Dear All

BEST START KINDERGARTEN FEEDBACK REPORTS
Today all parents/carers of Kindergarten students will receive their Best Start Parent Feedback Forms. These reports state the literacy and numeracy skills your child demonstrated in their first fortnight at school. Please take the time to read great suggestions on how you can assist your child to further develop their skills in literacy and numeracy. The information gained from these assessments aid teachers in preparing effective literacy and numeracy activities which meet the individual needs of all students. Our ‘Kinders’ have settled in very well and have demonstrated amazing growth already in their four weeks at school.

SCRIPTURE NOTES- If you have not yet returned your scripture notes from last week (Kindergarten - Year 6 Catholic students and all students in Years 1 and 2), could you please do so tomorrow.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL- Best wishes to the Albury Public School District Swimming Team who competed today at the Albury Swim Centre. We know you tried your best and represented our school with pride!

THE TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY- I am delighted that this term, students at our school in Years 4-6, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 6 March.

ANZAC DAY MEMORABILIA- With the Centenary of ANZAC later this year, we would like to do some ‘extra’ activities with our students. Planned options include: A visit to the Army Musuem at Bandiana for all students, memorabilia displays from the various conflicts, guest speakers and photo displays. A hundred years is a really hard concept for five, ten or even thirteen year olds. We are asking families if they have some memorabilia from a family member (a friend), if we could photograph those items, (or perhaps borrow them), so that we can provide a tangible link for as many students as possible. Quite a few of our students wear family medals in ANZAC parades, and we would love to have photos of those items, with our students' name and even some information about who they belonged to and what they were presented for. The Australian War Memorial has a wonderful resource where families can find information about loved ones - http://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/all/?preferred_name=&service_number=&unit=&conflict=0&op=Search&preferred_name=&service_number=&conflict=0&op=Search

Whilst it would be great to have some items from WW1, we would welcome treasured items from any conflict to be included in the displays. If you have anything you may be willing to share, perhaps you could contact me by email, with a photo of the item, any information and the students name and class to: albury-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Thanks in anticipation!

Enjoy your week, Vicki Harris, Principal.
SPORTS NEWS- Term 1 is always busy as many of the District PSSA trials for the various sports are held during this term. We are often left with a short period of time to hold these trials before the next level. If your child is interested in trialling, and is the appropriate age for that particular sport, please remind them to make sure they listen to the daily message sheet and put their names down for trials, when asked to do so.

BASKETBALL: Trials were held on Tuesday this week and will be held again on Thursday 26 February at lunchtime. Thank you to Miss Johnson for organising this.

AFL: Students will have the opportunity to put their names down and “have a kick” at lunch time on Friday 27 February. Trials will be held next week. Thank you to Mr Bourke and Mrs Pargeter for organising this.

ATHLETICS: Our school athletics carnival is being held on Monday 16 March. Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes are currently practising field events in preparation for school trials to be held from Wednesday 25 February (Stage 3), Friday 27 February (Stage 2) until Friday 6 March. Monday 9 March to Friday 13 March, will be used to trial children who were absent due to illness or other school business.

Melinda Martin- Sports Committee.

CRICKET- On Friday 13 February Sam Brown, Will Pargeter, Will Murphy, Max Byrne and Elijah Farrah were selected to represent Albury Public School at the PSSA Zone Cricket trials. The Zone trials meant that the senior boys were up against students from over eight other local schools. The trials were held at the Lavington Panthers grounds. From the trials, Sam Brown, Will Pargeter and Max Byrne were selected to try out at the Riverina Cricket trials which will be held in Deniliquin next month. A big congratulations to the five senior boys and best of luck for the next round, well done!

Chris Bourke, Coordinator.

SWIMMING REPRESENTATIVES- Apologies to Meghan Yensch who will represent Albury Public School today at the District Swimming Carnival, with the rest of the team. We omitted Megan’s name from the list last week. We wish the team well today.

“BIG SPLASH” K – 6 FUNDRAISER- A final reminder to ask students K – 6 to bring in a gold coin to raise money for Headspace on Thursday 26 February (tomorrow). The money that is collected will be placed around the outline of a head that is in the Gym. Students will be able to have a look at the ‘head’ at recess. Congratulations to the Year 6 students who will be representing Albury Public School, swimming in the freestyle event at the Big Splash on Wednesday 4 March: Will Clarke, Aylish Jorgensen, Skye Richardson, Nathan Johannis, Myron Ayton, Asha Finlay, Asha Krautz, Lily Robertson, Alanah Kilo, William Murphy, Toby Lewis, Will Pargeter, Olivia McCaig, Emily Wills, Grace McGarvie, Meghan Yensch. Good luck! Christel Pargeter, Co-ordinator.

VISITING PERFORMANCE- ‘G’Day Asia’- Wednesday 4 March. A permission note will be going home today with the newsletter informing all K-6 students about the upcoming performance “G’Day Asia”. This performance will be held in the school hall in which students are encouraged to participate in both traditional cultural ceremonies and colourful contemporary celebrations. This performance will complement the class work completed during the HSIE unit “Culture and Identity”. Payment is due by next Tuesday 3 March.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY- Friday 27 February is Clean Up Australia Day, an initiative which inspires and empowers communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. All students in Years K-6 will participate in cleaning up a designated area of our school with their class. Please bring in a pair of gloves and a plastic bag for rubbish.

Kirstie Browne, Coordinator.

TASTE OF HIGH SCHOOL AT ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL- A ‘Taste of High School’ event for Year 6 students will be held on Tuesday 10 March 2015. 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 will be sent home with the newsletter today. Notes are due back to classroom teachers by Wednesday 4 March.

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 March at Albury High School in their Performing Arts Centre, commencing at 7:00pm. Jessica Brooker, Coordinator.
Thank you to all our helpers, new and old. We really appreciate your help. Fridays is about four times busier than any other day. If you could spread your orders to other days it would be great.

Don’t forget sauce is 20c per serve. It is only included free with hot dog orders.

Thank you, Rachael & Ali, Ph.  60212370.

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P & C NEWS - Great to see new faces at our P&C meeting last night.

At our meeting we discussed the contribution of $25,000 towards the replacement of some of the existing Manor playground equipment. This money has been raised by the P&C through the Family Fun Fair in 2014, so thank you to all the school community for your wonderful and generous efforts in contributing to this event. Next Wednesday 4 March is P & C day. As part of the celebrations, we are having an afternoon tea for parents to attend at 2:30pm under the COLA near the hall, so please come and have a cuppa and a cake with us. We would especially like to invite and welcome our new parents. We look forward to sharing your new ideas in how we can make our P&C an even better one.

We are also planning an election BBQ and cake stall on the 28 March. This was an extremely successful fundraiser a couple of years ago so any contributions made with cakes and slices would be gladly appreciated. Any contacts with a coffee van would be great too. Proceeds from this stall will be going to Science Curriculum Resources, to support the implementation of the new Science curriculum. Please contact Kate Preston 0401 202 860 with any enquiries, President P&C Committee.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

ALBURY PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICES – Murrumbidgee Local Health District employs dental therapists at the Albury Community Health Centre dental clinic, 596 Smollett St. Dental therapists are registered clinicians who provide general dental treatment for children and adolescents up to the age of 18 years. The treatment is FREE. Please ring 1800 450 046 to register your child. Michelle Aldrich, Dental Therapist/Team Leader.

ALBURY WODONGA MOUNTAIN BIKERS is running a new & free youth MTB race series this year. There will be a schools cup rewarding participation through the series. For details see :-

ALBURY UNITED SOCCER CLUB – Registrations are now open for the 2015 season. U6-U10 boys & girls and U11-U17 boys & girls. Contact registrar Jodie Greschke on 0418 407 805 or visit registrar@alburyunited.com

SOUTHERN SPORTS ACADEMY SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CAMP – This Netball Development Camp will be held at the Equex Centre, Wagga Wagga from 14-17 April, 2015. This is an ideal opportunity for players of all levels to enhance their netball skills prior to the netball season. The camp is designed to cater for all players regardless of netball ability focussing on player development as well as player talent. For further information please contact Cathy Breese on 02 6931 8111.

VICTORIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES 2015 – WODONGA CAMPUS. (How can I help my child with language learning? How much time should my child spend on language homework each week?) For parents and students from Years 1-12. For further information please contact 0428310001 business hours.

Gold Certificates

Congratulations to:- Vanessa Elston, Ava Marcuzzi Amy Houlihan, Ava Henderson, Mitchel Spokes, Eliza Pope and Harry Carmody.
5LP Suspension And Arch Bridges Information

Bridge—A structure spanning and providing passage over a river, or road.

1. The Sydney Harbour Bridge is close to the Sydney Opera House.
   Macauley

2. Suspension bridges can easily cross distances between 610m and 2134 m.
   Beau

3. The Akashi Kaikyo is the longest suspension bridge in the world.
   Sienna

4. The Golden Gate Bridge is 2.7 kilometres long. Danté

5. Kevin Hines (19) jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge and lived. Avi

6. Suspension bridges were originally made from rope and wood. Poppi

7. The Tower Bridge stands at a height of 60 metres. Lara

8. Many people have died from building bridges. John

9. The Sydney Harbour Bridge can rise or fall 18cm. Bidish

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