Dear All,

ART SHOW- It was great to see so many members of our school community at the Official Opening of our Art Show. Thanks to the Riverina Dance Ensemble for their lovely performance and Cr Kevin Mack for officially opening the art show. Thanks also to the P & C for providing supper. We are all very impressed by the quality of the art work, showcasing the talent of our students. Our hall has been transformed into a modern, inspiring art gallery with each of our 589 students displaying an artwork. A reminder that the art show will be open this afternoon until 6:00pm and tomorrow is the last day, opening from 9:00am to 12:00noon. If you haven’t visited yet I encourage you to do so, it really is a fantastic display!

TERM 4- All staff and students commence Term 4 on Tuesday 7 October. There is no School Development Day. A reminder that in Term 4 all students must wear broad brimmed hats as part of our Sun Safe policy. If students do not have hats they will need to remain under the covered outdoor areas or in the shade. Please ensure your child’s hat is clearly marked with your name. School hats can be purchased from the local uniform shops.

NAPLAN SUMMARY- At Albury Public School we are continuously striving to improve our teaching practices, improve student learning outcomes and meet all students’ learning needs. Teachers use the data to help them identify students who require greater challenges or additional support. As a school we use the results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy. Last week the staff participated in a workshop to analyse this year’s NAPLAN results and trend data. Overall there are some very positive results across all areas. Congratulations to all the Year 3 and 5 students for their continued efforts. After examining the data, I have formed some of the following conclusions:

YEAR 3- Overall there was a higher % of our students at the proficiency level (ie. in top 2 bands) than at state level in all areas, except spelling.
- 56.7% of our students were in the top two bands in reading compared to 49.3% of the state
- 50.6 % of our students in the top two bands in the number strand compared to 36.5% of the state
- Only 9.6 % of our students were in the bottom two bands in numeracy compared to 14.3% of students in the state

The trend data showed our students were above state level in spelling, reading, numeracy and grammar and punctuation and just below state level in writing and spelling.

YEAR 5- Overall a higher % of our students were at the proficiency level (ie. in top 2 bands) than state level in all areas, except writing.
- 55.1% of our students were in the top two bands in spelling compared to 42.8% of the state
- 41.4% of students were in the top two bands in the number strand compared to 31.2% of students in the state
- No girls were in the bottom band in numeracy compared to 5% of girls in the state
- Only 2.3% of our boys in the bottom band of numeracy compared to 5.2% of boys in the state

The trend data showed our students were well above state level in all areas of literacy and numeracy.

A more detailed analysis will be produced in the 2014 Annual School Report.

STAFF NEWS- Mrs Karlee Nolan commences her maternity leave on Friday. We wish her and her husband all the best and hope there are not too many sleepless nights! Miss Lauren Hastings will be teaching 1MN for Term 4. Ms Rachel Johnson will remain teaching KWD until the end of the year, while Mrs Leann Dicketts continues her maternity leave. Ms Johnson will also be the relieving Assistant Principal leading the team of Kindergarten teachers. Miss Kirsty Sheridan is expected to return onto 1MH at the beginning of Term 4. Many thanks to Mrs Suzanne Burgess for capably teaching 1MH during this term as Miss Sheridan recuperated from her accident.

In Week 3, Term 4 Mrs Cathie Clarkson will be replacing Mrs Jenny Groch who will be moving to Jindera Public School as the School Administrative Manager. I thank Mrs Groch for her efforts and support and wish her well in her new position. Congratulations to Miss Brigitta Schwarz and her fiance Aaron for their upcoming wedding being held in the holidays. Next term Miss Schwarz will now be Mrs Dudgeon.

During Term 4 there will be a number of staff taking Long Service Leave. These classes will receive a note outlining the changes.

We have received notice that Mrs Gail Eckley and I will remain in our relieving positions until the end of the year.

P.T.O.>>
**SPELLING BEE**- Congratulations to Madison Hopper who won the Regional Premier’s Senior Spelling Bee final last Thursday. Madison will now represent our school at the State Final, being held in Sydney in November. We wish you continued success Madison! Also congratulations to the other students who represented Albury Public School at the Regional Final. I know you were all excellent ambassadors for our school and should be very proud of your individual efforts.

**LAPATHON BALANCE** is $13,392.75- What an incredible effort! These funds will go towards more laptops for the school and resources for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Please remember to bring in any outstanding balances by the end of term.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ellie Zilberman who achieved a “Highly Commendable” in the recent Write around the Murray event. Well done Ellie!

Once again it has been a busy and successful term. I wish you and your family a safe and relaxing holiday.

Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel).

**SUMMER PSSA**- Summer PSSA competition will commence Week 2, Term 4. Albury Public School will enter teams in the following sports:- Softball, T-ball, Touch Football and Cricket.

Thank you to Miss Brooker, Mrs Pargeter, Miss Macleod and Ms King for coaching our Summer PSSA teams. Chris Bourke, Coordinator.

**PSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL**– We desperately need helpers for the PSSA Touch Football competition next term. Please contact the front office if you can help Ms King and the students. Knowledge of the game and rules would be an advantage. Thank you in anticipation. Nadene King, Coordinator.

**NSW PSSA- TENNIS**-Congratulations to Charlie Hargreaves who was one of the seven girls selected from NSW to represent the state, at the Bruce Cup held in Darwin NT. The tournament went for 9 days with NSW finishing 4th overall. The girls played extremely well throughout the tournament. Well done Charlie!

**ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION**– Congratulations to the following students who received terrific results in the recent ICAS English competition:-

**YEAR 2**- HIGH DISTINCTION– Harry Cameron, Credit– Tegan Gibbons

**YEAR 3**– Credit– Eva Attwood, Sienna Bowler, Spencer Robertson, Merit– Ella Henderson, Eliza Mooney

**YEAR 4**– Merit– Bridgette Gay, John Kean

**YEAR 5**– HIGH DISTINCTION– Grace McGarvie, Credit– Joshua Green, Oliver Henderson, James Kilpatrick, Lily Robertson, Kristian Shipard, Meghan Yensch

**YEAR 6**– DISTINCTION– Callum Bruce, Grace Butlin, Tom Grigg, Merit– Matthew Brownbill, Natalie Gibbons.

**APS FOOTY COLOURS DAY**– Tomorrow Thursday 18 September is Footy Colours Day at Albury Public School. Be sure to wear your favourite football team’s colours. Bring along a gold coin donation to support the fight against cancer! Help raise money to give children and teens living with cancer a brighter future.

Chris Bourke, Coordinator.

**ORANGO-TANGO DAY**- Orango-Tango day at Albury Public School raised $644.55 to be donated to the Orangutan conservation, rainforest protection and reintroduction of orphans in order to save the species. Many thanks to all those students and staff who contributed to this wonderful total.

Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel)

**VALUES AWARDS FOR WEEK 9 –EXCELLENCE**

3-6 Award Recipients:- 4LJH Hashem Abdulhafez, 5/6AB Tom Grigg, 3CM Sophie Cary, 6ACP Natalie Gibbons (Absent)

K-2 Award Recipients:- KWB Charlotte Rodd, 2MH Alice Carroll, 1MM Ben Hyman
VC DAY - LE TOUR DE FRANCE DE KADEL- The Year 6 students from 5/6AB class are participating in two Distant Education video conferences titled ‘Le Tour De France De Kadel’. During these virtual excursions, the students and Miss Heywood follow Kadel the kangaroo around the beautiful regions of France. Last Wednesday the students were immersed in an interactive lesson learning about the various monuments and located arrondissements (areas) around Paris on a map. Today the students experienced a virtual visit to the areas of Bretagne and Normandie, followed a recipe to make tasty crepes and learnt the French names for the utensils.

INDIGENOUS GARDEN BED- Thank you to Andrew Mitchener (Eco Tree Care) for kindly donating a load of fabulous garden mulch for the indigenous garden bed. Lou Newman, P & C.
Happenings in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Why Rice Paper Rolls are a Healthy Addition to your Lunchbox by 4MCH

Ever woken up in the morning and didn’t feel like your normal lunch?! Well, if you make easy, healthy and fun rice paper rolls you can fix that yourself! They will BLOW YOUR MIND AWAY!

Rice paper rolls contribute to better health because they include healthy, fresh and succulent produce - ideally from your garden! They are also easy to make because all you need are your favourite vegetables, like carrot, tomato, bean sprouts and mint. Just add rice paper, rice noodles and a bit of patience and hey presto!

Another reason rice paper rolls are healthy is that you don’t cook them in oil like spring rolls. Additionally, rice paper rolls are fun to make and the whole family can get involved.

If you’re tired of the children switching on the T.V., then this might be the perfect solution! Get them involved too! They are guaranteed to have a ball!

So, next time you get up in the morning and wish for something easy, healthy and fun for lunch, look no further because rice paper rolls will save the day!

We think they are definitely here to stay!

Art materials

We have two very talented S.L.S.O’s crafting up a storm during their lunch breaks at present. Carolyne Sullivan and Zara Merritt have been crocheting amazing bags made from plastic shopping bags to sell at our Fun Fair to raise funds for our Kitchen Garden Program. If you have any spare plastic bags cluttering up your cupboard space, we’ll happily take them off your hands!

We’d also love to get the garden looking more colourful with some art, so if you have any items we could use for an art project, we’d be very grateful. Items could include: outdoor paints, timber for signage, material, string, glue, nails, bits and bobs for “junk art” sculptures or hanging mobiles etc. Thanks in advance!

Thank you!

We have continued to be overwhelmed by the donations that have come from many of our very generous Albury Public School families. These contributions greatly enhance our program and we thank you all! Richard Spry- food processor, Rachael Baker- bread mixer and gardening tools, Kye Sweeney- vegetable seeds, Lynn Macleod- variety of knives, Kellie Hyman- tea towels and dry ingredients. Also, huge thanks to the wonderful families who have brought in pots for planting bulbs for the Fun Fair!

Washing Roster

Next term, we are searching for 8-10 people to take aprons and tea towels home to wash once per term. These would go home on Tuesday or Wednesday to be returned by Friday. If you are interested, please leave your name at the office.