Dear All

Yidinji Culture Performance - Yesterday two Aboriginal performers visited us and demonstrated how to throw a spear and a boomerang. They also rubbed sticks together to make a fire and taught us some songs. Unfortunately one of the performers took ill and was not able to complete the last session of the day. We are currently arranging another Aboriginal performer to visit later in the term for Stage 3 students and the students in the two choirs who missed out. I will inform you of the date when it has been finalised.

School Uniform - Our school Code of Conduct states to “Wear my school uniform with pride”. Generally our students do look great in their uniforms but I have noticed this term a lot of coloured hooded jumpers and shoes being worn. If your child requires a school windcheater please look in our Uniform Shop as we do have some second hand ones available. If it has been lost please ask your child to look in the lost property bins located in each building. A reminder to please check that all clothing is named so we can return items if found.

Uniform Survey - Last week the P & C sent home a school uniform survey. We have already had quite a few surveys returned. If you would like to contribute to this valuable discussion please return your survey to the front office by next Friday 16 August. Students in Yrs 3-6 who are interested in completing a survey will do so online at school.

Eisteddfod - Congratulations to all the students who have performed at this year’s Albury/Wodonga Eisteddfod in the areas of dance, music, speech and drama. Also special congratulations to our two wonderful, talented choirs on their results yesterday. The Junior Choir received 2nd place and the Senior Choir was Highly Commended. Both Miss Macleod and Miss Heywood were very proud of their efforts and behaviour. Well done!

Musical - Snow White - This week all classes have been busy practising and arranging costume requirements. Everyone should have received a note regarding costume requirements last week. If you have not received one yet please see your child’s teacher. Obviously to put on a performance with all 600 students, in costumes and performing on stage, takes a lot of organisation and effort. Some classes will be asking for parents/carers to assist with the sewing of costumes. Any support in this area will be very much appreciated.

A reminder that tickets go on sale tomorrow and can be purchased online-(www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/entertainment) or from the Albury Entertainment Centre box office in Swift Street. Tickets are $14.00 each and will not be sold from the school front office this year.

Kindergarten Enrolments - The 2014 Kindergarten enrolment information has already been sent out. If you have a child starting school in 2014 and you have not yet contacted the school, please leave your details at the front office. A reminder to parents/carers to please return the enrolment form as soon as possible, so we can then send you the information about our Orientation sessions. The Kindergarten Parent / Carer Information Night will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 10 September at 7:30pm. Please add this date to your calendar.

Our School Website Goes Mobile - It is now easier to view our school website on your mobile phone or tablet. The DEC have created a mobile version of the site with a range of features fine-tuned for when you are on the move. You can now more easily:

- dial or email us from your phone
- locate us via Google maps
- check our school calendar
- view our latest newsletter.

You can also create a shortcut to our website on your phone home page. Try the mobile version of our website now. Just visit from a smart phone or tablet device and follow the prompts.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)
the family members who supported our choir at the Eisteddfod. Lynn Macleod, Choir Teacher.

Congratulations girls and boys. You were magnificent! We would like to give a really big vote of thanks to all Harriet Murphy and Zoey Rowe. A special mention goes to our duo, Sally Lefoe and Isabella Towner.

Emma Sullivan, Noah Spry, Rory Harrap, Ilah Schmutter, Isabel Frichot, Sienna Bauer, Annabel Spendier, Varman, Sienna Myers, Ella Riches, Sally Lefoe, Emily Wills, Lucy Mack, Bridget Ritchie, Joradin Hopkins, Jorgensen, Zoe Osborne, Chloe Barker, Chloe Bartasek, Jordan Bulle, Rebecca Scott, Isabella Towner, Ella Varman, Sienna Myers, Ella Riches, Sally Lefoe, Emily Wills, Lucy Mack, Bridget Ritchie, Joradin Hopkins, Emma Sullivan, Noah Spory, Rory Harrap, Ilah Schmutter, Israel Frichot, Sienna Bauer, Annabel Spendier, Harriet Murphy and Zoey Rowe. A special mention goes to our duo, Sally Lefoe and Isabella Towner. Congratulations girls and boys. You were magnificent! We would like to give a really big vote of thanks to all the family members who supported our choir at the Eisteddfod. Lynn Macleod, Choir Teacher.

STATE NETBALL-Two weeks ago Karlie Travassaros represented the Riverina at the State Netball Championships held in Broken Hill. The team had a successful week playing 14 games and winning 5 games, with one draw. The team ended up coming fifth. This is an amazing result for the team and for our Karlie as an individual player. Congratulations!! Nadene Glenane, Coordinator.

PSSA HOCKEY- Last Friday our Senior Hockey Team played Albury North Public School. David Christy, as our coach, was pivotal in our victory, winning 2-0. Well done to Mac Harper (6AP) and Alex Rennie (5/6AC) who were our goal scorers. Georgia Groth (5/6AC) also played well, demonstrating great team spirit. The Junior Hockey team played Lavington East Public School and won 1-0; Kristian Shipard (4LP) scoring the winning goal. The Juniors played a terrific game, with Toby Lewis (4LJH) and Tom Newman (4LP) showing great skill on the field. Well done to all players. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

PSSA SENIOR SOCCER- Friday 26 July saw Albury Gold v Trinity and Albury Blue v St Johns. Alexandra and Aloysius' grounds had dried out considerably compared to previous weeks. Albury Gold was successful with 9 goals to Trinity's 6. Goals were scored by Jack Drummond, Matthew Green, Denzel Oliver and Lachlan Claxton. Defense was strong, supported by Ben Spooner and Matthew Green's excellent goal keeping skills. Albury Blue were also very competitive with Baxter Macfarlane, Tom Grigg, and Chelsea Ehlers applying pressure towards the opposition throughout the game. Zach Van Zanten and Andy Inglis were successful in scoring for Blue. Well done to both senior sides for displaying sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the afternoon & representing APS with pride. Last Friday saw large dark clouds move over Albury in the afternoon. Thankfully the rain held off for both matches. APS Blue was successful in defeating Trinity B and APS Gold challenged but were defeated by Thurgoona. Well done to Andy Inglis and Connor McAleer for their excellent sportsmanship on the day!

Chris Bourke, Coordinator.

PSSA JUNIOR SOCCER- APS Gold defeated Thurgoona at Waites Park and APS Blue defeated Glenroy at Alexandra Park. The Gold team had a good win over Thurgoona. Ava Tukas and Will Haberfield displayed great sportsmanship by playing for Thurgoona as they were short on numbers. Thanks to Mia Spokes who helped manage the team. Well done to both Junior teams on their big wins. This week’s games for both Senior and Junior teams:- APS Gold v Glenroy(Junior), Trinity B(Senior) at Waites Park, APS Blue v Thurgoona, at Alexandra Park. Dylan Clft, Coordinator

PSSA AFL- Last Friday we played Albury North. It was an even game. Both sides played very competitively. Our handballing and skilful passes kept Albury North on the run. There was some great teamwork from APS. Thank you to Mr Baille for umpiring the first half and also to the family members who came to cheer us on. Lynn Macleod, Coordinator.

RIVERINA GOLF TRIALS- Congratulations to Beau Davis who has gained selection in the Riverina Golf team. Beau will represent the Riverina later in the term in Port Macquarie. Best Wishes Beau! Karlee Payne, Sports Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS to Johanna Ratnik and Aylish Jorgensen on their performance in the Riverina Central Choir on Monday 29 July. Di Heywood, Coordinator.

YEAR 1 – 4 EISTEDDFOD CHOIR- Yesterday we performed in the K – 6 Whole School Choir Section at the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod at The Albury Performing Arts Centre. There were seven schools in our section. We were enormously proud to be awarded second place to The Scots School Albury. The amazing members of the choir are: Charlotte Ball, Dana Matthew, Mackenna Robson, Alexandra Scott-Coutts, Danni Antonello, Bridgette Gay, Chelsea Brooksby, Asha Finlay, Aylish Jorgensen, Zoe Osborne, Chloe Barker, Chloe Bartasek, Jordan Bulle, Rebecca Scott, Isabella Towner, Ella Varman, Sienna Myers, Ella Riches, Sally Lefoe, Emily Wills, Lucy Mack, Bridget Ritchie, Joradin Hopkins, Emma Sullivan, Noah Spory, Rory Harrap, Ilah Schmutter, Israel Frichot, Sienna Bauer, Annabel Spendier, Harriet Murphy and Zoey Rowe. A special mention goes to our duo, Sally Lefoe and Isabella Towner. Congratulations girls and boys. You were magnificent! We would like to give a really big vote of thanks to all the family members who supported our choir at the Eisteddfod. Lynn Macleod, Choir Teacher.
Thurs 8 HELPER NEEDED
Fri 9 9:00-1:30pm Christine Mendes 11:00-1:30pm Cherie Byrne
Mon 12 11:00-1:30pm Sara Clift
Tues 13 11:00-1:30pm Lou Richardson
Wed 14 11:00-1:30pm Mel Pargeter
Thurs 15 9:00-1:30pm Donna Collins
Fri 16 9:00-11:00am Lou Harper, 11:00-1:30pm Mel Benham

Thank you to all our lovely helpers. We are still accepting donations, thanks to all the parents who have donated key ingredients to help our canteen.

Remember our Weekly Mon/Tues/Wed “LUNCH SPECIAL” for August- Hotdog, Milkshake and Jelly for $5.00! Stay warm with our hot delicious homemade Pasta, Soup, Baked Goodies and Hot Milo!! Ali and Rachael, Coordinators. (Ph 6021 2370)

PLANET ARK’S 20 NATIONAL TREE DAY- On 24 July, 30 students from Stage 3 travelled to 8 Mile Creek, Thargoona. Students had a very productive day planting over 250 trees and native shrubs, providing homes for the near extinct squirrel gliders. The day consisted of rotational educational activities including; weed identification, tree planting, building homes for the gliders and energy conservation. I would like to thank all students who attended for representing Albury Public School with pride. Thank you also to the Albury City Council for this opportunity. We all had a very enjoyable and educational day! Chris Bourke, Coordinator.

RIVERINA ENVIRONMENT CENTRE- Recently, students from 5/6AB attended a workshop at the Riverina Environment Centre in Wagga. Rupert Freeman, Madison Hopper, Tom Grigg and Monae Scott-Coutts, all Year 5, collected specimens from a local freshwater habitat. The students were able to test the water and soil for traces of various chemicals and nutrients including acidity and phosphorus. Thank you to Kerry Grigg who drove these students to the centre.

Indianna Higgins, Luca Lamond, Johanna Ratnik and Katherine Brownbill, all Year 6 students, also attended. Their day focused on gravity and various gases found in the earth’s atmosphere. These students were able to launch self-made rockets and vortex cannons. Thank you to Rob Brownbill who was able to transport these students. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

P & C NEWS- Despite a very disappointing turn out at our fundraising meeting on 25 July, the P&C has started to organise some terrific fundraising opportunities but HELP will be needed if they are to succeed.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL- Friday 30 AUGUST– the enormous turn out for the Mothers’ Day Stall showed that this is something that all students are keen to be involved in, so work is under way for a Fathers’ Day Stall. $5.00 will buy a wonderful gift for that special person on Fathers’ Day and all classes will have a time to come along to the stall and all children will have an opportunity to buy a gift.

SO KIDS START SAVING COINS FOR THE STALL, FRIDAY, 30TH AUGUST

ELECTION BBQ AND CAKE STALL - SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
Having the Polling Booth at Albury Public School, gives us the opportunity to run a BBQ and cake stall on this day. We are asking for volunteers to help get this event up and running. It does not require an enormous amount of time and lots of hands will make for even less effort. If you have some ideas or a few hours of time to help, please contact me directly at anthmari@hotmail.com or leave your name and contact details at the front office. Regards, Marie Bucher, P&C President.

COMMUNITY NEWS- BED WET SOLUTIONS- Nocturnal Enuresis Bed Wetting Program- Your child’s bed wetting problem can be solved in 6-8 weeks! Email: bedwetsolutions@bigpond.com or phone for an appointment phone 0421 079 491.

Victorian Schools Mountain Bike Race- This Sunday 11 August, the Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club will host a round of the VSACC MTB Series. Entry is open to students in Albury, eight years or older. For more information visit the website: www.vic.cycling.org.au Kids Mountain Bike Event- The next “Kids Race” run by the Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club will be on Sunday 25 August at 10:00am. The event will be run behind the TAFE and Kalianna on fun easy trails. Mr. Dylan Clift, 2MC Class Teacher.

Gold Certificates
Congratulations to:- Alex Ventress, Ava Bosse and Ky McFaull.
Yidinji Culture Visit

Yesterday the school had a visit from Maa-roon and Uncle Mick from the Yarabah tribe from North Queensland. Maa-roon played the didgeridoo to get our attention. It was really good. Then we learnt some language.

Yo = Yes  Mah = Ok or Okey dokey.
He showed us some spears and boomerangs.

Some students went up on stage to do the cassowary dance. Maa-roon used the sticks to keep a beat, and the students had to follow the beat with their feet. Their hands were the neck of the bird. The audience sang at the end. It looked and sounded amazing.

Next the men used two sticks and some dry grass to light a fire. Ruby and Phoebe had a turn. The grass started to smoke. When Uncle Mick picked it up and waved it around, the oxygen helped get the flames burning. They still use this in ceremonies or traditional times.

The final thing we did was to go outside and watch as Maa-roon threw the spears on the oval. He threw them the whole length of the oval – and it looked effortless. The boomerangs did not always come back to him. He even threw two and three boomerangs at a time. He did manage to catch one as it came back. Maa-roon tried to teach Mrs Just and Ms Bonham to throw as well.

It was a great experience to learn about the Yidinji culture.