Dear All,

I hope all of our Mums and Grandmas were able to share a lovely Mother’s Day with members of their families last Sunday. We were indeed fortunate in having a beautiful autumn day here in Albury last Sunday. However, it is great to have some much needed rain at the moment.

**DRUMBEAT**

Over the past two weeks Mrs Jackie Wakley and I have had the privilege of participating in Drumbeat. Drumbeat is a music therapy drumming program at the Murray Conservatorium. The program goes for ten weeks and involves a Conservatorium facilitator, an Albury Public teacher and eight students.

Originally developed as a music therapy program to engage young Aboriginal males, it is now practised in a variety of fields including school education and corporate team building. Based on the core principles of social and emotional learning, the program uses *djembe* drums to engage students in rhythms and games as a basis to learn a range of values. Further skills are developed including recognising and regulating emotions, developing empathy for and understanding of others, establishing positive relationships, making responsible decisions, working effectively in teams and handling challenging situations constructively.

We sincerely thank the Border Trust and the Conservatorium for giving our students this opportunity to participate in such a wonderful program.

**ABSENCES**

Regular school attendance is essential if students are to maximise their learning potential. Schools, in partnership with parents/carers, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents/carers are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff does monitor all students’ absences. If your child is absent we require a written or verbal reason for their absence as soon as your child returns to school. Your prompt response would be very much appreciated.

**SAFETY**

A reminder that due to Work, Health & Safety requirements students are required to take school spray jackets off before entering the classrooms. As the spray jackets are made of synthetic material it is important that students do not wear them near the heaters. Also a reminder to please check all clothing items, especially jackets and jumpers, are clearly labelled with your child’s name. We tend to have quite a collection of jumpers etc left in the playground and of course if these items are labelled we can return them to their proper owners.

I hope you all have a good week, Gail Eckley (Relieving Principal).
RIVERINA SOCCER- Congratulations to Lauren Antonello who was selected to represent Albury in the Riverina Soccer Team. Lauren will go to Wyong in Week 5. We wish her well.

PSSA TENNIS- Congratulations to Charlie Hargreaves who represented the Riverina at the NSW PSSA Tennis Championships which were held in Albury last week. Charlie was ranked first in her team, which came 11th overall. A fantastic effort Charlie!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY 2013-
Tuesday 21 May: Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and 5LN, Whole School Photograph.
Wednesday 22 May: All Years 5 and 6 (except 5LN), Student Councillors, House Leaders, Family photos.
Please ensure the envelopes that were sent home last week are brought to school by your child and given to their class teacher (not the front office) on the day of their photos.
No envelopes will be accepted prior to the student's photo day. Students are expected to wear full winter formal school uniform.

Girls: Blue tartan pinafore, bib front, inverted pleat with zippered pocket or blue tartan slacks, black shoes.
- Yellow skivvy with long sleeves or light blue shirt (blue tie optional).
- Round or V-necked navy blue windcheater with large yellow logo in centre.
- Navy tights or navy socks.
- Alternative uniform for Years 5 and 6: Blue tartan skirt with inverted pleat (same as tartan pinafore), blue cardigan.

Boys: Long grey pants, grey socks and black shoes.
- Yellow skivvy with long sleeves or light blue shirt (blue tie optional).
- Round or V-necked navy blue windcheater with large yellow logo in centre.

BOOK CLUB- Book Club is due back on Friday 17 May, 2013. Please ensure you enclose the correct money or fill in the complete details for the credit card information. Please check that you have included the student’s name and class on the order form.

PINCH OF PURPLE- Each Tuesday and Thursday throughout Term Two, the councillors will be selling butterfly badges on behalf of the Deafness Foundation. The foundation is dedicated to the support of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired through research, prevention, education, early detection and technology. One in six Australians have some form of hearing loss. The reason why butterflies are shown on these badges is because butterflies are deaf and beautiful. Councillors will be selling the badges during break times for $2 starting next week. On Wednesday 19 June the school will hold ‘A Pinch of Purple Day’ where everyone is welcome to come to school dressed in purple and are asked to contribute a gold coin to the Deafness Foundation.
Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY- 24 May, 2013. Parents, carers and teachers promote and encourage safe and regular walking to all Australian children. Further information will be included next week’s newsletter.

ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOTHING POOL- We have a very good supply of Albury Public School blue “Sloppy Joes” in the Clothing Pool. (Particularly in small sizes) These are only $4.00 which is extremely good value. Please feel free to call into the Administration block and check out all the other uniform available.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL- The Mothers’ Day stall was held last Thursday. It was a huge success and we raised $264. Thank you to Mrs Van Zanten and Ms Bucher. We were very well supported and it was a great fundraising opportunity to extend and build on in the future. Student Councillors.

VALUES AWARDS- Last week these students were awarded some of our first new Values Awards for displaying respect for themselves, their classmates and their school.
Pictured: Piper Harvey (1MBM), Charlotte Dean (4CG), Connor Bartasius (5LM), Joel Bartasius (2/3MWM) and Ruby McCaig (1MM). Absent: Lilly Pargeter 6AB
THE CANTEEN IS NOW OPEN!

Some things still need to be done but it is workable. Thank you for your patience but the delay was out of our control.

Don’t forget to throw out your old menu and use your new PALE BLUE MENU.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Fri 17 9:00-11:30am Rachel Ayton, 11:00-1:30pm Penny Pope
Mon 20 11:00-1:30pm Stormie Dutton
Tues 21 11:00-1:30pm Nicole Morrison
Wed 22 9:00-1:30pm Marion Baines
Thus 23 9:00-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Fri 24 9:00-11:30am Cath White, 11:00-1:30pm Cherie Byrne

Ali and Rachael, Coordinators. (Ph 6021 2370)

ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C- VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA- This week is National Volunteers Week and the P&C is holding a morning tea to thank all the people who help out at our school and to welcome those who would like to contribute in some way. **Come and have a cup of tea/coffee with us in the HALL at 9:10am on Friday 17 May.** We look forward to seeing you there! This is a great chance to meet some other class parents/carers and hear how you can get involved with your child’s education and the continued success of Albury Public School.

Woolworths/Safeway Supermarket “Earn and Learn” sticker drive

Woolworth supermarkets are once again having their “Earn and Learn” sticker drive. A collection box is now located at our front office area and at the Safeway supermarket in the Myer centre. So spread the word amongst family and friends to start collecting the stickers for Albury Public and help us receive some valuable sporting and classroom items. The easiest way to collect and count the stickers is to ask for a sticker booklet. These are available at all Woolworth supermarkets, can be downloaded off their website or we have a small number available at the front office.

COMMUNITY NEWS- AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS- Meeting the Challenge of Effective School Support (Focus: 3 to 18 years of age). A presentation by Dr Lee Sturgeon (Clinical Psychologist specialising in Autism Spectrum Disorders). For further details and registration information visit www.herrochevents.com.au or phone 02 4332 2589.

BOYS, BOYS, BOYS- Understanding, nurturing and connecting to today’s boys. Insights, practical suggestions and passion from Maggie Dent re parenting, teaching and counselling boys. Tuesday 28 May from 10:00am at the Albury Football Club. For further information contact Claire at Yarrunga Early Learning Centre 6021 7597.

WOMBATS HOCKEY CLUB- The hockey season is just getting into gear so if you are interested in playing or learning to play hockey, give us a call. We are looking for boys and girls for our Under 9s, Under 12 girls, Under 14 girls & boys and Under 16 girls as well as limited seniors and veterans. Give Cayte Campbell a call on 0402 435 433 or Joy Lee a call on 0438 216 085.

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.
Being Australian

4LP have been researching some interesting facts about Australia.

Did you know............

• 70,000 BC: Aborigines are thought to have immigrated to Australia.
• 42,000 BC: Aboriginal engravings are found in South Australia dating back to this time.
• 35,000 BC: Aborigines are thought to have reached Tasmania.
• 2000 BC: The Dingo is the first domesticated animal to reach Australia.
• 1300 AD: Marco Polo discusses a great unexplored southern land.
• 1616 AD: Dirk Hartog, a Dutch explorer, sails to Western Australia.
• 1688 AD: William Dampier, English explorer, arrives on the west coast of Australia.
• 1770: Captain James Cook lands on the more hospitable east coast of Australia and claims it for Britain.
• 1804: Hobart Town is established in Van Diemens Land which is now known as Tasmania.
• 1833: Port Arthur opens as a penal settlement in Tasmania.
• 1851: The gold rush begins near Bathurst in New South Wales.
• 1853: The last convicts are shipped to Tasmania.
• 1868: The last convicts are transported to Australia.
• 1873: Ayers Rock is first sighted by Europeans.
• 1876: The last full blooded Tasmanian Aboriginal, Truganini, dies.
• 1901: The Commonwealth of Australia becomes a reality.
• 1914-1918: Australian troops fight in World War 1.
• 1920: QANTAS is formed as a local airline.
• 1923: Vegemite is first produced.
• 1927: The first Federal Parliament is held in Canberra.
• 1932: Sydney Harbour Bridge opens.
• 1933: Western Australia produces a referendum for secession from England but it is rejected by Parliament.
• 1939-1945: Australian troops fight in World War 2.
• 1948: The first all Australian car is produced—the Holden.
• 1956: Melbourne hosts the Olympics.
• 1965: Australian troops sent to the Vietnam War.
• 1971: Neville Bonner becomes the first Aboriginal to be a Member of Parliament.
• 1973: The Sydney Opera House opens.
• 1981: Asian immigration increases.
• 1983: Australia wins the America's Cup.
• 2000: The Sydney Olympics held.