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SEMESTER TWO STUDENT REPORTS

All teachers are currently very busy writing and reviewing Semester 2 Student Reports. These reports reflect the academic and social progress your child has made during the semester. These reports will be sent home on Friday 4 December.

Enjoy the week, Vicki Harris - Principal.

2016 HOUSE LEADERS

Stage 3 students will be invited to nominate candidates for House Leader positions in 2016 on Monday 23 November and Tuesday 24 November 2015. Candidates are then required to deliver a short speech (no longer than one minute) that will be presented to students in Years 3, 4 and 5 on Monday 30 November during House Meetings. Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 will then vote for two Captains and two Vice-Captains. Ms Harris will meet with all the candidates on Wednesday 2 December to announce the successful House Leaders. Badges will be awarded to each of the House Leaders on Presentation Day. Successful House Leaders will also be named in the newsletter on Wednesday 2 December.

Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel)

YEAR 6 AMBITION DAY

Yesterday Year 6 participated in Ambition Day. Students came dressed in a way to represent what they would like to do or be when they leave school. It was great to see such interesting and varied ambitions! Money raised from their gold coin donation goes towards the printing of the 2015 Year 6 Yearbook.

Kirstie Browne, Year 6 Teacher.

COMPUTER NEWS

A huge thank you to Eliza and Will Stevens’ parents, Brad and Jane and to their business, Rehabilitation Outcomes (in David St) for the donation of 12 monitors for our technology program.

Sally Morris Computer Coordinator.

UKULELE AND DRUM CLASSES

These were a hit with the Stage 2 & 3 students last week! Many thanks to the Murray Conservatorium.

ENGLISH AS ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE OR DIALECT (EALD) EXCURSION TO THE ALBURY LIBRARYMUSEUM

Last Thursday, Zaid, Hamayun, Justin, Jessica and Roshika went to the LibraryMuseum to learn about the facilities and programs available to students and their families in Albury. Janien was very informative, answering the many questions asked. She helped the students to understand how to use the Library facilities, especially the reservation and borrowing system. The students are to be commended on their excellent conduct in a public venue.

Marie Morell (EALD teacher).

ALBURY DISTRICT DANCE ENSEMBLES

These ensembles are open to students who are enrolled in public schools from across the Albury district. Any student who has experience in Dance and possesses a passion for performance is strongly encouraged to audition. Auditions for the 2016 ensembles will be held on Tuesday 1 December, 2015 at James Fallon High School in the school hall. Application forms are available from the front office. Applications will need to be returned to James Fallon by Tuesday 1 December, 2015. Please contact Amanda Elder or Katrina Joss at James Fallon on 6025 1688 with any further questions.

BUS PASSES FOR 2016
ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS IN YEAR 2!

All students going into YEAR 3 in 2016 need to re-apply for a bus pass. (To qualify for a bus pass in Year 3 you must reside more than 1.6km radial distance from the school). Forms are available from the front office.

MOVEMBER

Next Thursday the 26th of November we are having a Mo Day to spread the word for men’s health. On Thursday we invite you to wear a fake Mo or draw on your Mo for the day (using eyeliner or makeup, NOT TEXTA). There will be NO MONEY collected. All students are still required to wear full school uniform. If parents or caregivers are willing to support this great cause then they can go to https://au.movember.com/donate to give money.

Our team of 11 staff members is called the Movember Mulligans and you can donate to the team or individuals if you please. All donations are going to the Movember Foundation and are greatly appreciated. Joel Border, Coordinator.
**ART IN THE GARDEN…**

If you have seen our garden lately, you will have noticed some very creative additions to our space. The **Stephanie Alexander** students have embarked on a Junk Art project using ‘junk’ materials found around the home. The students have been very creative, producing some of the sculptures shown here, such as Jack West’s tractor made from gears, Zach Williams’ insect made with an aluminium can, Wadih El-Achkar’s garden mascots and Billy Richardson’s sunflower. They have also made insect and garden signs with bike chains. You may have noticed these amazing pieces on display at our art show. I would like to thank families for your involvement in this project, assisting students in making their designs or donating materials for us to use at school. I can’t wait to see the students’ designs come to life over the next few weeks. Lynda Joyce, Stephanie Alexander Garden Specialist.

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**LEARN TO SWIM—SPORT AND RECREATION**

For information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 131302.

**KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE**

This Sunday 22 November at 10:00am, the Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club will host the final round of the 2015 Kids Mountain Bike Race Series. The event is run on an easy, fun track at Black Range Park in Lavington. Racing is free, however participants will require a racing licence. Racers can get a free 2 month trial licence on the MTBA website: www.mtba.asn.au. To celebrate the final round there will be a sausage sizzle and cold drinks along with novelty events and races (parents, bring your helmets). We look forward to seeing lots of familiar and new faces there on the day. Dylan Clift.

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**CHARITY AUCTION**

hosted by Lions Club of Albury on 27 November, 2015 at the SS&A Club Auditorium from 5:30pm-8:30pm. All proceeds to Headspace, Albury-Wodonga. All enquiries to Ruth Ellis on 0448 881 801 or email ruth.ellis1@optusnet.com.au

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**ST MATTHEW’S MUSIC FOUNDATION**

- Sun 22 Nov 2:30pm– Dr Allan Deavis, James Flores- Adamshurst (One of our students - Natasha Kronenberg (6AKB) will be playing in the Local Chamber Orchestra.
- Sat 28 Nov –Tues 1 Dec. Charity Christmas Tree Display10am-5pm
- Phone 6021 3022 for further information.

**TACKERS - KIDS LEARN TO SAIL PROGRAM**

Starts 15 February, 2016 at the Albury Wodonga Yacht Club. Contact 0467 355 258 or email: training @awyc.org.au or visit www.discoversailing.org.au/tackers
2016 Kindergarten Orientation

- On the first day of Orientation the new Kinders all made smiling faces using paper plates. They really, really liked our lego farm and had a whole lot of fun playing with it. **Clayton and Riley**
- Another day the little Kinders made chickens (paper ones). They put lots of coloured feathers on their chickens and even used crayons to add some grass. **Callum and Harrison**
- When the Kinders visited us they had lots of fun discovering lots of the great things in our classroom. They had fun playing with playdough with a Year 6 boy called Josh! **Sasha and Liam (Josh is actually one of our school leaders)**
- Another day we read a book called 'Smarty Pants' and then we helped our visitors decorate his pants. We used little shiny coloured paper squares and sparkles. **Seamus and Eli D.**
- One day, two of the little Kinders called Tom and Lucas, kept following Jack everywhere. We think they really liked him and they just didn’t want to go home. **Heidi and Jack (the boy who Tom and Lucas really liked!)**
- At lunch time the girls and boys played on the fixed equipment. We were allowed to play on the year 2 equipment with the big kids. **Lillian and Eli W.**
- The Kinders practised writing their names and we all thought they were very clever to do this. They also liked drawing pictures. **Chloe and Izabella**
- Some of the Kinders were happy but some seemed a little worried at times. We both helped them to feel happy and smile. **Abby and Tom**
- KWE all took turns helping the new Kinders get to know our school. The Kinders visited us for 3 Wednesdays in a row. **Lori and Murigu**

**P.S. We can remember last year when we were the new Kindergarten visitors to Albury Public School and now we are SO grown up. We are all in that wonderful class KWE! Ruby and Mrs Eckley.**