Dear All

BUSHWAHZEE - Hello my hearties!!! What a lot of fun we had with the Bushwhaze band over the past two days and evenings. It was great to see so many families joining us for an evening of singing and dancing on Monday night!! Unfortunately I missed Tuesday night’s performance as I was in Sydney for the National Primary Principal’s Conference but I heard it was just as successful.

Many thanks to Barb and Graham Gould and Tiana and Steven Johannis the P & C helpers who assisted at the barbecue on both nights. It was also great to see so many families supporting this P & C fundraiser. We raised $1816.10, what a great effort!

Grandparents Day - Tomorrow (Thursday) we are holding our Grandparents Day. Grandparents and parents are invited to join in with the Yrs 3-6 classes 10:15-11:00 and K-2 classes 11:20-12:15. Different classes will be involved in a variety of activities. Free tea and coffee will be available in the gym at recess 11:00-11:20. I hope you will be able to join us to celebrate the valuable contributions grandparents make to the lives of the students.

2015-2017 SCHOOL PLAN - The new approach to our school planning will shift planning from an essentially mechanical process to one which engages the whole school community to create a shared vision and the aspirations for the future. Staff, students and parents/carers will have input. Three strategic directions will then be developed and a three year school plan published. To enable you to contribute to the directions you would like your school to go and the shared vision, I encourage you to be involved in one of the several parent forums planned.

The first two parent forums will be conducted on these dates:
Tuesday 28 October 7:30pm P & C Meeting (in staffroom)
Wednesday 5 November 9:15-11:00 (after Kindergarten Orientation drop off- in the hall) It would be great to have many parents having input into the future directions and plans for our wonderful school.

BOOK PACKS - Albury Public School is introducing the sale of Book Packs for each class in 2015. Instead of requesting voluntary contributions we are asking all families to support the school by purchasing a book pack for their child. This initiative has been discussed and ratified by the P & C. Packs will cost approximately $35 each, however a family of 3 or more students will be charged less. Each year pack is different and has been supplied with items relevant to your child’s year, including exercise books and stationery. An example of each book pack is now available at the front office for inspection. An order form and exact cost will be sent home in Week 5 and we ask payment to be made before the end of this term. This will allow the book packs to be distributed when students go into their new classes in 2015. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, Eftpos or through POP.

ATTENDANCE - A reminder that regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Parents are responsible in ensuring their children attend school regularly and explain all absences from school promptly. We are also very concerned about the number of students arriving late each morning. If your child is away please ensure we have notification of their absence and the reason as soon as possible. We also ask for your assistance in ensuring your children arrive on time for school each morning.

YRS 2 - 6 SWIM SCHEME - A reminder that expression of interests for participation in the school’s learn-to-swim scheme are due next Friday, 31 October. The note was sent home last Wednesday.

Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)

SCHOOL VALUES - Thank you to everyone who completed the Values Survey in Term 3. We had a great response and your contribution was very much appreciated.

We have tallied all the results and the Albury Public School values are: Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation. These values will be incorporated in the schools Welfare and Discipline Policy and will be explicitly taught to students. Each value will be focused on for three weeks at a time exploring an overview of the value and what it looks like in the classroom as well as other areas in the school community. Every week at the school assemblies a Values Award will be presented to students who demonstrate the focus value.

Brigitta Schwarz - Welfare Committee
PSSA SUMMER SPORT - What a great start to the PSSA summer sport season. All teachers involved gave glowing reports about their teams participation with students showing great sportsmanship, cooperation and skill development. Many thanks go to the parents who come to watch, support and help out at the various venues each week. Following are the results of last weeks games. For a more detailed report check out the Sports Page attached to the Term 4 Week 3 newsletter online at albury-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

NSW STATE PSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - Homebush, Sydney last week. Congratulations to - Caleb Clemson (Long jump), Bailey Clemson (High jump), Ava Tuksar (Discus), Gerty Balbao (High jump), Harry Haszard (100m & 200m), Charlie Hargreaves (Long jump) and Natalie Gibbons (800m & High jump). Well done to these Albury Public School students for their fantastic results over a two day carnival! Chris Bourke

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PSSA SOFTBALL - this week, our Senior Boys Softball team played Lavington East winning 5 to 3. Special mentions - Jack Deighton for his hard hitting and Max Byrne for his agile catching skills in the position of catcher at home plate. The Senior Girls Softball team played Albury North winning 8 to 3. Congratulations to Chelsea Brooksby who stepped out of her comfort zone to take the position of catcher. Everyone was very cooperative, sharing the roles throughout the game. Thank you to Jenny Butlin and Lyndon Robertson for their expertise and assistance. We welcome all families and friends to our games at Jelbart Park each week. Jess Brooker.

JUNIOR PSSA TEE-BALL - We have entered four teams in the PSSA competition- two girls’ teams and two mixed teams. These games are played at Jelbart Park Lavington. Everyone is really enthusiastic. Each player is developing a sound knowledge of the game. Last Friday APS Yellow drew against AWPS. APS Blue defeated GPS, APS Blue defeated LEPS Red and APS Yellow defeated LEPS Green. If you are able to assist please contact Lynn Macleod.

PSSA CRICKET REPORT - Both the Senior and Junior teams played against Albury North. Our Senior team totalled 1/95 runs, while NAPS made 4/56. Sam Brown, Bailey Clemson, Ben White and Tom Newman worked tirelessly to make significant contributions to our score. Elijah Farrah and Josh Green bowled consistently in their overs. The Junior team made a total of 57 runs, with our batters retiring at 20 runs to allow new batters to step into the crease, with no loss of wickets. We bowled quite well and made sure fielding was tight; often putting the opposition under pressure while running between wickets, creating run-outs. Thank you to John Boyd and Shane Green for their expertise and assistance. Christel Pargeter

PSSA Riverina Water Polo - Congratulations and good luck to: Callum Bruce, Samuel Baillie, Will Pargeter, Meg Waite, Sally Lefoe, Grace Butlin, Lauren Antonello and Asha Krautz who will be participating in a Water Polo Gala Day in Sydney on 17 November. These students will be part of the Riverina squad that will play games against metropolitan teams and it is a wonderful opportunity to further develop these students’ water polo skills. Christel Pargeter

GRANDPARENTS DAY - Thursday 23 October 2014. Everyone has fond memories of their Nan and Pop, Ma and Pa or Gran and Grandad. To celebrate the unconditional love and support they provide us with, we would like to invite your child’s grandparent/s to our school on Thursday 23 October. Classrooms will be open for Grandparents to come in and share a positive learning experience with their grandchildren.

Tea and coffee will be provided in the gym at recess.

Years 3-6 - 10:15am – 11:00am
Tea and Coffee - 11:00am – 11:20am in the gym
Years K – 2 - 11:20am – 12:15pm
Rachel Johnson, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

ALBURYCITY COUNCIL CITIZENSHIP AWARD- Congratulations to Alice Eggleton (1MM) for being awarded the Term 3 AlburyCity Citizenship Award. Alice was awarded her certificate and a $20 Dymocks voucher at last Thursday’s assembly. We appreciate the support of the AlburyCity Council in their promotion of positive behaviour. Jacqueline Henderson, Assistant Principal.

MATHS ONLINE- Maths Online is a website designed to guide you through mathematical concepts, lesson by lesson, allowing you to pause, rewind and repeat all or part of any lesson until you fully understand it. You can trial it as a guest and if you wish to sign up there are family payment options. Go to www.mathsonline.com.au if you are interested. Jacqueline Henderson, Mathematics Committee

YEAR 7 ENTRY INTO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2016- All applicants seeking placement into a selective high school in 2016 are invited to submit an online application at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online between 14 October and 17 November 2014. Applications will not be accepted after 18 November. Please be advised that the closest selective high school to Albury is Yanco Agricultural High School, Euroley Rd Yanco. Gail Eckley, Deputy Principal (Rel.)
Gold Certificates
Congratulations to:-
Lachlan Claxton, Alice Eggleton, Ben Hyman, Piper Attwood, Billy Richardson

Thurs 23 9:00-1:30pm Marion Baines
Fri 24 9:00-11:30am LeeAnne Smith 11:00-1:30pm Sarah Clift
Mon 27 12:00-1:30pm Louise Cameron
Tue 28 12:00-1:30pm Tracey Brown
Wed 29 10:00-1:30pm Rachel Rennie - "SUSHI DAY" HELPER NEEDED
Thur 30 9:00-11:30am Alison Baillie 11:00-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Fri 31 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED 11:00-1:30 Janet Waite

Don’t forget to get your “Sushi Day” lunch orders into the canteen so you don’t miss out.
Rachael and Ali, 60212370.

P & C NEWS
MANGO FUNDRAISER Please remember to have your mango orders in by next Wednesday, 29 October. They are such a delicious surprise when they arrive in the last two weeks of term. Order forms are at the front office or on the school website. For more information please phone Lou Newman 0408709960.

FAMILY FUN FAIR Thursday 13 November - 3 weeks away! We are still asking for donations of second hand items in good condition especially retro clothes and toys. Thank you to those who have donated already. Items can be dropped off in the back corner of the gymnasium. Please remember nothing electronic or furniture items. We have received some of these and unfortunately will have to pay to dispose of them.

DONATIONS OF NEW GOODS / VOUCHERS - We are still looking for donations of items or vouchers to raffle off on the day. If you can help or have a contact in a business that may be able to help please let us know.

PLANTS / PRODUCE - Keep potting and cooking!
We are short of volunteers for the night. If you can help please let us know.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS WONDERFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS.
FFF Committee (Kate Preston 0401 202860, Sharon Green 0427 412351 Stuart Howsam 0416 320198)

COMMUNITY NEWS
SPRINGDALE HEIGHTS PRE-SCHOOL-CELEBRATING 35 YEARS– Saturday 8 November, 10:00am–2:00pm at Springdale Heights Pre-School, 8 Canara Place, Lavington. Free entry.

CAMP QUALITY exCARpade is coming to Albury– Saturday 25 October at 3:00pm. Themed cars travel from Broken Hill to Albury. The teams have been raising money all year for Camp Quality to help kids living with cancer. Come along and enjoy the parade, the noise and the fun that is EsCARpade.

WODONGA CHILDREN’S FAIR 2014– Sunday 26 October from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Wodonga Racecourse, Hamilton Smith Drive, Wodonga. For further information phone 6022 9300 or visit Wodonga.vic.gov.au/children

ALBURY WODONGA SUSTAINABLE LIVING WEEK - (26 October - 1 November) Learning how to compost, spot nightlife at Wonga Wetlands and how to save energy for business. The Green Market will be on Saturday 1 November at Hovell Tree Park between 8am-1pm with special guest from Gardening Australia- Costa Georgiadis! For information regarding the events visit www.humebank.com.au/sustainablelivingweek

ALBURY DIVING CLUB commences training today at 4:30pm at the Lavington (outdoor) Swimming Pool. New divers are most welcome with an opportunity to ‘try it out’. Come along to find out more or re-register if you are an existing diver. Training sessions 4:30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. It is not compulsory to attend both days. Contact Mrs Power at school for more information.

HAPPY HARRY’S BEACH ADVENTURE: This Saturday, 25 October children are invited to attend the Official Children’s Book Launch at Dymocks’ Bookstore in Dean St Albury. There will be a reading by Catherine O’Farrell at 11.00am. This Book Launch is proudly sponsored by ‘Life Without Barriers’.

EPILEPSY ACTION AUSTRALIA will be in Albury/Wodonga next week and will be running a series of seminars and workshops from 22 - 26 October. To register for any of the events call 1300 37 45 37 or email us at epilepsy@epilepsy.org.au. See flyer attached to the Albury P.S. Term 4 Week 3 newsletter online.

MENTAL HEALTH EVENT - Be YOUnique - Thursday 23 October, 5:30-7:30 Walk across the Causeway starting at the Wood Fired Oven, Albury or Sumson Garden, Wodonga, finishing at the Amphitheatre behind La Maison. For more information see flyer attached to Albury P.S. Term 4 Week 3 newsletter online.
Bushwahzee

The group of performers called ‘Bushwahzee’ have worked in hundreds of schools around Australia and are well known for their one day productions for primary school students. This year’s theme was Pirates. 5/6AB enjoyed their sessions with the Bushwahzee band. Our performance was very interactive; inviting the teachers and parents to join in with free-style 1980’s dancing.

In the show, the three characters Captain Cutlass, One Eye Lou and Cabin Boy Dyson scared off the bad pirates who had come to steal the gold. Captain Cutlass revealed that they were chasing fool’s gold. The real gold however, was the gold music of the 80’s!

By Oliver Henderson, Toby Lewis, Sally Lefoe and 5/6AB.
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Chris Bourke, Sports Coordinator

PSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL - Wow! What a start to the touch footy season. We had a clean sweep. All teams played Springdale Heights Public School. The Juniors won 7 -1, which was great with most playing their first ever game. Ally Fowler scored the first try, and Kynon French was dynamite scoring a couple of tries. Tilby Strang made plenty of touches. It was fun. The Senior Gold won 5-3. The best players were Emily Wills, Tom Grigg and Jack Drummond with a few tries as well. Senior Blue had a good win 5 -1 with Keely Bullivant, Harry Haszard and Callum Bruce playing well. Thanks to the parents who came to support.
Nadene King, Touch Football Coordinator

PSSA SOFTBALL - What a wonderful start to the softball season with both of our teams winning their first games. For many it was their first time at playing softball. This week, our Senior Boys Softball team played Lavington East Primary School winning the game 5 to 3. Special mentions go to Jack Deighton for his hard hitting and Max Byrne for his agile catching skills in the position of catcher at home plate. The Senior Girls Softball team played Albury North Primary School and won the game 8 to 3. Congratulations to Chelsea Brooksby who stepped out of her comfort zone to take position of catcher. Everyone was very cooperative, sharing the roles throughout the game. Well done to all APS players who showed terrific sportsmanship through their support of the opposition. Thank you to Jenny Butlin and Lyndon Robertson for their expertise and assistance. We appreciate the support shown by families who came along to watch the students play their first game of the season. We welcome all families and friends to our games each week at Jelbart Park starting at approximately 9:30am.
Jess Brooker, Softball Coordinator

JUNIOR PSSA TEE-BALL - We have entered four teams this term to play in the PSSA competition- two girls’ teams and two mixed teams. These games are played at Jelbart Park Lavington. What a great bunch of team members from Albury PS. Everyone is really enthusiastic. Each player is developing a sound knowledge of the game. Our ball and striking skills are fantastic. Children new to the game are showing signs of improving already.
Last Friday Albury PS Yellow drew against Albury West PS, Albury PS Blue defeated Glenroy PS, Albury PS Blue defeated Lavington East PS Red and Albury PS Yellow defeated Lavington EPS Green.
Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to help out with each team. If you are able to assist on Friday mornings please contact Lynn Macleod, Tee-ball Coordinator.
**PSSA CRICKET REPORT** - We commenced the summer PSSA season with beautiful weather and quite a lush playing field at Waites Park. Both the senior and junior teams played against Albury North PS. Our senior team totalled 1/95 runs, while Albury North PS made 4/56. Sam Brown, Bailey Clemson, Ben White and Tom Newman worked tirelessly to make significant contributions to our score. Elijah Farrah and Josh Green bowled consistently in their overs.

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Christel Pargeter, PSSA Cricket Co-ordinator

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Christel Pargeter, Water Polo Co-ordinator
Walk across the causeway to celebrate MENTAL HEALTH

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23
5.30 pm … 7.30 pm

START IN ALBURY AT THE WOOD FIRED OVEN or START IN WODONGA AT SUMSION GARDENS to unite
AT THE AMPITHEATRE BEHIND La MAISON

Guest Speaker
SEBASTIEN FRANCE

free
SAUSAGE SIZZLE & ENTERTAINMENT

BUS TRANSPORT BACK TO THE START AFTER EVENT

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is coming to Albury-Wodonga
OCTOBER 22ND to OCTOBER 26TH 2014
> Learn about the latest tools and resources for clients
> Connect with others experiencing a diagnosis
> Become more informed about epilepsy

INFORMATION EVENING
FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING EPILEPSY
OCT 22ND | 6pm - 8pm
Cardwell Building, Room 11
AlburyWodonga Community College
63 High Street, Wodonga VIC
FREE

ACTION ADVENTURE FAMILY FUN DAY
OCT 25TH | 10am - 4pm
Oddies Creek Playspace
Cnr Wodonga Pl and Ebden St, Albury NSW
$50 per family (refundable upon attendance)

EPILEPSY ESSENTIALS WORKSHOP FOR PROFESSIONALS
OCT 23RD | 11am - 1pm
Meeting Room 1 & 2 | Albury LibraryMuseum
540 Kiewa St, Albury NSW
FREE

WODONGA CHILDREN’S FAIR STALL
OCT 26TH | 10am - 3pm
Wodonga racecourse & showground precinct
Hamilton Smith Dr, Wodonga VIC
FREE

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