Dear All

**Wet Weather**: If it is raining at 8:30am when students arrive at school, they are to go to the COLA at the basketball court where a teacher is on duty. Please note students should not be arriving at school before 8:30am. If it is still too wet at 8:45am to go into the playground, students will then go into the classrooms to be supervised until lessons commence at 9:00am. It’s also a good idea to send your child with a raincoat as they may need to walk to the French room, Computer Labs or Library during the day.

**Musical**: Our school musical is steaming ahead and tickets are selling fast. A reminder that tickets can only be purchased at the Albury Entertainment Centre box office or online (www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/entertainment). Today you should have received information and a permission note regarding our two musical rehearsals at the Albury Entertainment Centre on Monday 26 August and Tuesday 27 August. Note the second rehearsal on the Tuesday is a dress rehearsal and students will need their costumes. Please return this note to your child’s class teacher by next Wednesday 21 August. Next Wednesday I will also be sending out information regarding the times and arrangements for students to be dropped off and collected on the two performance evenings. Please pop this in a safe spot so you can refer to it when necessary. It’s vital that everyone is well informed and aware of the arrangements. This will ensure a successful musical production.

**Late Arrivals**: Each morning we still have a number of students arriving late. If your child arrives 10 minutes late each morning by the end of the week they have missed 50 minutes of instruction, by the end of the year 33 hours of learning. So please try to be organised in the mornings so your child is not missing this valuable learning time. Being organised and punctual is an important life skill you can teach your child!

**2014 Kindergarten Enrolments**: Please return your child’s enrolment form for 2014 Kindergarten to the front office as soon as possible so we can organise the Orientation Information to be send out to you. I suspect we don’t have details of all the students commencing Kindergarten in 2014 so please let the office know ASAP if your child will be coming to school next year.

**Book Week**: Next week, Week 6 is National Book Week. This year’s theme is ‘Reading Across The Universe’. We are not holding a Book Week parade this year, due to the preparations for our Musical, but students are able to come to school on Wednesday 21 August dressed as their favourite book character. This is optional. Ms Griffith will be conducting lessons in the library based on the nominated books for Book Week.

**Aboriginal Performance**: Unfortunately the Stage 3 students and choir members who had paid for the Yidinji Musical performance last Tuesday missed out on their performance as the performer fell ill. On Thursday 29 August at 1:40pm, the day after the last Musical performance, I have arranged for another Aboriginal performer to visit. This performer is Lewis Parter. His heritage is of the Central Queensland Daranbal people whose language is Birri Gubba. Lewis is an excellent musician, song writer and performer who enjoys presenting his culture to school children.

**Congratulations**: Congratulations to the following girls who will not only be performing as part of the Riverina Albury Dance Ensemble at the Northern Spirit 2013 concert next Tuesday, but will also perform in the Ensemble at the State Dance Festival in Sydney at the beginning of September. This is a wonderful achievement. Well done girls! I know you will all represent Albury Public School and the Riverina with pride:- Lauren Antonello, Georgina Cominos, Harriette Evans, Yasmine Linssen, Sarsha Smith, Karlie Travassaros and Petria Travassaros.

Congratulations also to the students in 3CS who are the first class at APS to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Well done 3CS you must be very keen readers! I know Mr Sewell and Ms Griffith are very proud of your efforts.

**Staff News**: Last Thursday Miss Brigitta Schwarz announced her engagement to Aaron Dudgeon. We wish them all the best for their future lives together. Miss Schwarz is the third Kindergarten teacher this year to either become engaged or get married- what is happening over there in the West!!

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

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*Gail Eckley*  
Relieving Principal  
Carolyn Howard  
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MEMBER OF THE CROSSING POINT LEARNING COMMUNITY
SCHOOL VALUES - In Week 3 the following students were commended for demonstrating Integrity in all aspects of school life: (K-2) Lucy Dewar, Caleb Clemson and Ellen Booth, (3-6) Johanna Ratnik and Petria Travassaros

The School Value for Weeks 4 to 6 is Responsibility: "Being accountable for your individual and community’s actions towards yourself, others and the environment."

SPORTS NEWS- PSSA NETBALL - Juniors - The Junior A team played St Johns of Jindera. The team had a very convincing win 18-3. Emily Wills played a great centre court game, while Petria Travassaros and Isi Towner had some great shots at goal. The Junior B team played against the small schools team. It was a convincing 14 – 4 win to our girls, who showed great sportsmanship. Ava Black had a great game, and Mia Johannis was strong in defence. Amy Houlihan played another great game.

This week- Junior A to play Springdale Heights. Junior B to play St Johns.

Seniors- The Senior A team played Scots. The girls had a 9-4 win. Faye Cameron shot some great goals and Mackenzie Scott-Coutts was great in wing defence taking many interceptions. The Senior B team played Lavington and had a huge 35-0 win. Zara Koschitzke and Sophi Hart were great in goals shooting 11 goals each in one half! A great win considering the cold and wet conditions.

This week – Senior A to play Glenroy and Senior B to play Scots. Nadene Glenane, Coordinator.

PSSA AFL- Last Friday we played Lavington. It was a tough game as Lavington is a very strong and experienced team. Our coach Mick Murphy encouraged us to shepherd our players and stay on our opponents. There was some inspiring work from Willson Mack, Bailey Clemson, Charlie Byrne, Max Byrne, Felix Baker, Callum Bruce and Noah Jones. Overall it was a great game even if it was challenging to keep up with Lavington with their long kicks. We managed to give them some great competition. Thank you to Mick and family members who came to support us. Lynn Macleod, Coordinator.

PSSA HOCKEY - Last Friday our Senior hockey team played Scots. Unfortunately we were defeated. Mac Harper(6AP) and Sabine Jorgensen(6AB) demonstrated excellent leadership skills as they organised the team, including positions. Claudine Gale(5/6AC) attacked the ball strongly, running to intercept the ball on several occasions. The Junior hockey team played Lavington and won 3-0; Nimod Poudel(4LP), Tom Newman(4LP)and Lily Robertson(4LP) all scoring goals. A big thank you to Lyndon Robertson who expertly led the Juniors to another victory. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

LIBRARY NEWS- Children’s Book Week:- Book Week is from Monday 19 August to Friday 23 August. This year’s theme is “Read Across the Universe”. On Wednesday 21 August the students will be having a dress up day. This is designed as a “fun” activity for the students. They can come to school dressed up as a favourite story character or as something associated with the theme. Remember that due to the school musical the following week there will be NO BOOK PARADE.

Premier’s Reading Challenge:- Time is running out to complete your 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge. On-line reading logs need to be completed by 23 August. This allows time for me to validate reading logs by 1 September. To date, seventy APS students have completed the Challenge. If you need to check your reading log go to: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html Remember your log-on User name and password are those used to log on to the computers at school. Thank you for your support. Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.

BOOK WEEK VIDEO CONFERENCES YEARS 1 AND 2 - The Royal National Park Environmental Education Centre is coordinating a series of book readings via video conference with sustainability author Kellie Bollard. Next Monday and Tuesday all students in Years 1 and 2 will be participating in Sustainability Story Time with Kellie Bollard. Students will be read In the Bin and Worms: The Mechanics of Organics. Both these stories are on the K – 2 Premier’s Reading Challenge list. In the Bin is a rhyming story about bins, recycling, worms, compost and all things rubbish. It is a great introduction to correctly sorting household rubbish and the concept of reduce, reuse and recycle. Worms: The Mechanics of Organics is a bright, fun and informative look at the amazing world of worms, in the garden, in compost and in worm farms. It is also written in rhyming text and introduces students to organic workers in the soil and the part they play in recycling our waste. Jacqueline Henderson, Assistant Principal.
**PLEASE RING IF YOU CAN HELP OUT WITH THE VACANT SPOTS ON 22/23 August.**

**DON’T FORGET TO BUY BROWN BAGS FOR LUNCH ORDERS FROM THE SUPERMARKET.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER:- If putting multiple orders and money in one bag, please write all details on the bags. E.g. Name, Class, Amount $$ .**

Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370.

**P & C NEWS -**

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 underway 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 students 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**

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY to help us protect Albury’s woodlands. Sunday 18 August, 10:30am-1:00pm at Six Mile Creek, St. John’s Road, Thuringowa (Next to CSU).

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER- Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in February 2014 for a stay of one term, one semester or two semesters. Visit www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call 1800 500 501 for further information.

FLYING FRUIT FLY CIRCUS- Auditions will be held on Sunday 18/08/13. Please visit http://fruitflycircus.com.au/training/how-to-join-our-circus/info@fruitflycircus.com.au for further information or phone 02 6043 0777.

MURRAY CONSERVATORIUM VOCAL CONSORT- presents:- A Pageant of Great Choral Composers. Sunday 18 August, at St Matthew’s Church, Kiewa St, Albury. Bookings phone 02 6041 4249. 2:00pm -Talk by David Carolane OAM, Director of the Vocal Consort, 2:30pm -Performance.
What’s Been Happening in 5/6AC

This term 5/6AC welcomed hermit crabs into our classroom. Before they arrived we had to research facts about them so we knew how to care for our hermit crabs. We have 3 hermit crabs and their names are Boo, Sonic and Miffy. These are some of the facts we found out about them:

- They can’t breed in captivity.
- Hermit crabs are more active at night.
- They need to be held for at least 15min a day.
- Hermit crabs love to climb.
- Stress can cause death
- Hermit crabs like to eat all kinds of fruit and vegies such as: mango, grapes, strawberries, melons, apples and grass.

NAIDOC WEEK

We worked very hard on our NAIDOC Week posters at the beginning of this term.

They have turned out great. NAIDOC means “National Aboriginal Islander Day Observance Committee”.

Marble Jar

We have started a ‘compliment jar’ in our class and every time we get a whole-class compliment Mrs Browne puts a marble in the jar. When the jar is full we will receive a class reward. We are doing our best to work as a team to improve our class behaviour. So far we have seven marbles in the jar and we hope to receive lots more compliments to fill the jar with marbles. If you see us doing something great together please tell our teacher, Mrs Browne.

By Sarsha Smith, Nicola Baines and Mia Harding.