 Assembly 5LM

DECEMBER
Mon 2 Reverse Christmas Tree
Wed 4 AHS Orientation - Year 6
Thurs 5
10:20am K-2 Assembly KWD
12:00noon 3-6 Assembly 5LN
Fri 6 Last day of PSSA sport
RESILIENCE

- It's important for your child to know how to turn things around when the going gets tough.
- Children with good resilience perform better at school.
- Children with good resilience are less likely to take part in risky behaviour.
- NSW public schools teach resilience skills to children from Kindergarten to high school.
- Helping a child feel successful is an important aspect of resilience.

Next time your child is furrowing their brow and staring off into space, ask them if they're thinking dolphin or shark thoughts. That's the advice from psychologist and resilience specialist Andrew Fuller on helping your child to recognise the positive (dolphin) or negative (shark) approaches they may be taking on life issues.

"Dolphin thinking can help you out and shark thinking can eat you up. It doesn't matter how old your kids are, they can still understand it," Andrew says.

Dolphin thinking and shark thinking is just one in a series of simple tools you can use to help your child develop good resilience skills. Other tools include playing games and puzzles with your child to develop their problem-solving and concentration skills, teaching your child to read people's emotions to understand objective situations, and helping them to learn how to cheer themselves up after a hard day.

Learning to become successful is one of the most important aspects of building resilience. "The things that are most important are teaching children what a good life is, how to live life well, how to extract pleasure out of things and how to turn things around when they're tough," Andrew says.


SPORTS NEWS - PSSA SOFTBALL - The Senior Girls played St Pats Green.

The girls played a strong game and had a convincing win. Thank you to Sabine Jorgensen (6AB) who volunteered to play for St Pats to even the teams. Chelsea Ehlers (5LN) demonstrated good batting skills and Sophi Hart (6AP) and Karlie Travassaros (5/6AB) were terrific as pitchers. The Senior Boys Yellow team played well against St Pats and had a great win. Several of the boys made home runs. A special mention to Callum Bruce (5/6AB) and Charlie Byrne (5LM) who were powerful batters on the day. The Senior Boys Blue team played a close game, losing by three runs. Jayden Lyness (5LN) was a consistent pitcher and Caleb Graham (6AP) showed agility and great concentration as catcher. Thank you to Paul Davis for his time and for managing the team. Jess Brooker, Softball Coordinator.

VALUES - AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR WEEK 7 - These students were recognised at assembly last week for their commitment to our school value of ‘Fairness’. Well done!

The Value for Weeks 8-11 is ‘Democracy’ - accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen. Congratulations to Xavier Allerdice (2MCL), Mia Graham (1MBM), Levi Geering (KWS) Sami El-Souki (4LJH), Jacinta Orgill (6AP), Connor McAleer (5LN), Edie Koller (3CM).

Jo Cameron, Class Teacher 2MCA.

REVERSE CHRISTMAS TREE - Thank you to the families that have already donated something to the Reverse Christmas Tree. There is only one more week to bring in gifts and non-perishable food items. There will be a representative from The Salvation Army at next Monday’s assembly to collect what we have collected. I know that our donations will be very welcomed by the families in our local area who need help this Christmas. Jenny Boehm, Coordinator.

YEARS 2 - 6 CELEBRATION DAY - MONDAY 16 DECEMBER - Today all students in Years 2 - 6 received a permission note to attend the end of year Celebration Day visit to the movies. The movie the students will be viewing is Frozen and is G rated. This will be an advanced screening of the movie which is not due for release into cinemas until Boxing Day. Kindergarten & Year 1 will be visiting Harvey’s Fun Park on the causeway. Jacqueline Henderson, Assistant Principal.

YR 6 AMBITION DAY - TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER - Students in Year 6 are invited to participate in Ambition Day on Tuesday 3 December. For a $2.00 donation, students can come to school dressed in something that represents what they would like to do or be when they leave school. The money raised will go towards the cost of printing the yearbook, which Year 6 students will receive on Graduation Day at the end of the year. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.
Thank you to all our helpers. We only have a couple of weeks of canteen left and our roster is good. We appreciate everyone’s hard work. Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370

**P & C NEWS - MANGO PICKUP.** If you ordered mangoes they will soon be on their way. They will be ready for pickup on **Friday 13 December** between **3:00pm and 5:00pm** from the **school gym**. If you are unable to pick up between these times, please try and get someone else to pick up on your behalf as we don’t have anywhere to store them over the weekend. Please call Lou Newman on 0408 709960 if you have any queries.

**LIBRARY NEWS.** Students need to finish reading their library books and return them to the school library as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

**2013 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to the students who successfully completed the Challenge this year. The Participation Certificates will be presented at the Monday morning assembly on 2 December. Students who achieved Gold Certificates will receive them at this week’s Thursday assemblies. The Gold Awards recognise four years of successful participation in the N.S.W. Premier’s Reading Challenge. The recipients are: Molly Barber, Brodie Davies, Asha Finlay, Myah Glenane, Jake Groth, Ava Howard, Ian Howsam, Alannah Kilo, Dante Kirwin, Asha Krautz, Ziggy Lamond, Ruby Martin, Grace McGarvie, Lily Robertson, Petria Travassaros, Meghan Yensch, Eve Zawertailo and Ellie Zilberman.

Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**OOSH HOLIDAY PROGRAM.** Please be aware that bookings for the next holiday program open Monday 18 November. You can book online through www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au follow the tabs through Community Services and click on child care. Feel free to contact us with any questions regarding your care.- 60435630.

**ST MATTHEW’S MONSTER CAR BOOT SALE AT ADAMSHURST**- 14 December at Adamshurst, 603 David Street. St Matthew’s Christmas Appeal. If you are interested in securing a position at the sale, please contact St Matthew’s Office (next to the Church).- Ph 6021 3022 for further information.

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS AT ST DAVIDS UNITING CHURCH**- Stories, craft, games, food & fun. Start this Sunday 17 November at 9:15am to 11:15am for 4 weeks. More information can be found at alburyuca@bigpond.com or ph 0415 667810

**DIVING** – “Come and Try” days. If you are interested in finding out more about diving, you are invited to come to the North Albury pool to check out our diving training sessions. You can participate in up to three of our training days for a reasonable cost, with no obligation to continue. Training days are on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 4:30-6:00pm. We have qualified coaches who will teach you all you need to know. Contact John Percy (President of Albury Diving Club) on 0427686506 for more information, or come to the pool on training days.

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**Canteen News**

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My favourite thing to do is play,
That is how I’ll spend my day.  By Ally Fowler

Holidays are so much fun,
I think I should go for a run.  By Ines Haszard

I love school,
It is so cool. By Ava Tuksar

My holiday was so cool,
Because I went to Ally’s pool.  By Abbey McCaig

I saw a friend at the door,
And so I gave her a dinosaur. By Summer Harrison

Spring makes my dog so silly,
He runs around like he’s a filly. By Naomi Tongplee

My best friend is a cat
And he comes from Ballarat.  By Myah Glenane

I once saw a fairy,
That was very hairy!  By Reese Spokes

Holidays are fun,
When I am in the sun!  By Mo Liden

In Italy it is so hot,
So I think I’ll find a shady spot!  By Valentina