Dear All

Last week was a very busy week at school, not just for our students, but for their families as well. On Wednesday a lot of family and friends shared the LAPATHON with our students. The rain held off and the students were happy and spritely. As of this morning, the amount raised for the school from the Lapathon was $6154. Please return blue sponsorship notes and money to the front office.

On Friday a lot of family members and friends (some of who had not been in a school for MANY many years), came to visit for Grandparents Day. Our students loved sharing activities with relatives and friends!

Unfortunately for me, I was in Sydney all of last week attending the State Primary Principals Conference and missed these very special activities. However, I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to hear some amazing speakers talking about issues affecting schools today. The Premier, Mr Mike Baird and the Education Minister Mr Adrian Piccoli opened the conference and talked about the funding that we have been receiving in schools and the differences it is making for our students. In our own school, additional money allows us to support students by way of extra resources and additional teacher and Learning Support Officer time. The following speaker was Australian of the Year - Rosie Batty. Her presentation was inspiring and encouraged all of us present to be vocal about stopping domestic violence. Mr Ted McCain and Dr Matt McClure are renowned speakers on educational leadership and growth and offered some thought provoking ideas about improving results in schools. Simon Breakspear was a provocative and practical speaker who certainly challenged us to become more innovative and really look at change. Group Captain Catherine McGregor spoke of leadership in challenging times and the final session was led by Mr John Foreman who talked about always trying to achieve our goals. All in all, an outstanding opportunity to hear from exceptional speakers about the future of education.

Today was a little traumatic for some of our newest school community members. It was the first time that the parents had left their children at ‘Big School’. We have three orientation sessions for the ‘2016 Kinders’ and today was the first. It is hard to imagine that the settled, mature and confident students we see in Kindergarten on a daily basis, were just 12 months ago experiencing ‘big school’ for the first time. Thank you to our current Kindergarten helpers and the staff who assisted to make the first orientation day such a success for our new students. We look forward to seeing the children again at 9:30am next Wednesday.

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know...
and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies. Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age. A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation. Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

**K-6 ART SHOW**—The Art Show will be opened next Wednesday 4 November from 6:00-7:00pm in the School Hall. (Gold coin donation) It will also be open for viewing on Thursday 5 November from 9:00-4:30pm. Every student will have an artwork on display. We invite parents to take this opportunity to visit the wonderful display of students art. Enjoy your week, Vicki Harris - Principal.

**CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**—Congratulations to Josie Alexander 1MS and Tom Sheather KWE who will each receive an AlburyCity Citizenship award and a Dymock’s book voucher at tomorrow’s assembly. These awards recognise students who demonstrate positive citizenship behaviour. Carolyn Howard, Deputy Principal

**SPORTS NEWS**—**PSSA CRICKET**—GOLD TEAMS— Our second round match was played at Black Range Oval against St Pats Gold. The Junior team won their match, scoring 3/63 while St Pats finished 7/31. The Senior team fielded first and took 4 wickets in the twelve overs bowled but didn’t get to face all of the overs when batting. We made 42 runs in the limited time. It is terrific to observe our students encouraging one another and team captains leading by example. Well done Blue teams! Thank you to Mr Robert Boehm for his assistance with umpiring and scoring. Christel Pargeter.

**BLUE TEAMS**—Senior and Junior Blue teams both had a bye. Teams were picked from both juniors and seniors to play each other. There was some impressive bowling and batting by both teams. The final score was 33–21. Thanks to Steve Jaksetic for umpiring and the parents who came to support. It was an entertaining match. Lynn Macleod.

**PSSA SENIOR SOFTBALL**—The Senior Girls team defeated Lavington Public Gold by a small margin. Well done to Aylish Jorgensen who showed great concentration and skill throughout the whole game in her vital role as catcher. The Senior Boys had a draw against St Pats Green. A special mention to Mitchel Houlihan who caught three runners out and as pitcher, managed to strike out two batters. Also, Max Byrne took a great catch in the outfield. The boys were commended by the St Pats teacher for their conduct both on and off the field. They showed excellent leadership and initiative. We welcome all families and friends to our games each week at Jelbart Park starting at approximately 9:30am. Jess Brooker, Coordinator.

**YEAR 6 NEWS**—**2016 STUDENT COUNCILLORS**—2016 Student Councillor candidates are required to prepare a small poster/profile (a template has been provided) about themselves for submission to Miss Brooker by Friday 30 October. These profiles will be on display in the windows of the West Building throughout Weeks 5 and 6. Candidates will also be required to deliver a short speech (no longer than one minute) that will be presented to students in Years 3, 4 and 5 in Week 6. Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 will then vote for 12 councillors on Monday 16 November.

**TASTE OF HIGH SCHOOL—ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL**—A ‘Taste of High School’ event for Year 6 students will be held on Thursday 5 November 2015. Students will be provided with a BBQ lunch but are required to bring recess, a drink, a hat and sunscreen. Appropriate footwear and sports uniform are necessary. Students will engage in a series of sports and games organised by Year 9 Sports Studies students. This excursion has been planned to provide an opportunity for students to experience lessons in high school subjects, in a secondary school setting. As such, this excursion is for all students in Year 6, regardless of where they will be attending high school in 2016. Permission notes are due back to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 30 October.

**YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING**—There will be a Family Information Evening for parents/carers of students entering Year 7 at Albury High in 2016 on Wednesday 4 November at 7:30pm in the Albury High School hall. (Please note change of time)

**YR 6 AMBITION DAY**—Year 6 students are invited to participate in Ambition Day on Tuesday 17 November. For a $2 donation, students can come to school dressed in something that represents what they would like to do or be when they leave school. The money raised will go towards the cost of printing the Year 6 Yearbook. Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)
Canteen Roster

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