Dear All

YEAR 6 CAMP- Congratulations to the Year 6 students for their excellent behaviour and efforts on their trip to Canberra last week. It was great to hear the many positive comments the staff told me about the students. Thanks also to the staff who accompanied them and organised the trip. The Year 6 students strongly recommend the trip to future Year 6 students. Some of their comments were:

We voted for our favourite fruit at the Electoral Commission. I learnt your second, third and fourth votes count. Rupert

We visited Old Parliament House. We sat in the Old House of Representatives and voted. Chloe

We went to new Parliament House and we met the Member for Farrer Ms Sussan Ley. There are 150 members in the House of Representatives. Ishan

We went to the Governor General’s House and I learnt the highest medal awarded is the Victorian Cross. I also learnt that ships can be actually awarded medals. Baxter

Yesterday Year 5 students and staff left at 6:30am for their trip to Melbourne and Ballarat. I am sure their camp will be just as enjoyable, educational and successful as our Year 6 excursion.

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM- During Term 3 Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be participating in an exciting and fun gymnastics program conducted by expert coaches from ‘School Gymnastics’. Lessons will be held each Tuesday in our gym as part of the classes’ PE program. All Kindergarten and Year 1 students will take home a permission note today. Please consider the different payment options and return the note and payment by Monday 23 June.

MULTI-CULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING- Last week I inadvertently omitted the names of the 2nd place winners who will also attend the Multi-Cultural Public Speaking final at Thurgoona Public School on Thursday 26 June. Congratulations to Ruby Martin 4MCH and Natalie Gibbons 6ACP.

NETIQUETTE- I have been informed recently of concerns regarding some of our students using Snapchat. According to Snapchat information, Snapchat is directed towards teens and adults. Snapchat is not intended for children under the age of 13. Minors aged 13-17 should have parental permission before using Snapchat on their phones. It is timely that I remind all students of the correct netiquette when using any form of social networking.

Sometimes it’s easy to forget that there is a real person on the other end of your message, game or wall post. It’s easier to say and do things online that you might not do in ‘real life’. This may hurt that person’s feelings or make them feel unsafe or embarrassed. It’s important to treat people online the same way that you would face to face. You should always:

- Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Avoid using bad language and don’t say things to make others feel bad. Don’t share any mean pictures or videos or spread mean gossip. Hurtful comments and embarrassing photos posted online are potentially there forever.

- Make sure you follow ‘netiquette’. Understand what is acceptable to do and say and what isn’t. For example, if you type a message to someone in UPPER CASE they may think you are shouting at them.

- Take care of yourself. If someone says something rude or something that makes you feel uncomfortable, don’t respond. Leave the chat room or forum straight away.

- Tell your parents or another adult if you feel uncomfortable, sad or scared about anything you have seen online. It is very important that parents are aware of the actions of their children and their online friends, while using the internet. If your child receives an inappropriate or unwanted message instruct them not to respond to it- responding may encourage further messages. Instead you should block the user and/or change their privacy settings to prevent future contact from the individual. For more information go to http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Kids/Get%20the%20facts/Cyberbullying.aspx

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COLES LANDCARE GRANT- Many thanks to Kate Preston, P & C President who has been successful in gaining a Coles Junior Landcare Grant. This grant will assist us in establishing an indigenous garden in front of the Annexe in Week 1 Term 3. We also received a $50 Coles voucher which the Stephanie Alexander Garden program will use to purchase ingredients for the cooking lessons.

KINDERGARTEN 2015- We are now taking names for the 2015 Kindergarten intake. Please call into the office or phone to give details. Please pass this information onto neighbours, relatives or friends who live in our zone and are wishing to enrol their child next year.

REFUGEE WEEK- Refugee Week is an annual event which promotes positive images of refugees and celebrates the valuable contribution refugees make to Australian society. The ultimate aim is to facilitate better understanding between different communities and encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia. This year, Refugee Week is being celebrated from 15 June to 21 June. The Refugee Council of Australia is encouraging organisations to celebrate a unified Refugee Week based around the theme ‘Restoring Hope’.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER GARDEN PROGRAM- If you have been outside the front of the school today you may have noticed we now have some great plants growing along the fence. Yesterday the Year 4 students did a great job planting the lomandras as part of their Stephanie Alexander Garden lesson, They will finish the planting next week. The job involved lots of real-life maths calculations and measuring as they had to calculate the length of the space, the total number of plants required and then plant the plants a metre apart! I look forward to the end result and the beautification of the school’s landscape.

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Relieving)

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN… The students have worked hard over the past few weeks mulching and planting in the garden beds at the front of the school. All students worked cooperatively, with some very enthusiastic ‘wheel-barrowers’! We had fun predicting the length of the garden bed and using the trundle wheels to check our estimates. The students also worked together to problem solve when planting, coming up with some really great ideas regarding the placement of the plants.

I would like to congratulate the students on their efforts in undertaking these new endeavours. It has been wonderful to watch the students’ confidence grow as they have learned new skills in the garden. The students should also feel very proud of themselves for their exemplary behaviour during our planting session. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as members of the community passed by watching our students hard at work!

It wasn’t all hard work though, as our gardening session culminated in cooking and sharing pizza, with help from our kitchen extraordinaire, Mrs Schifferle and her son, Simon who generously donated his time and skills again this week.

Lynda Joyce, Garden Specialist.

VALUES AWARD WINNERS K-2- WEEK 6 (RESPECT) Abdul El-Souki Yr 2, Matilda Thompson Yr 1 and Jesse Carey Kinder. Also, Nate Nusser Yr 1, Week 5 recipient.

VALUES AWARD WINNERS 3-6 WEEK 6 Elinor McGarvie Yr 3, Olivia McCaig Yr 5, Nathan Johannis Yr 5, Mia Johannis Yr 5, Chloe Barker Yr 5.
With this week’s newsletter we have inserted the “Canteen Donation List”. If you are unable to do canteen but would like to donate items, this would be greatly appreciated. Our annual donation list helps greatly in keeping our canteen run efficiently.

Thank you, Rachael and Ali, Ph 6021 2370.

**BOOK FAIR** - Our Book Fair books have arrived. The students are currently viewing the books in their library sessions and completing a “Wish list” if there is something they wish to purchase. Please feel free to come and view the books before school or between 3:00-3:30pm, or at lunchtime (1:00-1:30pm) so you can check out their selections. Remember that **sales will occur on Wednesday 18 June**. This is a library fundraising activity so your support is appreciated. Thank you in anticipation. Alison Griffith, Teacher/Librarian.

**P & C NEWS** - This year the P and C will be holding our biennial Family Fun Fair early in Term 4 (13 Nov). We will be having a meeting this **Friday, 13 June at 11:00am at Grind** (please note change of date and time) to get things started and discuss ideas. Everyone is most welcome to attend and give their input. Regards, Stuart Howsam, P & C Secretary.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**REFUEREE WEEK** - “Restoring Hope” - Family Fun Day at THE CUBE, Hovell St, Wodonga, Saturday 14 June, from 11:30am-2:30pm. Bring your own rug and/or chair. Contact Diana Elliott - 0408665858.

**WODONGA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** is hosting a screening of Mary Meets Mohammad on Friday 13 June from 7:00pm at the Wodonga Senior Secondary College PAC. Free Entry. Phone 0488 201 928 for further information. View the trailer at www.marymeetsmohammad.com

**1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING** - Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. 2 Session program: Tuesday 8 - Wednesday 9 July, from 10:30am-2:30pm. Bookings are essential please RSVP by emailing ParentingRiverina@missionaustralia.com.au or contact Stacey at Mission Australia on 6942 8001.

**KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE** - This Sunday the Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club will host round 4 of the Kids Mountain Bike Races on the new track at Black Range Park, corner of Schaeffer & Kotthoff Streets in Lavington. The event is open to children from 3 to 12 years of age. For more information contact Marcus Richardson of the AWMTB Club on 0410327062, or myself here at school. We hope to see lots of riders there enjoying the fantastic new track. Dylan Clift.

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**Gold Certificates**

**Congratulations to:-**


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**WEDNESDAY SPECIAL** - 18/6/14

**HAMBURGER** - Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce & Sauce and a JUICE $5.00
On Friday 23 May, Year 1 students visited the Teddy Bear Hospital in the school hall. This community health event was coordinated by the University of NSW Albury Rural Medical School Society. The students participated in activities focusing on broken bones, hearts and lungs, healthy eating, accidents and surgery.