Dear All

APS ART SHOW - I am very excited to announce that we are holding a K-6 Art Show in our Assembly Hall in Week 10. All students will display artworks. The Art Show will be officially opened by our Albury Mayor Cr. Kevin Mack on Tuesday 16 September from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Parents/carers and students are invited to attend. The Art show will also be open on Wednesday 17 September 9:00am-6:00pm and Thursday 18 September 9:00am-12:00noon for visitors. A flyer with detailed information will be sent out next Wednesday. Please pop these dates on your calendar as it will be a unique cultural experience!!!

CSU INTERNS - On Monday we welcomed two 4th Year Education students from Charles Sturt University (CSU) who are here on a five week placement. Ms Mary Cupitt will be teaching 5LN and Ms Chiara Pasut will be teaching 6ACP. I am sure both students will enjoy their time here and benefit from the experience.

BOOK WEEK - Book Week is celebrated each year in schools and libraries across Australia. It is a week spent celebrating books and particularly Australian authors and illustrators. This week is Book Week and the 2014 theme is 'Connect To Reading'. Connect to reading is about enjoying the experience of exploring stories and travelling to other worlds. Reading to connect, has a broader social meaning, suggesting that reading assists in creating a bond with others. Within the world of the contemporary child, this is also relevant as they read books and they read to connect through a variety of media. Throughout this week students have enjoyed completing activities and reading the short-listed books in the library with Ms Griffith.

ABORIGINAL PERFORMANCE - A reminder that notes and payments for the Aboriginal Performance next week are due this Friday, 22nd August. NO LATE PAYMENTS can be accepted.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER AND DISCO - The Year 6 Farewell Dinner and Disco will be held on Tuesday 16 December 2014. This event is always an enjoyable night which the Year 6 students look forward to. Such events cannot occur without parent help and each year we have a dedicated team organising the night. I would like to extend an invitation to our Year 6 parent community to assist in the organisation of this special occasion by attending an information evening in the staffroom on Wednesday 10 September at 7.00pm. Today a note has been sent to all Year 6 parents. We would appreciate your assistance in making this night a memorable one for our students.

P & C MEETING - This month’s meeting is being held next Tuesday 26 August at 7:30pm in the staffroom. All parents/carers are welcome to attend and play an active role in our school. We would love to see more people there as we start planning for our biannual Fun Fair. The Family Fun Fair is our major fundraiser and is vital to raise funds so we can provide resources and equipment for our students.

UPDATE DETAILS - If you have changed jobs, address, phone number or your emergency contacts please let the office know so your details can be updated. It is vital that we have your correct details so we can contact you when needed.

FATHERS’ DAY - A reminder that the P & C will be running a Fathers’ and Others’ Day stall on Thursday 4 September. More details will be in upcoming newsletters.

ENGLISH HELP SHEETS - Would you like some help with the meaning and definitions of some English terms that your child brings home in their homework? This link will help you refamiliarise yourself with English terms and usage. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/hu/homework-and-study/english/help-sheets

Enjoy your week, Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).
PSSA HOCKEY- The Juniors were successful in winning against Lavington 3–0. Ruby Martin, Ryan Yensch and Vishu Singh were strong players on the day and worked hard in attack to help their team triumph.

A sincere thank you to Lyndon Roberston for his expertise in coaching. The Senior team was scheduled to play Trinity however Trinity forfeited the match. The seniors played a game against each other allowing them to practise their skills and work on improving their technique. We invite all family and friends to our games held at Alexandra Park at approximately 1:30pm on Fridays. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

PSSA NETBALL- Junior A team had a forfeit against them and supported the Junior B team and enjoyed watching a senior game. Junior B team played Lavington. The girls all played a full game, with no subs and came away very convincing winners. Lara Butlin played great centre court and Zali Dingle tried very hard in shooter, and shot some amazing goals. The Senior A team played Jindera and had a close game, losing by one goal 5 – 4. Keely Bullivant played well and Monae Scott - Coutts was strong in defence. Senior B team played St Pats. It was a tough, physical game and St Pats got the better of us, 12–7. Mimi Cosgrave was energetic and tough in defence, and Claudia Murphy was dynamite around the court. It was a hard fought game.

Nadene King, Coordinator.

PSSA SOCCER- We had some good results last week. Thanks to Lachlan Claxton and Alesha Mackinnon from the Senior Blue team who played for St. Anne’s as they were short of numbers. It was great to see many parents there enjoying the spring conditions and cheering on our teams.

This Friday’s PSSA Soccer games for both Senior and Junior teams: -APS Gold Vs Scots at Lambert & Aloysius Parks, South Albury, APS Blue Vs Lavington at Alexandra Park, East Albury Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

2014 YEAR 6 GRADUATION MEMORABILIA- The Albury Public School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) has offered Year 6 students an opportunity to purchase a ‘Signature Bear or Ball’ as a way to record their graduation and celebration of primary school. These items are available to purchase as part of a P&C fundraiser. If your child would like to purchase an item, please return the order slip in a clearly marked and sealed envelope with correct money to the Front Office by Friday 12 September. Payments can only be made in cash or cheque made payable to Albury Public School P & C. Payments cannot be made online. No late orders will be accepted. Jess Brooker. Assistant Principal (Rel.)

LAPATHON 2014– Our annual school Lapathon will be held on Wednesday 3 September, commencing at 11:30am and concluding at 2:30pm. Family members are most welcome to join in the fun.

Students are asked to return blue sponsorship forms by Monday 1 September. Spare forms will also be available at the office. Students are reminded to only approach adults they know for sponsorship.

We are looking forward to a terrific day! Lapathon Committee.

LITTER FREE LUNCH- Next week is “Enviroweek.” To help recognise this fact we are having buddy lunches and a litter free lunch on Thursday 28 August. Could you please try and eliminate any wrappers from your child/children’s lunch for this activity. This will help promote an environmentally friendly atmosphere within the school. Thank you for your co-operation. The Environment Committee

SENIOR SUPER STARS- Presently, students in Year 5 and 6 receive Senior Super Stars. Upon earning 20, they receive a Blue Merit award. In response to feedback from our current Senior students, the Student Councillors decided to undergo a revamp of our Senior Super Stars. They have worked hard to survey students in Year 5 and 6 to find out what reward would motivate our seniors. As a result, Stage 3 teachers will trial a slightly modified Senior Super Stars system until the end of the year when we will ask for feedback from the students for further implementation in 2015. In addition to a Blue Merit, senior students will be invited to morning tea in the company of Miss Brooker, Mrs Eckley and Ms Howard where food will be provided. This is a casual celebration of achievement and as such parents will not be invited. This trial will be formally announced to the Stage 3 students this week and will commence next week.

Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)


Rules of the Challenge- Students earn points over the 7 days of the competition by correctly answering questions in the Live Mathletics arena. At the end of the 7 days, these points are used to determine the winning individual students and schools.

To register Live Mathletics correct answers for the Challenge, students must choose an AFL team beanie from their Avatar Store and wear it for the full 7 days of the Challenge. No points will be registered for any correct answers while the student does not have on their beanie, so choose your favourite team early and keep that beanie on!

Individual student placings will be determined by their average Live Mathletics points scored over the 7 days of the Challenge.

Each division must play a range of Live Mathletics levels to qualify:
- Lower Primary students (K - 3) must play at least one game of levels 1-3.
- Upper Primary students (4 – 6) must play at least one game of levels 2-4.

Prizes – Schools have the opportunity to win sports kits (worth $450) and book packages (worth $100). Students can win AFL online store gift vouchers ($100) and footballs ($20). If you have any questions please contact your class teacher. Jacqueline Henderson, Mathematics Committee.
**Gold Certificates**

Congratulations to:- Jonathon Gillard, Amelia Summers, Sami El-Souki, Joel Orchard, Ruby McCaig, Tom Harrison, Sienna Prosser, Jordan Double, Alexander Clune, Noah Graham, Luke Richardson, Lily Robertson (2) and Chloe Barker.

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**Canteen News**

**WEDNESDAY 27/8/14**

**LUNCH SPECIAL!**

**Nachos & Milkshake**

**$5.50**

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**Thurs 21**

9:00-11:30pm Melissa Wills

11:00-1:30pm Sam Clune

11:00-1:30pm Beda Chhetri

**Fri 22**

9:00-11:30pm **HELPER NEEDED**

11:30-1:30pm Rebecca Tilders

11:00-1:30pm **NEED HELPER**

**Mon 25**

12:00-1:30pm Megan Morgan

**Tues 26**

12:00-1:30pm Lou Richardson

**Wed 27**

11:00-1:30pm Tamsin Walle

**Thurs 28**

9:00-11:00am **HELPER NEEDED**

11:00-1:30pm Mel Benham

**Fri 29**

9:00-11:30am Anna Sullivan

11:00-1:30pm Janet Waite

11:00-1:30pm **NEED HELPER**

Don’t forget if you want sauce, it is 20c extra! Hot Dogs are the only items that include sauce.

**LAPATHON** orders are out this week- please return them as soon as possible. **NO LATE ORDERS** will be accepted. Thank you to our helpers. We have a couple of gaps in the roster. Please phone or call in and put your name down.

Rachael and Ali, Ph 6021 2370.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)**- There are still a number of students who need to finalise their reading logs on-line. Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by Friday 22 August. If there is a problem please see me as soon as possible.


**CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK**- Children’s Book Week is this week. In class students have been working on a “Connect to Reading” picture. They have been drawing either the cover of their favourite book or their favourite character. If your child/children bring home an incomplete drawing could you please encourage them to finish it and return it to the library. The finished pictures will be used to make a display. All students who have a completed hexagon will receive a participation certificate.

Thank you for your support. Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.

**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN**- The students and teachers in 4LJH and 4LB (as well as our fabulous volunteers) had a fantastic time in the kitchen and garden last week! The students learned how to make spaghetti and fettuccine from scratch, along with a tomato and herb sauce to accompany it. The smells emanating from the kitchen were amazing and it tasted even better! We were also very fortunate to have our “Worm expert”, David Bland come in and assist us in setting up our worm farm. He has a wealth of knowledge about not only worms, but gardening and composting and we all learned a great deal about these processes, whilst having a great deal of fun! Special thanks go out to him and our other fantastic volunteers for their generous assistance this term, including: Michelle Cary who has been sharing her wonderful expertise as a former Stephanie Alexander Garden Specialist; Mrs Just for the hay; our terrific teachers and SLSO’s as well as Sue Lefoe for her wonderful help in the kitchen. Thanks also to Ava Tuksar, Dana Matthew, Deacon Hogan, Austen Harper and Thomas West for their generous donations. Overall, a busy, productive, tasty, educational time was had by all!

Lynda Joyce & Leanne Schifferle, Garden and Kitchen Specialists

**INDIGENOUS FOOD GARDEN WORKING BEE**- Sunday 31 August at 10:30am. The bed at the front of the Annexe 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 0408709960.

**BOOK CLUB**- The closing date for Book Club will be Wednesday 27 August. No late orders will be processed after this date.

**OOSH**- **OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS** September Vacation Care for children up to 10 years of and St Pats SPOT program for 10 plus age, opens Monday the 25 August at 7:30am (approx.) Please log onto www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au and follow the links to Vacation Care. You must have an up to date enrolment form to place a booking online. Further information call the team at OOSH on 6043 5630.
2MC's Poetry

2MC have been studying Dorothea Mackellar’s iconic Australian poem, *My Country*. We have written our own class poem using repetition and describing our school environment. We hope that our descriptions make ‘pictures in your head’.

**Our School by 2MC**

**Our school**
The ragged, old castle (Kaitlyn)
Sunset building (Mia)
Brown, bare tree (Ruby)
Mossy, cracked bark (Daisy)

**Our school**
The orange-bricked castle (Seb)
Grey, metal bubblers (Saxon)
Twisty, rock-hard tree (Jorgi)
Split, old bark (Isaac)

**Our school**
Old-fashioned, rough castle (Luke)
Rusty, dry drains (Peter)
Domed, shady COLA (Jessica)
Big, silver tree (Abdul)

**Our school**
A yummy, green vege patch (Zach)
Green, beautiful garden (Paras)
Pointy, tall tree (Deacon)
Mossy, cracked bark (Sebastian)

**Our school**
Old, weird-shaped castle (Sienna)
Colourful brick barbecue (Tegan)
White, fluffy chickens (Wilson)
Nice, happy rooster (Mahin)

**Our school**
Double-decker castle (Jessica)
Tall, wide buildings (Jasmine)
A tall, bumpy, hard grey wall (Maya)
Humungous, fun playground (Laura)

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We are investigating the book-making process as part of our COGs unit, *Our Stories*. These photos show us experimenting with different methods of book construction.