Dear All

Thanks- I would like to thank Mrs Gail Eckley and Miss Jacqueline Henderson who were relieving in my absence during the first three weeks of this term. Both Mrs Eckley and Miss Jacqueline Henderson did a great job 'steering the ship'. Thanks also to Mr Dylan Clift who led the Stage 1 team during this period.

During my leave I toured Turkey. It is an amazing country with many contrasts. The highlights for me were a hot air balloon flight over Cappadocia and an emotional and moving visit to Anzac Cove/Lone Pine. I am sure during every future Anzac Day service I attend, I will remember this unique experience.

It was a bit of a shock arriving in Albury to rain and cold weather on Monday morning after enjoying several weeks of sunny weather of 26 degrees!

Volunteers Morning Tea- Last Friday our P & C held a morning tea to thank all the people who assist our school. Only a small number attended but I am sure they enjoyed the opportunity to meet other parents/carers and find out more information about the role of the P & C. Many thanks to the P & C for providing the lovely morning tea. I encourage all parents/carers to become involved in your child’s school and assist when you are able to. Joining the P & C is a great way to learn more about the school and meet other parents/carers. The next P & C meeting will be held next Tuesday 28 May at 7:30pm in the staffroom. It would be great to see some new faces!

K-2 Sports Day- A reminder that our K-2 Sports Day will be held in the school grounds next Thursday 30 May. It will commence with tabloid activities at 10:00am and the age running races will be held after lunch at 1:40pm. Parents are invited to come and cheer on their child. We do require parental assistance so if you can assist on the day please return the note you received last week. Today you will also receive the order note for a sausage sizzle lunch. Let’s hope we have lovely fine weather!

NAPLAN- The NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5 were successfully conducted last week. The parent/carer and school reports are scheduled to be released mid September.

SCHOOL PHOTOS- Many thanks for your support in ensuring children were dressed in their winter uniforms for photos. They looked very smart in their class photos, though it was a little disappointing not all students were wearing black shoes. Today the photographers commenced taking the family group photos. If you have any questions about the photos please contact the photographers directly on 03 5881 3436.

CONFERENCE- All staff members, both teaching and non-teaching, have access to professional development to ensure we are kept informed and trained in the most up to date procedures. Next week our office staff and School Learning Support Officers will attend the annual SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) conference in Albury.

HEALTH TIPS- Here are some tips from the http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/keeping-your-kids-healthy website

- Get your child to help pack their lunch box so they are more likely to eat what’s in it.
- Try to include protein in your child's lunch box to keep them full and energetic.
- Exercise is vital in helping manage weight, keeping muscles strong, helping their hearts and lungs develop, and improving their hand-eye coordination.
- Wash your hands regularly to avoid germs.
- Cough into your elbow, not your hands.
- The healthiest drink options for kids are water and milk.
- Look after your child's emotional health too – try not to overschedule them, having some ‘down time’ is important too

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard (Relieving Principal).
SPORT NEWS
Hockey: Congratulations to Cooper Tanner and Noah Jones on their selection in the Riverina Boys Hockey team. The side competes against other regional teams in Sydney later this year.

Rugby League: Congratulations to Cooper Tanner and Lachlan Curtain-Marlowe who travelled to Leeton to participate in the Regional selections for PSSA Rugby League. Lachlan was selected and will now travel to Dubbo representing the Regional team at the State Carnival. Well done!

Melinda Martin, Coordinator

K-2 SPORTS DAY
A REMINDER - that the K-2 Sports Day will be held at the School on Thursday 30 May (next Thursday). Students are asked to wear house colours. Parents are encouraged to attend and help on the day - any help will be appreciated (eg 30 minutes/ 1 hour ) whatever time you can spare. Please return your Parent/Helper note as soon as possible. Please note that with today’s newsletter there is a PINK LUNCH ORDER SLIP that is to be returned to the Canteen for a sausage sizzle lunch.

ALBURY CITY COUNCIL CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Last Thursday, the Albury City Mayor attended our Primary Assembly to present a special Citizenship Award. The award acknowledges those students who have made a significant contribution to their school community and the community in which they live. Congratulations to Georgia Groth 5/6AC who was chosen to receive this prestigious award. Georgia is a valued member of Albury Public School as she demonstrates the values of care and respect in everything that she does. Thank you for being a great role model for our school community.

Jessica Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel).

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY http://www.walk.com.au
This Friday, 24 May is Walk Safely to School Day. To show your support for this great campaign, we are asking that you encourage your family to find alternatives to driving to school. There are a number of ways to get involved. For instance, if you don’t live close enough to school to walk all the way, you could park the car within walking distance or catch a bus. Participating in this event is a great opportunity to get active as well as promote discussion about the environment and all important road safety. Check out the website for ideas and happy walking/commuting!

Lynda Joyce, Environment Committee convenor.

LIBRARY NEWS
NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY-TIME
This Story-Time promotes the value of reading and literacy and occurred today, in the V.C. room at 11:00am. 1MBM and 2/3MWM participated in the story-time with Ms Griffith. The book was “The wrong book” by author/illustrator Nick Bland. The children enjoyed the story and the idea of being involved with over 170,000 children Australia wide.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
It is not too late for children to become involved in the Challenge. It runs to the end of August 2013. Children Yrs K-2 need to “experience” 30 books, of which 25 must be from the set reading list. This means books that they read or ones which are read to them. It includes books read anywhere – home, library etc. Students Yrs 3-6 need to read 20 books, of which 15 must be from the set reading list. Books that children have read since February count has having been read. Children either need to keep a written reading log (available from the school library) which when finished they give to Ms Griffith. They can also go on-line to enter their reading record. To do this, students log-on to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge site using their Username and Password which they use at school to log onto the school’s computers. For details please refer to the web site: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.
The canteen is pretty well back on track now. Just a few minor adjustments to be completed.

Canteen Roster

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K-2 Sports Day

On Thursday 30 May a Sausage Sizzle will be provided for the K-2 Sports Day. Years 3-6 will also be provided a Sausage Sizzle on this day. A coloured order form is included with today’s newsletter (Pink for K-2 and Blue for Yrs 3-6)- please return this order form by Tuesday 28 May.

NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON THE K-2 SPORTS DAY!!

Thank you, Ali and Rachael, Coordinators. (Ph 6021 2370)

P & C Meeting, Tuesday 28 May, 7:30pm in the staffroom, all welcome to attend.

Community News

Student Exchange - STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Call 1800 263 964 for further details.

Autism and Aspergers: Teaching Strategies and Behaviour Support Workshops in Albury - 12 June, 2013. These workshops are ideal for teachers, teachers assistants, parents or carers. Please email deanne@suelarkey.com.au for further details.

Circles of Learning in Thurgoona - a free gardening program for children and their parents at the Thurgoona Community Centre. Every Saturday 9:30-11:00am All enquiries - Lee 0448 283 913

Children’s Prom Concert - Saturday 25 May at 10:30am, an action packed hour of music, singing, moving and listening. Meet the instruments of the orchestra and the musicians who play them. To book call 6043 5610.

1-2-3- Magic & Emotion Coaching - A program for parents and carer’s of 2-12 year olds- Tuesday 18 June, 10:00am-4:00pm. Mission Australia, 2/432 Townsend St, Albury. Bookings are essential so please contact Stacey on 6942 8001.


Mission Australia - 7 steps to safety program. Designed to assist families to gain the skills and confidence they need to FEEL and BE safe at home. Bookings essential. Please contact Stacey on 6942 8001 for further information.

1st Albury Scouts - Oh! Night - Make new friends and explore the great outdoors! (from 7.5-11yrs) Thursday 23 May, 2013 at 7:00pm. Contact Sue Smith on 6021 7827 for further information.
The Government recognises the importance of the following core values to the community. These values represent the aspirations and beliefs of the Australian community as a whole, including its concern for equity, excellence and the promotion of a caring, civil and just society. They are common to a range of secular and religious world-views and are found in most cultures.

The core values are:

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<td>Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning</td>
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<td>RESPECT</td>
<td>Having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the right of others to hold different or opposing views</td>
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<td>Being accountable for your individual and community's actions towards yourself, others and the environment</td>
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