Dear All

YEAR 6 CAMP - Next Tuesday Year 6 leave for their four day excursion to Canberra. I encourage everyone to pack warm clothes as I am sure it will be chilly but hopefully it will be dry. I wish all the students and the accompanying staff, Miss Brooker, Mrs Eckley, Mrs Pargeter and Mr Bourke a safe and enjoyable trip. During these four days 4LB will be taught by Mrs Jane Waters. The Year 6 students who are not attending will be working in the Year 5 classes and the Year 5 students from 5/6AB will be taught in 5/6AKB.

REFUNDS OF PAYMENTS - A reminder that it is school policy that refunds are only given if the school has not already spent the money upfront for the student to participate in an excursion or visiting performance. For example when bus transport is organised the total cost is divided by the total number of students expected to travel. Therefore the transport cost cannot be refunded. If the school did not outlay any money upfront, a refund can be made eg a visiting performer who charges on the basis of the number of students attending on the day.

LATE ARRIVALS - We are still seeing a large number of students arriving late to school each morning. Please ensure your child is at school on time each day. The first bell rings at 8:55am and lessons commence at 9:00am. If your children arrive late to class they are missing valuable learning time. In addition to this it can also be very unsettling for the students walking into a class which has already commenced lessons. Please set a good example for your children by being punctual to school each day.

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT PROCESS (POP) - A few parents/carers have already used the new Parent Online Payment process, available on the school website, for their convenience. If you do use this process please ensure you are paying the correct amount. Any future notes requiring payment for activities that can be made on POP, will have the option of ticking a box on the note, informing the office you have paid the required amount by this process.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS - A reminder that we are still accepting the payment of voluntary contributions. The 2014 contribution is set at $40 per child. The contribution can be paid at the Front Office or through our new Parent Online Payment process on our website. These contributions are very important as they enable us to purchase resources for students to use in their classrooms and support their learning. If you are unsure whether you have paid already please ask the Front Office staff.

STAFF NEWS - We welcome Miss Rachel Johnson onto our staff. Miss Johnson has replaced Mrs Leann Dicketts teaching KWD. Congratulations to Mrs Karlee Nolan who has been appointed as the Relieving Assistant Principal, in charge of Early Stage1 (Kindergarten). These positions commenced on Monday when Mrs Dicketts commenced her maternity leave. This week I have been informed Ms Vicki Harris has had her secondment extended. Ms Harris will be returning as Principal day 1 Term 4. Mrs Eckley and I will be continuing in our relieving positions until that date.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
PSSA SPORT - A reminder that the PSSA Winter Sport competition commences next Friday 6 June and concludes on Friday 6 September, Week 6 Term 3. Each student is required to pay $3.00 each Friday outside the Annexe, to cover the cost of the bus. Students also need to make sure they have the required uniform, drink bottle and protective gear. Parents/carers are most welcome to attend the different venues. These will be listed in the newsletter each week. We have an outstanding level of parental support in sport activities. All parents/carers who assist or watch sporting events do so in the knowledge that the school community and the Department of Education and Communities expect them to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. To ensure everyone is able to participate and enjoy their sport I have included the PSSA Sports Code Of Conduct for Parents with this newsletter. Students participating in PSSA sport have signed a similar Code of Conduct.

The team coaches are: Mrs Christel Pargeter (AFL Football), Ms Nadene King (Sr & Jnr Netball), Miss Jessica Brooker (Hockey), Mr Chris Bourke (Sr Soccer), Mr Dylan Clift (Jnr Soccer). I thank these staff members for all the extra time and effort they give to enable the students to have the experience of PSSA Sport.

CONGRATULATIONS - Congratulations to Sally Lefoe who was a member of the Riverina PSSA Girls Basketball team which made it into the grand final last Friday at the Lauren Jackson Centre. Unfortunately the team lost to a very strong McKillop team. Also congratulations to Bailey Clemson who was a member of the Riverina PSSA Australian Rules Football Team which finished 2nd at the State Championships in Ryde last week. Both students are to be commended for their excellent sportsmanship, team spirit and cooperative behaviour. They were excellent young ambassadors for our school and the Riverina Region.

MENTAL MATHS STRATEGIES - We teach students a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies: visit www.bit.ly/JkiUsY.

TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL? - As the cold weather arrives, so do the winter bugs. It is often hard to know whether to send your children to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult having to cancel work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E.

VALUES AWARDS
Congratulations K-2 Values Award Winners for Week 4: David Green (IMM), Rory Cosgrave (2MH), William Burgess (KWB).

WEEK 5 VALUE - DEMOCRACY - Accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen and community’s actions towards yourself, others and the environment.

DRAMA AND MUSIC
This Friday 30 May, in the school hall, Year 6 and 5/6AB students will be presenting a short performance showcasing some of the skills they have been working on during term 1 this year. The workshop production will consist of 3 presentations of the same script, each presented in a different theatrical style. All parents/carers and students are invited to attend and a gold coin donation would be appreciated and will be collected at the door. The money collected will be put towards refurbishing the Hall to improve its suitability for musical and theatrical presentations. The contributing classes will be 5/6AB, 6AP and 6ACP.

Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel.)

Ross Sewell, Creative Arts Teacher.
THUR 29 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED 11:00-1:30pm Kirsty Marchant
FRI 30 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED 11:00-1:30pm Rebecca Tilders
MON 2 12:00-1:30pm Rebecca Tilders
TUES 3 12:00-1:30pm Bianca McGibbon
WED 4 11:00-1:30pm Tamsin Walle
THUR 5 9:00-1:30pm Melanie Benham 12:40-1:30pm Borge Engedal
FRI 6 9:00-1:30pm Nicky Bruce 11:00-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
MON 9 PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thank you to all our helpers, we really appreciate your help. There are a few gaps in the roster so please ring or call in if you have a spare hour or so, especially Fridays.
Thank you, Rachael and Ali, Ph 6021 2370.

P & C NEWS

MOTHERS' DAY STALL - We raised $511.10! A big thank you to our helpers on the day- Jacinta Harrap, Jess Wilkinson and Tim Bowler, as without their help our stall wouldn’t have run so effectively. Thank you to Rachael Baker for her generous donation of goods for our stall and to Megan Morgan for her lovely handmade potholders.
Kerry Van Zanten and Brooke Bowler, Coordinators.

SCHOOL BAGS- Please be advised that the price for the APS school bags has risen to $45.00. This is still a very reasonable price for a very sound school bag. If there ever is a problem with the bags eg. zipper breaking, we are able to send the bags back for repair/replacement.

FAMILY FUN FAIR- We are calling for parents/carers to now help plan for our 2014 Family Fun Fair which is scheduled for 13 November, only twenty four weeks away (including holidays). If you and a friend want to take on a role together, great, it will make it more fun. The meeting will be held at Grind, Thursday 12 June at 9:00am.
We would love to see you there. Kate Preston, P & C President.

BOOK CLUB- Book Club leaflets were sent out yesterday and are DUE BACK WEDNESDAY 11/06/14. Please check that you have filled out the forms correctly and if you have included cash that it is the correct amount. We are unable to give students change to take home. If you have included payment by cheque please ensure the cheque is made payable to SCHOLASTIC. Thank you for your attention to these requests.

HEAD LICE- Please be aware that Head Lice is always with us. We all need to be vigilant, check our child’s hair frequently and treat accordingly. We suggest making Wednesdays, Newsletter day, the day you check your families hair. If you require further information please visit the NSW Health website:- www.health.nsw.gov.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

OOSH- The holiday program bookings will open on Monday 2 June at approximately 7:30am. The program runs from 30 June - 14 July. Visit www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au Go to the Community Services tab and select Child Care then select Vacation Care Programs. Scroll down to Albury OOSH and select online booking form. For further information please contact us on 60435630.
KWB's Visit to the Life Education Van

Deb let us have fun in her caravan.
Tristan and Sahib

We saw Healthy Harold in his van.
Oscar, Coco and William

On the 20 May we visited Healthy Harold and Deb in their van.
We saw stars on the roof.
Healthy Harold spat out a banana at Hannah.
We learnt about healthy food.
Sarah, Mason, Elliana, Hannah and Isabelle

We saw Healthy Harold eating Deb’s hair.
Amalie, Matilda, Charlotte, Ryan, Emerson and Alice