Dear All

WEATHER- My goodness hasn’t this weather been crazy!!! Due to the inclement weather the Year 6 NAIDOC Week Sports Day at Albury West Public School, scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed until Thursday 17 July. Another permission note has been sent home today. The NRL NAIDOC Gala Day has also been postponed. It is now planned for 22 Oct.

REPORTS AND PHOTOS- Today your children are bringing home their Semester 1 student reports. If you have any queries about your child’s report or progress, please make an appointment with your child’s teacher. Your child will also have their school photos. I am very impressed with the quality of them and I am sure you will be as well.

EDUCATION WEEK- This is early notice that we will be celebrating Education Week on Tuesday 29 July (Week 3). Classrooms will be open and the three choirs and ensemble will be performing. More details will be given in Term 3’s first newsletter.

2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS- It is vital we are given details of children who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2015 at Albury Public School as soon as possible. We commence planning our Kindergarten orientation programs and classes early next term so it is very important that you phone the front office on 60213849 or pop in, if you have a child starting Kindergarten. We certainly do not want any families to miss the important information we send out. Thank you to the families who have already informed us. I will also be conducting several School Tours for new families. Please pass this message onto interested friends and neighbours so they can phone the office to join a tour.

SAFETY- Yesterday, after school, we almost had an accident in David Street as a car nearly hit a delivery van. I must stress to all parents/carers to please drive carefully and obey road rules when picking up your child after school. It is a real concern that cars are still double parking and calling children to their cars. Parents must come in and collect their child as we do not allow children to run out to cars. Parking inspectors will be patrolling David Street early next term. We also have a number of parents collecting Year 1-6 students from buildings. Students must be picked up at the front of the school. This is so we are aware if your child is not collected and we can contact you. Please help us ensure your children are kept safe.

NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION – SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY- This year all NSW DEC schools will take part in a collection of data for students with a disability. The definition of a student with a disability is a very wide one and isn’t just for those students who receive special funding support or have a medical diagnosis. For this data collection it also includes some students with a health condition eg anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma or receive an adjustment to their learning in some way. Last week parents of these students received a letter. Parents only need to fill out the form and return it to the school if they do not wish their child to be included in the data collection. Better data will help the Government plan for students with a disability or learning need. The data collection will have no direct impact on the children and they will not be involved in any testing process. The NSW DEC will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students. Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website: http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

EXEMPTION FROM ATTENDANCE - The DEC Attendance Policy states that if your child is away from school due to an extended family holiday you must apply for an exemption from attendance. The application form is available from the front office. If the reason for exemption includes long term travel arrangements of more than 20 days, copies of travel documentation should be included with the application. The application must be complete and returned to me before the student leaves for the exemption period. I will then provide you with a Certificate for Exemption.

STAFF NEWS- Congratulations to Mrs Leann Dicketts and her husband Mark, on the arrival of a beautiful baby boy, Hunter (Wiegold) our School Counsellor commences her maternity leave. We thank her for all her support and contributions to our school community. We wish her a healthy and happy confinement. Next term Ms Bray will be replaced by a School Counsellor Ms Pauline Allen on a Thursday and a Welfare Teacher Miss Emily Dibben on Monday and Fridays.

BOOK CLUB- A big thank you to Penny Pope and Susie Geering, the two parents who spend many hours to organise and sort our Scholastic Book Club Orders. The last two orders have been quite large and I thank the many families who are supporting the school in this way. The school receives a commission from each order which allows the school to buy more classroom resources and books.

Term 2 has once again been a very busy, productive and successful term.

I hope all staff, students and their families have an enjoyable and restful holiday before students return on Tuesday 15 July.

Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING LOCAL FINAL- Best of luck to Lucy Mack, Ruby Martin, James Steer and Natalie Gibbons who will represent our school in the Multicultural Public Speaking Local Final being held at Thурgoona Public School tomorrow! Karlee Nolan, Coordinator.

WEEK 8 VALUES AWARD RECIPIENTS (Integrity): Lacey Harrison (Yr1), Chilli Bergic (Yr2), Elliana Briggs (K), Louis Clune (Yr3), Madison Hopper (Yr5) and Zoe Dwyer (Yr4).

SENIOR ENVIRONMENT GROUP - I would like to acknowledge the wonderful students of the Senior Environment Committee for their dedication to their role and hard work throughout the year. These students have undertaken a number of roles, such as feeding the chooks, collecting eggs, organising classroom fruit scraps for composting and general maintenance of the garden area. They also show great independence and leadership as they organise rosters for weekly tasks.

I would also like to thank Mrs Morris for facilitating this group during my absence.

Thank you very much to the following students:- Laila Abdulhafiz, Gerty Balbao, Kaitlyn Boehm, Lili Burgess, Chelsea Brooksby, Richard Cottier, McKenas Davies, Claudine Gale, Laura Gillard, Lily Hansford, Ainslie Hunter, Madison Hopper, Belle Henderson, Alesha Mackinnon, Pearl McMillan, Claudia Murphy, Georgia Peters, Grace Ritchie, Ravnit Sekhon, Ella Varman, Meg Waite and Ellie Zilberman. Lynda Joyce, Garden Specialist.

ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK FAIR - All students should have received their Book Fair items. If there are any queries, please see me as soon as possible. Thank you for the support given for this activity. It is greatly appreciated. Final tallies will be in the next newsletter. Thank you, Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.

YEAR 5 RIVERINA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE VISIT TWO, 20 JUNE 2014
Some positive feedback! Well done boys! “I had four great kids from Albury Public School today. The boys were very polite, had enquiring minds, and were a pleasure to work with. Thanks for choosing so well.” (Nathan Johannis, Oliver Henderson, Toby Lewis and Kristian Shipard).

Regards, Paul Greenwood, Principal, Riverina Environmental Education Centre.

EGG CARTONS REQUIRED! - If you have any egg cartons please bring in to school and give to Ms Bonham (5AB classroom.) Many thanks, Kathryn Bonham, Classroom Teacher.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY’S MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE - This Sunday 29 June is the Victorian MTB Enduro Series 6-hour race on Nail Can Hill. This is the AWMTB club’s largest race for the year. The club needs volunteers to act as marshals around the course. It is a great opportunity to get a close-up view of some of Australia’s best mountain bikers while helping the club that has run the successful Kids Mountain Bike races. No previous experience is necessary and any amount of time would be appreciated, racing starts at 10:00am. Please call Grant Dean on 0409291111 if you can help, or just show up on the day. Dylan Clift, Coordinator.
Gold Certificates
Congratulations to:-
Alice Carroll, Zach Graham, Isabelle Rae, Oscar Barton, Seif Elboraie and Zain Allerdice (2)

Canteen News

Thurs 26  9:00-11:30am Sharon Green  11:00-1:30pm ONE HELPER NEEDED
Fri 27   9:00-11:30am Jane Stevens  11:00-1:30pm Sonia Spry

JULY

“HAPPY HOLIDAYS”

Thank you to all our Term 2 helpers. We appreciate you helping. Thank you to those who have donated items off our “Canteen Donation List”. These items are a great help to the Canteen and can be donated anytime throughout the year. We hope you all have a lovely holiday. Rachael and Ali, Ph 6021 2370.

ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL INDIGENOUS GARDEN YEAR 5 PROJECT

What?- Kate Preston from APS P&C has organised funding for an Indigenous Lecturer from CSU- Leonie McIntosh to visit to APS on Thursday Week 1, Term 3. Leonie will be working with Year 5 students to create some artworks to adorn the front garden outside 5AB’s classroom. This area in front of the Annex has been targeted by the P&C for refurbishment and will become an Indigenous garden.

Where?- The students will create the artworks in the Annex Hall. Students need to bring a paint shirt to protect their clothes.

When?- Thursday 17 July 2014, (Week 1 Term 3)

P & C NEWS- APS Family Fun Fair is on 13 November. We are seeking the support of the local business community by way of a donation of vouchers or goods for use as a prize on the spinning wheel or in our major raffle. We would be most grateful if you would consider assisting us, or if you have contacts you could ask. I can be contacted on 0427 412 351 or sharonaba@bigpond.com if you require any further information, or to arrange a donation. Thank you in anticipation.

Sharon Green, P&C Fundraising Committee


ALBURY LIBRARY HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS- With school holidays approaching fast, please visit our website below for information regarding our holiday programs:- http://www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on/libraries/school-holiday-winter-fun also please note:- Write Around the Murray Writing competitions http://www.writearoundthemurray.org.au/competition/

Short Story Competition – open to all ages. Every picture has a story to tell. This year we present eight artworks from the Albury Regional Art Gallery collection to act as a stimulus for your short story. Choose one (or more) of the selected artworks that sparks your imagination. Or maybe an artwork reminds you of a story you’ve already written. Let the image inspire you. Let your words wander well beyond the frame as your story takes on a life of its own. The only limitation should be the word count. Word limit: 3000 words Entry Fee: $10 First prize: $1000. Prizes also for highly commended stories

Closing date: Wednesday 16 July 2014

The Nano challenge is on again! - We want the full story, in only 50 words. Your story must be 50 words exactly and include the word 'picture' (or a derivative: pictures, pictured, picturing, picturesque, pictorial). Entry is free. There are categories for students and adults. (Entrants in this competition must live within a 100km radius of Albury)

READY STEADY GO KIDS is a multi-sport and exercise program for kids 2.5-6 years old. We teach the fundamental skills of 10 different sports in a fun and non-competitive environment. Our new class timetable now offers afternoon classes for school aged children. With classes in Albury and Wodonga from Monday to Saturday there is sure to be a time to suit you!

For further information check our website www.readysteadygokids.com.au or call 1300766892.

FLYAWAY GYMNASTICS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS- 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.

Year 6 Camp

On Tuesday 3rd June we left Albury Public for our trip to Canberra. Our first stop was a quick one at Gundagai for morning tea. That day we visited Government House and the National Capital Exhibition. Our night activity was a visit to the Australian Institute of Sport where we participated in ‘Sports Experience’.

On Wednesday we visited Parliament House and saw the Upper and Lower Houses. The Honourable Sussan Ley was able to join us for morning tea. She told us about her role as Member for Farrer and how she enjoyed representing one of the largest electorates in Australia. In the afternoon we went to Old Parliament House and learnt about past Prime Ministers. At the Mint we saw the making of coins where robots play a major role in the manufacturing. At night we went to the National Film and Sound Archives where our guides explained to us the evolution of media in Australia.

Thursday was another fun filled day with our first stop being the National Museum. Here we saw Phar Lap’s heart and read about many of Australia’s inventions such as the Hills hoist and the Victor lawnmower. Next was CSIRO. Our guide told us about the many fascinating scientific investigations happening at CSIRO such as the creation of Wi-Fi. We spent the afternoon at the War Memorial. That night we went rock climbing which was thrilling.

On our last day we visited Questacon. We all enjoyed the interactive exhibits especially the vertical slide. After lunch our last stop before heading home was the Australian Electoral Commission. Here we learnt about preferential voting in Australia.