Dear All

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you and your family had a wonderful relaxing holiday and were able to enjoy the beautiful autumn weather. I love this time of the year in Albury! This term will be busy and we have planned some exciting events, as you can see on the calendar. Some of these events are: Life Education visits, Mothers’ Day stall, Yrs 3-6 Cross Country, K-2 Sports Day, overnight camps for Years 5 & 6, annual school photos and the Book Fair.

ANZAC DAY- It was wonderful to see approximately 100 students and 9 staff participating in the Albury ANZAC Day march last Friday. I received many comments about how great the students looked in their formal winter uniform. I would like to also congratulate and thank our school captains Tom Grigg and Natalie Gibbons for participating in and laying a wreath on our school’s behalf, at the service at the Monument after the march. Thank you to parents/carers for your support.

EASTER PARADE- On Thursday in the last week of last term we held a very successful Easter Parade. Even though we had very wet weather it was wonderful to see so many family members and friends joining us in the hall for the parade. Though it was cramped, the students loved parading their Easter creations in front of the crowd. Thank you all for your support.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN PROGRAM- Our school has been accepted to join the National Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, in which students learn how to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, seasonal food. This is very exciting and we are starting off small this term. All Year 4 classes will spend structured time each Tuesday in a productive veggie garden and home-style kitchen as part of their everyday school experience. Ms Lynda Joyce is the coordinator and will be working with the students in the garden. Mrs Leanne Schifferle is the kitchen organiser. Both staff members have received comprehensive training and resources to deliver the Kitchen Garden Program. Each classroom teacher will also accompany their class to the activities. The Program is designed to be fully integrated into the primary school curriculum as it offers infinite possibilities to reinforce literacy, numeracy, science, cultural studies and all aspects of environmental sustainability. As participants in the Kitchen Garden Program, the students will learn skills that will last them a lifetime, and discover just how much fun it is to grow and cook their own seasonal vegetables and fruits. They will also participate in a shared meal. Yesterday the students made delicious rice paper vegetable rolls. For more information about the program please go to http://www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au/index.php. Look out for some great photos and more information about the program in next week’s newsletter.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL- A reminder that the P & C will be organising a Mothers’ Day Stall next Thursday 8 May. It will be held in the gym and each class will have the opportunity to choose a gift. The gifts will range in price from $1.00 to $5.00. Many thanks to the parents who have organised the stall.

STAFF NEWS- Following DEC procedures the vacant teacher position has been filled by a permanent appointment. Miss Kirsty Sheridan will be teaching 1MH from the beginning of Term 3. Miss Sheridan is currently on the North Coast. Miss Lauren Hastings will continue teaching 1MH until then and from Term 3 will be employed as the Temporary Teacher Relief.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
WINTER UNIFORM
Now that the weather has changed it is time to bring out the winter uniform. A reminder that blue windcheaters and school jackets are part of our uniform. Other coloured windcheaters, including hoodies should not be worn. During this term hats are optional but we encourage students to still wear their school hat on sunny days. We have a good supply of some second hand uniform items in our Uniform Shop and remind you that it is open each day. Currently we have a shortage of boy’s grey pants, girls’ winter pinafores and checked pants. If you have some uniforms your child has outgrown we would appreciate them being sent into the Uniform Shop.

A reminder that school photos will be taken in Week 4, Tuesday 20 May and Wednesday 21 May. Students will be required to wear formal winter uniform, including black shoes and the school windcheater with the school logo.

YEARS 3-6, SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Today a permission note (light blue) and canteen order form (yellow) will be sent home for our annual CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL. The carnival, for students in Years 3-6, will take place on Friday 16 May at the Albury Equestrian Centre. Please return the permission form and payment to the “Boomerang Blue” box and the lunch order form to the canteen by Monday 12 May.
Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

KINDERGARTEN - YEAR 2 SPORTS DAY
Today a parent/carer information sheet (pink) and canteen order form (bright yellow) will be sent home for our annual K-2 SPORTS DAY. The sports day, for students in Kindergarten - Year 2, will take place on Friday 16 May at school. Please note this is the same date as the Years 3-6 Cross Country. The day will begin at 10:00am and finish at 3:00pm. It will involve age running races and a K-2 combined tabloid activity.
Please return the parent/carer helper note as soon as you can. The lunch order form is to be returned to the canteen by Tuesday 13 May.
Jenny Boehm, Coordinator.

SOCCER TRIALS
Late last term a number of boys represented our school at district soccer trials. The following five players were selected from these trials: Sam Brown, Harry Carmody, Lachlan Claxton, Jack Drummond and Will Haberfield were selected to represent the Albury district at the Riverina Soccer Trials in Cootamundra on 28 March. The boys played a number of games during the day. Jack Drummond was selected in the Riverina team that will play in the State Championships later in the year. Congratulations to Jack, Sam, Harry, Lachlan and Will, who represented our school and district with such distinction.
Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

PSSA AFL
Congratulations to Bailey Clemson who recently attended the Eastern Riverina PSSA AFL trials. Bailey was selected in the Riverina side and will travel to Sydney next month to compete. Well done and all the best Bailey!
Chris Bourke, AFL Coordinator.

YEAR SIX CANBERRA EXCURSION
Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4, Thursday 5 and Friday 6 June, 2014. The final cost of the excursion is $385. The next instalment of $100 is due Friday 9 May. Additional information including itinerary, dietary and medical information is being sent home with students today. Please return the medical information note to your child’s teacher by Friday 9 May.
Jessica Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel).
Welcome back for Term 2!
Don’t forget to use your new “ORANGE MENU” and check for price and product changes.
Please buy brown bags at the supermarket for your lunch orders!
If you can help in the Canteen even if only for an hour of 1/2 hour at lunch-time please come in and put your name on the roster.

MAY
| Thurs 1 | 9:00-1:30pm | 1 HELPER PLEASE |
| Fri 2   | 9:00-1:30pm | Nicky Bruce      |
| Mon 5   | 11:00-1:30pm| Megan Morgan     |
| Tues 6  | 12:00-1:30pm| WEDNESDAY SPECIAL - 07/05/14 |
| Wed 7   | 11:00-1:30pm| 1 HELPER PLEASE |
| Thurs 8 | 9:00-1:30pm | 1 HELPER PLEASE |
| Fri 9   | 9:00-1:30pm | Fiona Pedler     |

Thank you, Rachael and Ali, Ph 60212370.

P & C NEWS
The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 May at 7:30pm in the Staff Room - all welcome.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
A reminder to all that the P & C will be holding a Mothers Day Gift Stall in the school gym on Thursday 8 May. Classes will be taken to the gym by their teachers to select a special gift for mum. Prices will range from $1.00 - $5.00. Support the P & C that supports the school!

HANDY HINT FOR IMPROVING LEARNING - Organising a Learning Space for Your Child
As your child grows and develops, there will need to be somewhere set up for them to study and do projects. Some children just can’t get themselves organised and may need a parent/carer to take care of the practical aspects of setting up a home study area. The parent/carer may also need to be responsible for keeping it neat. It’s ok for parents/carers to assist by thinking of ways to better organise notes as well.

From “Help Your Child Succeed at School” by Andrew Fuller www.andrewfuller.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS
KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE: CHANGE OF VENUE
The remaining six rounds of the Albury/Wodonga MTB Club’s Kids Races will take place at a new venue: Black Range Park on the corner of Schaeffer & Kotthoff Streets in Lavington. The next race is on Sunday 18 May at 10:00am. The races are open to children aged between 3 to 12 of all abilities. For more information visit the club’s website: www.alburywodongamtb.org.au Dylan Clift, Classroom Teacher.

MAGGIE DENT SESSIONS - RESILIENCE AND TOP TIPS FOR BEING A TOP DAD - Sessions will be held on Wednesday 7 May. More further information please contact Claire Roennfeldt on 60217597 or visit www.maggiedent.com

FLYING FRUIT FLY - THE PILLOW DOCTOR IS COMING - 23 & 24 May at the Flying Fruit Fly Circus building, Hovell St, Albury. For further information please phone Anne Stelling, Coordinator, on 0428 565 1995.
At this mind blowing science show, Alice and Joe (the two physicists) put on a great performance showing: strong shapes like domes and arches; why great landmarks are built like this; and that there are 5 types of energy - wind, kinetic (movement), heat, vibration and sound.

First Miss Splats, a toy, asked Alice to throw her to the ground. Miss Splats then got squished because of all the force. Next Alice called for an assistant and Tess went up. She told Tess to drop the ball and see how high it bounced. It bounced to about knee height. After this, Miss Splats was placed on a basketball to see what would happen. Miss Splats left the basketball and went flying due to the kinetic energy being transferred from the basketball to her.

Alice then asked for another volunteer; she picked Digby. He held a piece of paper while she repeatedly hit steel balls together. After she had finished, we peered at the paper and we discovered holes in the paper. Then, Alice asked for another volunteer to come to the stage. Zach held aluminium foil and repeated what she had done previously but with foil. To our amazement, the heat energy welded it together instead of putting searing holes through it.

Alice then passed it over to Joe who asked for a volunteer. Jenny stepped up. Joe asked Jenny to try to blow down 15 styrofoam cups with one breath. After two unsuccessful attempts, Joe pulled out a cardboard box with a hole cut out of the front. Jenny slapped the sides of the box and soon the cups were blown over, due to a vortex of wind being created.

Joe asked Meg to come up and help him assemble an arch. Joe took out the support and to our amazement it stood on its own! Do you think Joe could stand on a non-supported arch? It held a grown male and he could jump on it without breaking it! Last of all, Joe talked about how strong domes are and how they share the weight between themselves; and he stood on four light bulbs and they did not break!

Reported by Jenny Owen & Tess Kadaoui with help from Mimi Cosgrave & Baxter Macfarlane