Hi All

I have been very impressed with the activities I have seen in many of our classrooms since my return. I was especially impressed with the number of awards presented to our students from the ICAS English and Mathematics competitions at Monday’s assembly. The recipients of the Mathematics awards appear later in the newsletter.

Year 3 students were very excited on Monday and Tuesday, when we spoke to them about their first overnight excursion. When they lined up this morning to catch the bus to Wymah, there was a lot of enthusiasm and a few nerves (but the students were trying to calm their parents). Luckily, the weather appears to be doing the right thing and as I write this newsletter, I too am excited about sharing some of the activities at camp today with our Year 3’s.

STATE PRIMARY PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE- Next week I will be attending the NSW Primary Principals State Conference. It is an opportunity to listen to current educationalists, future thinkers and high profile speakers. The Minister for Education, Mr Adrian Piccoli, will officially open the conference and The Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty, will be the first speaker at the conference. It is also an opportunity to hear about other initiatives that are occurring across NSW and provides time for interaction with other colleagues.

SWIM SCHOOL- Once again Albury Public School and the Riverina School Sports Association will be offering a learn-to-swim program for students in Years 2-6 commencing 23 November. This program offers students the opportunity to develop their swimming skills under the instruction of qualified (AUSTSWIM) instructors and school staff. An expression of interest note has been sent home today. Please note priority will be given to students who are not yet able to confidently swim a distance of 25 metres. Swimming is a vital skill for our students, particularly as we live near waterways. If your child will benefit from these lessons please complete and return the note to the class teacher by Friday 30 October (Week 4). Please note late applications cannot be accepted.

GRANDPARENTS DAY- We look forward to welcoming our grandparents to the school on Friday 23 October from 11:30am-12:40pm. Many of us have very fond memories of sharing experiences with our grandparents. Did anyone else get introduced to yabbying by their grandfather?

LAPATHON- Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our students’ participation in the lapathon next Wednesday 21 October. As was mentioned in the newsletter last week, if you would like your child/ren to order their lunch on Wednesday, there is a very specific menu, set for the lapathon day and all of the orders must be in by Friday of this week. Other menu items will not be available on Wednesday 21 October. If you would like to visit the school to share some laps with your child/ren, or support their participation, you are very welcome! The lapathon will commence at 11:30am and conclude at 2:30pm.

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY(CSU)- We enjoy a very positive relationship with CSU and often welcome Education degree students into our classes to complete their practicums. Currently Miss Isabel Horton is working with Mrs Martin and 3/4CM for the next three weeks.

SUN SAFE POLICY- Being Term 4, students are reminded that they must wear a school hat whenever they are in the playground. Our school enforces the ‘no hat- play in the shade’ sunsafe policy. If students do not have a hat they must play under the COLA or in the shade. We would appreciate your cooperation in ensuring your children wear their hat to school and that their hat is clearly labelled with their name.

Have a great week, Vicki Harris - Principal
SPORTING NEWS

CRICKET
Congratulations to Sam Brown who has been selected in the Riverina Cricket team. He will be playing matches against other regional teams at the State Carnival held in Barooga later in October. Well done Sam and all the best for these matches. Christel Pargeter - Cricket Coordinator

PSSA TOUCH FOOTY
Please contact the front office with your telephone number if you are able to help out with PSSA Touch Footy. We would love to hear from you. Nadene King, Coordinator.

ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following students on their terrific results in the recent ICAS Mathematics Competition:

YEAR 2 - Distinction - Levi Geering, David Green, Elspeth Morris
Credit - Ben Hyman, Ava Henderson, Lenny Koller
Merit - Brodee French and Mitchel Spokes

YEAR 3 - Credit - Harrison Cameron, Kade Griparis, Harry Methven, Alistair Peachey, Peter Travassaros
Merit - Rhys Kilo and Luke Van Zanten

YEAR 4 - Distinction - Jessica Kemp
Credit - Lochie Semmler, Ryan Yensch
Merit - Claudia Collie and Max Geering

YEAR 5 - Credit - Ian Howsam
Merit - Victoria Collie, Paige Double, Bridgette Gay, Thomas Hyman and Mitchell Lawes

YEAR 6 - Distinction - Lisa Cary, Joshua Green
Credit - Oliver Henderson, Alanah Kilo, Ziggy Lamond, Milisa Milanovic, Kristian Shipard, Ben White
Merit - Aylish Jorgensen, Darcy Power and Meghan Yensch

ALBURY SHOW
Thank you to those students who have brought in many wonderful show entries so far, please note that the last day to bring in entries is Wednesday 21 October (Week 3). These items should be temporarily labelled with the students’ name and class on the back of the entry and brought to the Annexe - 6AB classroom. You will be able to view the entries on display in the Jelbart Pavilion at the Albury Show on Saturday 31 October & Sunday 1 November. Chris Bourke, Coordinator.

BUDDY CHAIR
Last term a group of Stage 2 students were busy painting one of the school seats different colours so that it could be used as a “Buddy Chair”. This was a Stage 2 initiative as part of our school wellbeing program. Many schools have incorporated this idea as a way of helping students who feel lonely or isolated at school. The chair will be located in the school playground. If a student sees someone sitting on the “Buddy Chair” they can invite them to play, walk or talk with them. At tomorrow’s assembly the chair will be introduced to our students. Melinda Martin, 3/4CM Class Teacher.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION
Today with the newsletter Year 6 will receive a permission note for the upcoming transition to high school days. Please note, the first transition day on Thursday 5 November is for ALL Year 6 students. This is a half day excursion to Albury High School where students will get to participate in a series of sports and games organised by Year 9 and will be given a BBQ lunch. The Orientation Session is Thursday 3 December and this is ONLY for Year 6 students who have enrolled in Year 7 at AHS in 2016. This will be a full day excursion to Albury High School. Detailed information can be found on the permission note. Permission notes are due back to classroom teachers by Friday 30 October 2015. A Family Information Evening for students entering Year 7 in 2016 will be held on Wednesday 4 November at 7:00pm in the hall at Albury High School.
Jessica Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

2016 STUDENT COUNCILLORS
Stage 3 students will be nominating candidates for Student Councillor positions next Monday 19 October and Tuesday 20 October (Week 3). Candidates are then required to prepare a small poster/profile (a template will be provided) about themselves for submission to Miss Brooker by Friday 30 October (Week 4). Speeches will be delivered in Week 6, beginning Monday 9 November.
Jessica Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)
**Gold Certificates**

CONGRATULATIONS TO-
- Mason Bowler, Vishwa Patel,
- Harry Semmler, Navraj Dhillon(2) and
- Noah Graham

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HELPERS PLEASE for Lapathon Lunches

Thurs 22 HELPER PLEASE 11:00-1:30pm

Remember LAPATHON LUNCH ORDERS are due this Friday 16 October.

NO LATE ORDERS will be accepted. (PLEASE NOTE– the sausages are gluten free.) NO OTHER ORDERS will be accepted on Lapathon Day– Wednesday 21 October.

Please make sure your child’s name and class are written on the yellow slip.

Rachael and Simone- 60212370

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**CANTENE MEETING– REMINDER**

The October Canteen meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 October, at 2:30pm in the Canteen. All welcome.

Tracey Brown, Canteen Committee.

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**P & C NEWS– MANGO FUNDRAISER**

An order form will go out with the newsletter today, giving you the opportunity to order delicious mangoes as part of our Mango Fundraiser. If you did not receive an order form you can pick one up at the front office. Orders are due in by Wednesday 28 October, please leave them in the Mango Box at the Front Office. The mangoes will be delivered early December, making them a great summer lunchbox addition, afterschool smoothie or an early Christmas gift. For further information please phone Lou Newman, Coordinator, on 0408 709 960.

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**CANCER COUNCIL NSW**

**NUTRITION SNIPPET**- The simplest way to create a healthier brekkie: choose these simple, tasty swaps for your family’s brekkie: they’re fruit and vegie rich and will give you the energy to get through the day!

**SWAP THIS BREAKFAST**

- White toast
  - choose wholemeal
  - add fresh tomato or avocado
  - spread ricotta, top with sliced fruit
- Flavoured Milk
  - make a fruit smoothie: blend frozen raspberries + honey + yoghurt
- Rice Bubbles
  - Porridge or wheat biscuits topped with banana & honey

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SMALL STEPS PRESENTATION**

Small Steps is a free anxiety awareness program for primary school teachers and parents. Albury Public School will be hosting a presentation on Wednesday 28 October at 1:15pm in the School Hall. Speakers from WayAhead Mental Health Association of NSW will be in attendance and the presentation will last between one-two hours.

**SPORT AND RECREATION SWIM & SURVIVE**- The Royal Life Saving Society’s national Swim and Survive initiative operates throughout regional NSW in communities where limited learn to swim opportunities exist. Our classes offer multiple grades across preschool and school aged categories. Children progress through these skill grades dependent on their age and ability.

Classes are delivered by nationally-qualified instructors and normally run for eight or nine consecutive weekdays. For more information or to book visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02.

**ALBURY CENTRAL’S APPLAUSE FESTIVAL**- Saturday 17 October from 11:00am-5:00pm. Comedy, Buskers, Dancing, Music & Circus Workshops, Waiters Race, Pavement Art, Daring Stunts, Magician, Tattoo Artist and free kids activities.

**AUTISM SPECTRUM AUSTRALIA/EARLY DAYS-NSW**

Early Days- tips for everyday skills workshop- Thursday 22 October from 10:00-1:00pm at the Aspect Riverina School, 437 Olive Street, Albury. For further information/registration please visit www.autismspectrum.org.au/events, call 89778353 or email edworkshops@autismspectrum.org.au

**LEARNING DIFFICULTIES PARENT HELPLINE**- Telephone helpline for parents and teachers. Open school days during school hours. Info on assessments, support, resources, websites, booklists, fact sheets and more. Phone 9806 9960 or visit www.ldc.org.au/ info@ldc.org.au

**WODONGA CHILDREN’S FAIR**- Sun 25 October from 10:00am-3:00pm at the Wodonga Racecourse, Hamilton Smith Dr, Wodonga. For more information and program highlights, phone 6022 9300 or visit wodonga.vic.gov.au/childrens-fair

**LOWES 1 DAY ONLY 20% OFF SCHOOLWEAR**- Thurs 15 October. Exclusive invitation to Ezy-way credit card and Rewards card holders.

**SAVER PLUS PROGRAM**- This is a matched savings & financial education program. An initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence & ANZ, it is delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society, The Smith Family & other local agencies. Funded by ANZ & the Aust Govt Dept of Social Services. Contact 1300 610 355 for information.
If you would like to see all the students’ wonderful art pieces in full size and colour please come along and support the Albury Public School Art Show (Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th of November).