Dear All

YEAR 5 MELBOURNE/BALLARAT TRIP- We have just been informed the bus will leave earlier than previously advertised. All Year 5 students will need to be here at school at 6:00am next Tuesday 10 June, for a 6:30am departure.

PSSA SPORT- Due to several of our teams having first week byes, plus Year 6 students being in Canberra, our teams will not participate in PSSA competition this week. Our PSSA teams will play next Friday 13 June. A reminder that students will need to pay $3.00 for the buses when the competition commences.

PUBLIC EDUCATION PROMOTION- Yesterday all the public primary and high schools in Albury were involved in the production of an advertisement promoting public education and our own schools. The key concepts were around educating 21st century learners and strong public education is lead by strong learning communities. The advertisement was professionally filmed at iconic places such as the monument and train station. It will be screened before every movie at the Regent cinemas for 16 weeks, commencing in July. School captains of each school were asked to be involved however, as ours were in Canberra, two Year 5 students, Olivea Beltrame and Toby Lewis, were selected after submitting a written application. I would like to congratulate these two students on their enthusiasm, behaviour and excellent manners. They were certainly great ambassadors for our school. The launch of the advertisement will take place during Education Week on Tuesday July 29 at the Regent Cinemas.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE- Murray Conservatorium, in partnership with Sydney Conservatorium will be presenting a special concert event at Albury Public School with a Saxophone Quintet performing on Monday 16 June. As part of the "Buddies" program, the fun, energetic ensemble will be in town for a week performing for local public schools. Students will have the opportunity to hear the diverse range of the saxophone family including alto, tenor and baritone saxophones. I thank the Murray Conservatorium once again for offering this great experience to our students.

NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION – SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A 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. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with a disability as well as students who are receiving adjustments to their learning. There are a variety of levels of adjustment that teachers make to assist our students. This can include support from the Learning and Support teachers and School Learning and Support Officers. Also included in this data collection are those students with medical conditions eg anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma etc. More accurate data will help the Government plan for students with a disability or learning need.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and he/she will not be involved in any testing process. The NSW Department of Education and Communities 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.

Next Wednesday parents/carers of students who receive some form of adjustment to their learning will receive a letter. Parents only need to fill out the form and return it to the school if they don’t wish their child to be included in the data collection. 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.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA TRIP- I spoke to the ‘happy campers’ last night and they had had a safe trip and a very successful first day. They even saw some sunshine in the afternoon! The students had particularly enjoyed the night activity, playing several different sports at the Australian Institute Of Sport. We expect them to return on Friday at 7:30pm at the bus stop near the COLA.

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MULTI-CULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION - On Monday I had the very difficult task of adjudicating at our school’s Multi-Cultural Public Speaking Finals. Once again, the quality of the speeches was excellent and all class representatives should be extremely proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Lucy Mack 4MCH, winner of the Year 3/4 section and James Steer 5/6AKB, winner of the Year 5/6 section. We wish them all the best as they represent our school at the Albury finals at Thurgoona Public School on Thursday 26 June.

Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).

RIVERINA RUGBY UNION - Congratulations to Harry Haszard who has gained selection in the Riverina Rugby Union Team! Harry will now compete at the State Championships in August. A terrific effort Harry!

VALUE - WEEK 6 - Having regard for yourself and others. Accepting the rights of others to hold different and opposing views.

VALUES AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 4 - FAIRNESS
Yr 6 Stephanie Fordham, Yr 5 Sarah Boyall, Yr 4 Harrison Lawes, Yr 3 Harriet Murphy.

WEEK 5 - DEMOCRACY - Grace Clift Kinder, Nate Nusser Yr 1-absent.
Alex Lutton Yr 3, Sami El-Souki Yr 5, Ben Pedler Yr 6, Dana Matthew Yr 4-absent.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL - The District Cross Country carnival was held last Thursday 29 May at the Albury Equestrian Centre. 56 Albury Public School students competed on the day and had to contend with a very muddy course! All of our competitors ran exceptionally well and had behaviour to match. They were a pleasure to take away as school representatives! Congratulations to the following students who will compete at the Riverina Cross Country held in Deniliquin on Tuesday 10 June – Will Haberfield (2nd), Will Clarke (3rd), Emily Wills (1st) Ella Riches (2nd), Natalie Gibbons (1st) and Laura Gillard (2nd). Best of luck to these runners! Jess Brooker and Karlee Nolan, Coordinators.

RIVERINA ENVIRONMENT CENTRE Wagga Wagga - On Tuesday 27 May, we three girls, Mia Johannis, Chelsea Brooksby and Skye Richardson were invited to go to the Environmental Centre in Wagga Wagga. Skye’s mum, Lou Richardson, was kind enough to drive us to the centre. When we arrived we were introduced to many children from other schools who were invited as well. Two scientists hosted the excursion; their names were Paul and Darren. The other children were from Berrigan, Young, Griffith, Tumut, Deniliquin and Glenroy.

We went down to a dam in the bush and found kangaroos in the middle of our path. We caught some yabbies, water flies and all different other types of insects. Then we did some tests on the insects to identify what insect they were. We also tested the water to see if it was salty or not by using a stick to measure the saltiness of the water.

We used the insects that we caught and put them under microscopes. We could see how many legs and how much hair they had. We didn’t know that insects had that much hair, and legs! The scientists showed us how the insects grow and a lifecycle of an insect.

We played games in which we were given a different name and had to say our given name until another person matched our name; for example, olive-oil, mashed-potato and street-light.

We went to a vegetable garden to find pumpkins, beans, broccoli and other vegetables in the garden. Then it started to pour down with rain and didn’t stop all afternoon and we missed out on a really cool rope balancing game. We all had a great time and made lots of friends.

By Mia Johannis, Chelsea Brooksby and Skye Richardson.
Gold Certificates
Congratulations to:-
Soma Higginson (3), Ella Henderson, Rebecca Scott, Amelia Baillie, Deacon Hogan, and Elli Cooper-Stonehouse.

THUR 5 10:30- 1:30pm Melanie Benham
FRI  6  9:00- 1:30pm Nicky Bruce
11:00-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
MON 9 PUBLIC HOLIDAY
TUES 10 12:30- 1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
WED 11 11:00- 1:30pm Rachel Dwyer
THURS12 9:00-11:30am Sue Lefoe
11:00- 1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
FRI 13  9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED 11:00-1:30pm Cath White

We have quite a few gaps in the roster over the next couple of weeks. If you can help please phone or call in. Thank you, Rachael and Ali, Ph 6021 2370.

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 on 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.

BOOK FAIR- Remember the library is hosting a Book Fair in Week 8. (The week commencing 16 June). The students will have a chance to view the books in their library sessions prior to the Book Fair. Parents/carers are very welcome to come and view the books from Monday 16 June. All sales will occur on Wednesday 18 June.

Payment will be able to be made be cash, traditional credit card forms and an EFTPOS machine will be available.

This is a library fundraising activity so your support is appreciated.
Thank you for your support. Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.

HAPPENINGS IN THE KITCHEN- The Year 4 & 5 students have been very busy and having fun in the kitchen making Rice Paper Rolls with lots of interesting ingredients. This week they made Indian Flatbread, Spinach and Basil Pesto and Leafy Green Salad which was just yummy. Many people at our school have also donated equipment or goods to the program. I would like to extend them a warm thank you as it has made the kitchen program run very smoothly.

Spinach & mint - Carissa Just (fresh from her garden), Aprons - Carolyne Sullivan and Helen O'Brien, Hand Towels - Margaret Evans, Kitchen Appliances - Fay Smith and Zara Merritt.

Leanne Schifferle, Kitchen Specialist.

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.
GRIP Leadership Conference

Last Wednesday 28 May, the Student Councillors and House Leaders attended a conference at the Albury Convention Centre. This conference was specifically for school leaders to prepare us in practical ways for the role of a leader. Many schools attended and the GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People) Leadership team put on a great show. We received a booklet as a special keepsake to record our ideas and to help us remember the important points. We were led through a series of activities that were hands on and engaging.

One of the big messages from the GRIP team was:

A leader, like a superhero, is a **HERO** by being a(n):

- Helper
- Encourager
- Role model
- Organiser

It was a very fun filled day. Thank you to Ms Howard for providing us with the opportunity to take part.

Student Councillors

One of our activities, ‘People Scavenger’, showed us leaders rely on the help and expertise of others.