Dear All

GOOD ATTENDANCE- There is a number of sound reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly. Firstly, attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older student’s absenteeism often interferes with their academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly. The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 15 years are required to attend school. Sickness or injury, attendance at a special religious ceremony or a serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Please let the school know why your child is not at school and provide an explanation on your child’s return to school within 7 days.

Birthdays, haircuts, Mondays etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence from school. Also please try whenever possible to arrange your family holidays in school vacation times. Missing school leaves gaps in your child’s education.

FATHERS’ AND OTHERS’ DAY STALL- A reminder that the P & C will be running a Fathers’ and Other’s Day stall next Thursday 4 September. Each class will go with their teacher to choose a gift, if they wish, during the day. Gifts will range from $2.00-$5.00. Students should bring their money in a purse or an envelope so it does not get lost. Many thanks to Kerry Van Zanten and her helpers for organising this great event.

LITTER FREE LUNCH- This week is Environment Week. To celebrate this, classes are having a litter free lunch with their buddy class tomorrow, Thursday 28 August. Please try to eliminate any wrappers from your child’s lunch for this activity. We will be investigating if this initiative reduces the amount of litter in our bins and improves our environment.

P & C MEETING- It was great to see an increased number of parents at the P & C meeting last night. I would encourage you all to come along to the meetings, held the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting at 7:30pm. The Fun Fair, our major fundraiser, is planned for Week 6 Term 4 (Thursday 13 November) we really need all hands on deck. The Fun Fair cannot run unless we have parents/carers who can help for an hour or so on the night or volunteer to organise a stall. It would be great if you could get together with some friends and offer help. Specific requests will be listed in the P & C News in this newsletter in the coming weeks. Please try to support your school so we can purchase much needed resources for our students.

POTS REQUIRED- The Year 4 students in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program require a large number of pots to plant bulbs for the Fun Fair. If you have any spare plastic pots at home could you please send them into school this week?

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).

Spring into Art Show

We invite you to attend our 2014 Art Show
Official Opening 6:00pm to 8:00pm Tuesday 16 September 2014- Riverina Dance Ensemble- 6:15pm
(Tea and Coffee provided)

Wednesday 17 September 9:00am to 6:00pm
K-2 Choir 10:30am, 3-4 Choir 11:30am. Drama presentations 1:00pm and 5-6 Choir 2:00pm.

Thursday 18 September 9:00am to 12:00noon
K-2 Choir 10:00am, 3-4 Choir 11:00am and 5-6 Choir 11:30am
In the A.P.S Hall- Gold Coin Donation
PSSA HOCKEY- The Senior hockey team was victorious in their game against Albury North; the final score was 6-0. Tom Newman had a great game scoring three goals, Oliver Henderson scored 2 and Karmanjot Sandhu scored also. Lily Robertson was strong and quick in attack, running the ball down the wing to get it to our scoring end. The Juniors drew against Trinity Red with Ryan Yensch scoring a goal. Oliver Rennie and Oliver Peachey played for the opposition to assist in balancing the numbers. Ella Henderson and Luci Mack did a good job at trapping and controlling the ball. Thank you to Lyndon Robertson for coaching the Juniors. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

PSSA AFL- Week 5- APS played Thurgoona at the Ernest Grant Oval. We had some goal chasing to do after the first break and then showed more consistency in our scoring and defending over the next three quarters. The final score was 34 to 15; our way. Best on ground: Samuel Baillie, Will Murphy, Zain Allerdice, Connor Bartasius and Harkirat Singh.

Week 6- Albury was very fortunate to come away with a victory in the game against Lavington East at Norris Park. LEPS played a quick moving and accurate style of play. It was our final 3 goals in the short final quarter that put us in front: 45 to 29. Best on ground— Charlie Byrne, Baxter Macfarlane, Jett Raudino (5 goals), Will Murphy, James Steer and Connor Bartasius. Many thanks to Mr Hansen (CSU) who umpired the game. Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.

PSSA SOCCER- It was another fantastic afternoon for soccer last Friday. The Junior Blue team had a 9–0 win over Lavington. Brodie Porta played well and scored 3 goals, Eddie Brooksbay and Mitchell Lawes scored 2 goals, while Thomas Hyman and Harrison Prescott both scored a goal each. Sanjaya Koirala also played well as a striker and was unlucky not to score. The Senior Blue team had an exciting 2-all draw with Lavington. Thanks to the parents who came along and cheered on our players.

This Friday’s PSSA Soccer games for both Senior and Junior teams:- APS Gold Vs St Johns at Alexandra Park, North Street, APS Blue Vs Trinity at Alexandra Park, Ian Barker Field Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

CRICKET CLINICS- Next week on Thursday 4 and Friday 5 September, Cricket NSW will be at Albury Public School to run some free cricket clinics with our students. Students from years 1 - 6 will participate in a 40 minute skills based lesson. A kind thanks is extended to Robbie Mackinlay from Cricket NSW for volunteering his time and expertise to provide this opportunity to our students. Mark Neil, Coordinator.

ICAS WRITING COMPETITION– Congratulations to the following students who achieved fantastic results in the recent ICAS Writing Competition-

YEAR 3-CREDIT- Jasper Wood, Brielle Pedler, DISTINCTION– Elinor McGarvie
YEAR 4-MERIT- Lillian Eggleton,DISTINCTION– Myah Glenane, HIGH DISTINCTION- Bridgette Gay
YEAR 5-CREDIT– Joshua Green, Claudia Hanrahan, Meghan Yensch
DISTINCTION- Oliver Henderson, James Kilpatrick, Ziggy Lamond, Grace McGarvie, Milisa Milanovic
HIGH DISTINCTION- Eve Zawertailo
YEAR 6- CREDIT – Callum Bruce, Natalie Gibbons, Tom Grigg, DISTINCTION– Matthew Brownbill

VALUES AWARD WINNERS

Week 4 K-2 Charlie Mackenzie(Yr 1), Keziah Bulters-Trainor(Yr 2), Zac Murray-Noble (Kinder).
Week 5 K-2 Ellen Booth(Yr 1), Sienna Prosser(Yr 2), Eliana Briggs(Kinder).
Week 5, Yrs 3-6 Emily Wills(Yr 5), Lili Hopper(Yr 3), Ruby Martin(Yr 4), and Stephanie Fordham(Yr 6)
Week 6, Yrs 3-6 Joe Spendier (Yr 5), Maddy Travassaros(Yr3), Mary Bruce (Yr 6) John Kean(Yr 4),

News from the kitchen and garden…
The students and teachers in 4MCH and 4/5LM enjoyed making pasta from scratch last week. A special thank you to Mrs Rosemary Coughlan and Ms Sally Morris for their pasta machines and expertise in pasta making.
Lynda Joyce and Leanne Schifferle, Garden and Kitchen Specialists.
**Gold Certificates**

Congratulations to:-
Annalise Cameron, Stephanie Fordham, Austin Miao, Max Geering, Georgia Ehlers (2), Emily Wills and Amy Houlihan

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**Canteen News**

**Stage 2 News**

Congratulations to Macauley Horsten who was recently awarded the “Positive Behaviour Award” for Stage 2. This award is sponsored by the local council and recognises students who display positive behaviour at school. Macauley received a $20 gift voucher at Dymocks. Melinda Martin, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

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**INDIGENOUS FOOD GARDEN WORKING BEE**– Sunday 31 August at 10:30am. The bed at the front of the Annie is going to be transformed into an Indigenous Food Garden and it would be great if you could help to prepare it. The more helpers we have the quicker we finish the working bee. Even if you can only come for an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. The main job to be done is pulling out the old plants and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden students will plant it out in a garden session. Please bring shovels, picks, wheelbarrows and secateurs if you have them. For further information please call Lou Newman on 0408 709 960.

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**SCHOOL FINALS PREMIER’ S SPELLING BEE**- Congratulations to all those who participated in the School Spelling Bee Finals, and special congratulations to our School Finalists. There was fierce competition in both the Senior and Junior finals, In the Junior Final, John Kean from 4/5LM was first and Reece Spokes came second. In the Senior Finals it was neck and neck between Natalie Gibbons (first place) and Madison Hopper (a very close second). Our talented finalists will represent the school at the regional finals in Deniliquin later this term. Well done to all our Class Finalists who competed bravely and with great sportsmanship! They included:

- 3CM: Cooper Roberston, Eli Cooper-Stonehouse, 3CK: Alex Newman, Jasper Wood, Elinor McGarvie, 3CC: Austin Miao, Sienna Bowler, 4LB: Reese Spokes (2nd), Natasha Simuong, 4LJH: Brigette Gay, Valentina Todros, 4MCH: Lillian Eggleton, Lara Butlin, 4/5LM John Kean (1st), Jye Tasker, 5AB: Rachael Kemp, Sara Boyall, 5LN Lisa Cary, Isabella Towner, 5/6AB Madison Hopper (2nd), Emily Wills, 5/6AKB Zain Allerdice, Jack Drummond, 6ACP Natalie Gibbons (1st), Rupert Freeman, 6AP Laura Gillard, Sarsha Smith. Well done also to all students who participated in classroom competitions and activities in the lead up to this week’s final. Sally Morris, Spelling Bee Coordinator.
Stage 3 Science Excursion

Last Thursday, (21 August) Mrs Browne, Mrs Pargeter and fifty excited students visited Charles Sturt University in Thurgoona to take part in a special science event. The event was hosted by the Astronomical Society of Albury-Wodonga in recognition of National Science Week, Australia’s annual celebration of science and technology.

The students enjoyed participating in three different workshops. During the Vision Australia workshop, students learned about the leading causes of vision impairment, tried on vision-impairment goggle-simulators and used a white cane to negotiate an obstacle course. They also learned about Braille as a form of communication and produced their own samples on a Braille machine.

In the Environmental Science workshop, students learned about the use of radio signals to track animals and got to put their new-found skills to good use in the outdoor area, successfully finding their targeted animals.

While attending the forensic science workshop, students learned about DNA and evidence used to solve crimes. They got to dust their own fingerprints, study DNA samples and solve the crime of ‘Who Killed Elmo’.

It was a very enjoyable day and the students are to be commended for the enthusiasm and excellent behavior they displayed on the day. They did an excellent job of representing Albury Public School.