Dear All

GRANDPARENTS DAY- Last Thursday we held a very successful Grandparents Day. It was great to have so many grandparents sharing the day with their grandchildren. The children also enjoyed showing ‘nan and pop’ the fun activities they do. I am sure the children enjoyed the opportunity to show their grandparents how much they value everything their grandparents do for them.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION- What a busy place the West area was yesterday when 80 excited pre-schoolers arrived with their families for their first Orientation Day for Kindergarten. After a short tour of the school, it was great to see all of them confidently joining in classroom activities and playing with friends in the playground. The student councillors and current Kindergarten students did a great job helping. The next session is Wednesday 5 November, 9:30-12:30pm. Parents and children are to assemble under the COLA again before going into classrooms. It is important that the children attend all three orientation sessions as each session covers different times of the day when different activities occur. These sessions prepare the children for a confident and happy start to Kindergarten next year. A reminder that the P & C will be selling school bags on the morning for $45.00.

GARDEN NEWS- We are very excited as Mr Costa Georgiadis, the host of the ABC’s ‘Gardening Australia’ program will be visiting Albury Public School tomorrow at 11:45am to share his enthusiasm for sustainability. Year 4 students will be proudly showing Costa all the wonderful things they have been doing in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. Costa will also be assisting some Year 5 students to plant some native plants in our new indigenous garden outside the Annexe. Many thanks to Lou Newman for organising the purchase of the plants.

NEW SCHOOL PLAN- PARENT FORUM- Next Wednesday 5 November at 9:20am you are invited to our second parent forum in the hall. The forum is being held to offer the school community an opportunity to create a shared vision and contribute to the future directions you would like your school to go in. I encourage you to be involved in this forum and look forward to seeing you there.

2015 PLANNING- We are beginning to plan our 2015 classes and staffing requirements. Please inform the office if your child will not be attending Albury Public School next year. If you have a request for your child’s class placement in 2015, please send a written request to myself or Mrs Eckley by Friday 7 November, before classes are formed. All written requests MUST be received by this date. We try to take these requests into account but cannot guarantee that requests are met. We always make informed decisions to ensure the best educational placement for your child. It is inappropriate to request a particular teacher. All classroom teachers have extensive input into the formation of new classes and they use the knowledge and information they have about each individual child in their current class.

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY- On Monday we welcomed Miss Laura Fulford, a 3rd Year CSU Education student, who will be working with Mr Bourke and 4LB for the next three weeks.

WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY(Friday 31 October)- Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day on which the community can demonstrate the appreciation for the all the wonderful contributions that teachers make to the lives of our future generations.

RELAY FOR LIFE - Congratulations to the many families, students and staff members who participated in the Relay for Life event last weekend. I have spoken to several students who participated and they should be very proud of their efforts.
PSSA SOFTBALL- Boys senior team played St Pats Green. St Pats had a convincing win. The girls senior team played Lavington Yellow winning 8 to 4. A special mention to Hattie Evans, who encouraged all players on both teams. Congratulations to Sienna Myers and Mary Bruce, who displayed improvement in their batting and fielding skills. Thank you to Jenny Butlin for her expertise and assistance with umpiring the game. We welcome all families and friends to our games each week at Jelbart Park starting at approximately 9:30am. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

JUNIOR PSSA TEE-BALL- APS Mixed Yellow defeated St Pats 20 – 16 in a hard fought game. APS Mixed Blue also enjoyed a win against Lavington 21 – 16 in a close game. Our APS Yellow and APS Blue teams combined to play Albury North. We lost in a really exciting game 29 – 26. Team players are showing real dedication at training and learning how to play the game well. Thank you parents who assisted with the teams. Lynn Macleod, Coordinator.

PSSA CRICKET – Both teams played against Lavington East this week. Our senior team won their match while the juniors had a nail biting draw. Both games were enjoyed by both sides and played with great sportmanship. Thank you to the three junior boys who volunteered to play for Lavington East and thank you to Mr Boyd and Mr Robertson for your help. Joel Border, Coordinator.

PSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL- Another clean sweep at touch football on Friday!!!! The Juniors played Lavington East Red and won 6 -4. Kynon French was again amazing scoring a couple of tries. Amy Houlihan made plenty of touches and played well too. The Senior Blue played Springdale Blue and won 10-3. The best players were Chelsea Ehlers and Connor Bartasius. Senior Gold had a good win against Hume White 8-3. Ziggie Lamond and Mitchell Nusser both scoring a few tries. Thanks to Mrs Suzanne Burgess who stepped in to take the teams in my absence. Nadene King, Coordinator.

REMEMBRANCE DAY- The Albury Public School Remembrance Day Service will be held at 10:45am on Tuesday 11 November under the COLA. Poppies will be on sale for 50 cents each outside the Gym at recess on Monday 10 November, and Tuesday 11 November. Please support our past and present servicemen and women by buying a poppy. Kathryn Bonham, Coordinator.

MYSTERY JARS- Thank you to all those wonderful students who have generously contributed to the Mystery Jar stall for the Family Fun Fair. We still need many more donations. So if you are able to contribute a few small items in a jar or zip lock bag it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your contributions to Mr Neil’s classroom. Many thanks, Mark Neil, Classroom Teacher.

NRL NAIDOC GALA DAY - Last Wednesday 22 October, 29 Year 6 students travelled to Jelbart Park to participate in a special day that celebrated Indigenous culture and Rugby League. With over 600 primary school children, 100 high school students and many community organisations including Albury City Council present, it was a day filled with fun. There were numerous activities for us to do such as Indigenous games, dance and painting as well as NRL ‘backyard footy’. Steve Bowen was present to give the day added charm, boosting the positive feel of the day by providing a party atmosphere and entertainment. Many thanks to Dean Whymark (NRL South West NSW Game Development Officer) who was pivotal in bringing the day to fruition and his team of supporters for bringing so many schools and organisations together for a fantastic day. Also a special thanks to Steeden for providing a free footy for the kids and the Albury City Council for providing the BBQ lunch. Tom Grigg and Bailey Clemson received a special memento marking our involvement in the day; the canvas is a collection of our handprints representing kinship and cooperation. It is on display in our foyer. Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel)

2015 STUDENT COUNCILLORS- Year 5 students have nominated for Student Councillor positions in 2015. Candidates are now required to prepare a small poster/profile (a template has been provided) about themselves for submission to Miss Brooker by Friday 31 October (Week 4). These profiles will be on display in the windows of the West Building throughout Weeks 5 and 6. Candidates will also be required to deliver a short speech (no longer than one minute) that will be presented to students in Years 3, 4 and 5 in Week 6. Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 will then vote for 12 councillors on Monday 17 November (Week 7). Ms Howard will meet with all the candidates on Friday 21 November (Week 7) to announce the successful councillors and results will be published in the newsletter the following week. Badges will be awarded to each of the Councillors on Presentation Day. The School Captains and Vice Captains will also be announced on Presentation Day. Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel)

YEAR 3 HELPERS NEEDED FOR FUN FAIR CRAFT-This Friday, Year 3 students will be creating Christmas cards and ornaments for the upcoming Fun Fair. We would really appreciate any help from parents/carers from 1:40pm to 3:00pm on Friday afternoon upstairs in the Castle. If you have any old buttons that you could donate or bring along for our craft projects please do so. We look forward to seeing you then. Year 3 Teachers.

ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL SWIM SCHEME- Expressions of interest are due back this Friday 31 October.
### Canteen News

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Thank you to all our helpers. The canteen has been running well. Don’t forget to buy brown lunch bags from the supermarket. Envelopes etc are very time consuming. Thank you,
Rachael and Ali, 60212370.

### P & C News

#### MANGOES FUNDRAISER
- Please remember to have your mango orders in. All orders will be collected this Friday 31 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 - ONLY 2 weeks away!
- We are short of volunteers for the night. If you can help please let us know. This is our main fundraiser the year. 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

#### KIDS ON KEYBOARDS ENROLMENTS 2015
- Why not consider learning piano/keyboard at school. Book and CD are included with fees- no hidden costs. Students in Grade 2 to 6 are invited to come along, learn to read and play music, and have fun in a familiar environment. Numbers are limited to one class, which is on Friday at 8:15am (at school). Call Jacqui Dainer on (02) 6025 8273 for details and bookings.

#### FLIPPA BALL
- Flippa ball under 12 mixed water polo skills is starting Saturday, 1 November, at 11am sharp until noon. The first week only is a ‘come and try’ without paying. The cost for the season will be $60- per child. Children must be able to swim a minimum of 25m confidently. The season finishes in March with no games during school holidays. For more information contact Shaz Boyle on 0408218274.

#### RACV GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RACE 2014-ALBURY TO LILYDALE
- Sunday 29 November to Sunday 7 December. During this event, there will be a large number of cyclists on the roads each day. For further information, including detailed route maps, please visit bicyclenetwork.com.au

#### 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.

#### ALBURY LOCAL ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING-AGM
- 19 November at the Hume Public School at 1:30pm. Please RSVP to Rebecca Lea at Bec.lea@bigpond.com
On Tuesday 21 October, 2MH participated in the Bushawahzee musical called “Band of Pirates”. During the day we learnt and practised songs and dances. In the evening, we came back to school for our performance and had lots of fun with our parents!

This is the best day I’ve had at school!

I loved dancing with Mum and my friends!