Dear All

SPORT- Please note if inclement weather causes the cancellation of Friday’s PSSA Sport, the school is notified at 11:15am. This is PSSA policy. Please ring the office after this time if you require information.

The students and staff certainly appreciate your attendance and cheering on the sidelines of the sporting fields! Please note there is no PSSA Sport this Friday (20/06/14) - the Paul Kelly Cup is on.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS- During the last few weeks, teachers have been very busy completing assessments with their students and writing Semester 1 Student Reports. These reports will arrive home next Wednesday 25 June, with the newsletter. Your child’s report is based on their performance while completing daily tasks in the classroom, formal and informal assessments, teacher observations and completing group activities. Comments regarding both your child’s academic and social development are included in the report. If you have any questions about your child’s report, your first enquiry should be with your child’s teacher. Please phone the office to make an appointment. As of today I have read most of the reports and the students should be very proud of their efforts and the improvements they have made in many areas of their school life. Our team of teachers strives to ensure their students have the very best educational opportunities so each child can reach their potential.

YEAR 5 CAMP- The Year 5 Camp to Melbourne and Ballarat last week was very successful. Congratulations to the Year 5 students for their excellent behaviour and efforts on this trip. The teachers, bus drivers and venue operators were very complimentary of our students. Many thanks to Miss Brooker, Mrs Browne, Ms Bonham and Mr Neil who accompanied them and organised the trip. The Year 5 students strongly recommend the trip to future Year 5 students. Some of their comments were:

On camp I loved the “Blood on The Southern Cross” lights show because I felt like I was back in time. Harkirat Singh

We went to Sovereign Hill and we learnt that 274 soldiers were involved in the Eureka Stockade. Twenty two miners and eight soldiers lost their lives on this tragic day. Asha Finlay.

At Sovereign Hill I learnt that mining for gold was an extremely dangerous thing to do. If you found gold, then it was all worth it. Joe Spender

I think the Year 5 Camp was the best camp ever. Navraj Dhillon

At Sovereign Hill I learnt that miners had to pay 30 shillings just to dig an 8ft by 8ft claim. Ava Black

At Sovereign Hill we travelled around a remake of the Ballarat Goldfields. It was a great learning experience. Isabella Towner

GARDENING- Have you seen all the new plants in front of the school, along the fence line? A big thank you to the Year 4 students and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program(SAKGP) staff, Ms Joyce and Mrs Schifferle for completing the planting today. These new plants will certainly improve the front landscape of our school. Today we have published our first official SAKGP newsletter. Many thanks to Brooke Costello, the P & C member on the Sustainability Committee, for sharing her expertise in publishing skills. Year 4 students received the newsletter and a digital copy will be put on the website. Please take time to look at it as we are asking for donations of items for the kitchen. There is also a copy displayed in the front office.

RIVERINA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL- Twenty Albury Public School students will be competing as part of the Albury Zone team at the Riverina Athletics Carnival to be held next Monday 23 June at Alexandra Park. We wish them all the best and I am sure they will proudly represent Albury Public School!

REMINDER– Students commence Term 3 on Tuesday 15 July. The day before, Monday 14 July, all staff will be involved in professional learning activities. A group will be continuing Focus On Reading training, while the majority of staff will be participating in the Crossing Point Learning Community Staff Development Day at Albury West Public School. We will be joining staff from Albury High School, Howlong and Albury West Public Schools to develop our skills in teaching and assessing comprehension effectively. The day will be led by several facilitators from each school who have received specialised training. It will be a great opportunity to network and learn with other teachers from the schools in our Learning Community. Our front office will be open on this day and the office staff will completing their own training.
SPORTS NEWS

RIVERINA CROSS COUNTRY
The Riverina Cross Country Carnival was held on Tuesday 10 June in Deniliquin. Albury Public School was represented by Natalie Gibbons and Laura Gillard in the 12/13 Years Girls race. Both girls ran exceptionally well on the day and are to be commended for their efforts! Laura finished 14th in the 3km event and Natalie, who took out 1st place, will now compete in the NSW PSSA Cross Country at Eastern Creek on Friday 18 July. Best of luck at this event Natalie!!

RIVERINA ATHLETICS
Albury Public School has 20 students competing as part of the Albury Zone team at the Riverina Athletics Carnival to be held next Monday 23 June at Alexandra Park. Best of luck to the following students - Zain Allerdice, Gerty Balbao, Keely Bullivant, Alice Carroll, Caleb Clemson, Bailey Clemson, Ally Fowler, Natalie Gibbons, Will Haberfield, Charlie Hargreaves, Harry Haszard, Thomas Hyman, Tess Kadaoui, Dominic Korzeniowski, Sally Lefoe, Tilby Strang, Ava Tuksar, Ben White, Emily Wills and Jake Cooper.
Karlee Nolan, Sports Coordinator.

VALUES AWARDS- K-2 Values Awards Week 7- Excellence. Banjo Davies (K), Kade Gripiris (Yr 2) and Emily Shipard (Yr 1). Rupert Freeman (Yr 6), Eliza Mooney (Yr 3), Valentina Todros (Yr 4), and Sarsha Smith (Yr 6).

MONUMENTAL ICE CREAM VISIT
During this week the Year 2 students are visiting Monumental Ice Creamery to ask questions and learn about the production of ice cream. The students asked the owners a variety of questions about favourite flavours, where the ingredients are sourced from, how do the ice cream machines work and why do they like working with ice cream. The owners, Matthew Vogel and Adam Richardson were very impressed by the students probing questions and their exemplary behaviour. On returning to school the students were able to write a procedure and draw a visual flowchart on the ice cream making process.
Katrina Whitehead, 2MWM Class Teacher.

LIBRARY NEWS / BOOK FAIR
I will be processing the Book Fair orders this week-end. Books will be distributed next week. Any items that have to be placed on back order will be given to the students as soon as they arrive. I appreciate your support for this activity. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Alison Griffith, Teacher/Librarian.
**Gold Certificates**

Congratulations to:-
Ava Howard, Matilda Thompson, Georgie Boehm, Natalie Gibbons, Beth French, Charlie Hargreaves, Maddy Travassaros, Bridgette Gay and Lily Baillie

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**Canteen News**

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“HAPPY HOLIDAYS”

Thank you to those people who have made donations to the canteen. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you would like to put your name on the roster for next term, please call in or phone us.

Thank you, Rachael and Ali, Ph 6021 2370.

**What does your child do at school?**

Have you ever asked your child what they did at school today only to receive the stock-standard "not much" or "nothing" response? Take heart. There is an easier way to get something out of ‘nothing’.

Professor Stephen Dinham, a research director at the [Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)](http://www.acer.edu.au), says the best conversation starter about your child's day is not based on what they did at school but what the teacher has said to them about their work.

- Ask your child what the teacher said about their work rather than what they did at school.
- What children really want to know from their teacher is how they can do better.
- Good feedback from teachers is very powerful when it comes to a child's learning. That's the information your child will want to share with you.


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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**CATHOLIC SACRAMENTS**-Preparations are now being made for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation for Catholic students in public schools. This concerns students who are in Years 3-6. Please contact Sarah Shaw on 0432 408 665 for further information.

**FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**-Looking for something fun to book your children into these school holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics has some exciting programs on offer these holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a two hour structured gymnastics program for children aged 5-12 years. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We offer a new sprung floor, in ground trampoline and foam pit, as well as balance beams and swinging bars. We are also offering trampoline workshops and cheerleading workshops which give children aged 5 - 16 years a great introduction to both of these sports. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices and times please call (02) 6041 1127.

**GET A GRIP on Tennis**-Contact Kate@GetAGrip-onTennis or phone 6041 6408 or 0418 572 626.

Holiday tennis skills, fun and exercise. Tuesday 8 - Friday 11 July. Monday 14 - Thursday 17 July. Held at Albury Tennis Club, Mitchell St, Albury. Bookings needed

**7STEPS TO SAFETY**-Designed to assist families to gain the skills and confidence they need to FEEL and BE safe at home. Thursday 31 July at 2/432 Townsend St, Albury from 10:00-2:30pm. Bookings are essential, please email ParentingRiverina@missionaustralia.com.au or contact Stacey at Mission Australia on 6942 8001.

**WEDNESDAY SPECIAL** -

25/06/14 $5.50
Napoli Pasta & Juice

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On Tuesday 10 June Year 5 travelled to Melbourne. Our first stop was the Aquarium. In small groups, we were led around the aquarium with a tour guide. We saw penguins, a large crocodile from Queensland and a tarantula spider. We then had a tour of the MCG. The best part was seeing the rooms where the AFL players warm up before the big game.

By Will Orgill 5/6AKB

On Wednesday 11 June, we went to Sovereign Hill at Ballarat. Sovereign Hill is a replica gold mining village. We saw the way people lived on the Victorian goldfields in the 1850s. Throughout the day we were able to pan for gold in the creek. Some of us were lucky to strike a little bit of gold. A highlight of the day was participating in the gold game that was run by a staff member from Sovereign Hill. That night we saw ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’. This sound and light show recreates the events of the Eureka Stockade. We rode on open air buses to and from the venue.

By Sienna Myers 5/6AKB

On the last day of camp, we drove back to Melbourne and visited the zoo. We saw lots of animals such as lions, seals and tigers. The lemur enclosure was excellent because you were able to walk through the cage and get up close and personal with the animals. After the zoo, we went to Science Works. In the Planetarium we saw two shows; one was about ‘Our Living Climate’ and the other was about ‘The Night Sky’. The interactive exhibits at Science Works were a lot of fun.

By Isabella Evans 5/6AKB

At the Melbourne Zoo.

Panning for gold.