Dear All

ALBURY GOLD CUP—Friday is a gazetted half day Public Holiday for the Albury Gold Cup.

School will close at 12:00 NOON on Friday 27 March, 2015.

Buses will run to school in the morning, but NOT IN THE AFTERNOON.

Please ensure your child is picked up at 12 NOON on Friday. A reminder also that OOSH will not be open on Friday afternoon.

As there will be no buses, and a lot more children being collected from the school, could you please collect your children and leave promptly, to allow as many parking opportunities as possible?

Students will not be able to be picked up from the bus area, but the following areas will be where children are waiting:

**Kindergarten – Kindergarten as per normal near the West building.

**All other children can be collected from the front of the school, the manor quadrangle, the bottom of the castle and in the covered area outside the lodge. Teachers will be present in each of these areas. (These collection arrangements are only for this particular day.)

**If you have older children who are to walk home (or to your workplace etc) you will need to write a note giving them permission. Please send this note to your child’s teacher.

Your cooperation on the day will be very much appreciated.

EASTER PARADE—Next Wednesday at 2:00pm we will be holding our K-2 Easter Parade. It will be held under the COLA, near the Hall. All parents/carers and friends are welcome to attend this fun event.

UPDATED STUDENT INFORMATION CONTACT DETAILS—In the last couple of weeks, we have been unable to contact a couple of families when their children have been ill, as the phone numbers we had, were disconnected. You will appreciate that if your child is unwell or has had an accident, that they want your care and attention and some extra TLC. PLEASE, let the front office know if you have changed addresses or phone numbers, or emergency contacts, for the safety and care of your children.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—A reminder that students commence Term 2 on Tuesday 21 April.

Staff will be attending a staff development day on Monday 20 April.

P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—It was wonderful to see the parents supporting our school at last night’s Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to the following parents who have been elected to executive roles on our P & C.

President:- Kate Preston
Vice Presidents:- Sharon Green and Brooke Costello
Secretary:- Stuart Howsam
Treasurer:- Steven Logue

ELECTION DAY P & C BBQ, CAKE AND COFFEE STALL—The P & C are providing a BBQ, cake stall and coffee van this Saturday 28 March at Albury Public School. If you are able to make any cakes, slices or biscuits, with ingredients labelled, for the cake stall, please drop them off to the canteen on Friday morning or bring something along when you are voting on Saturday. Food will be available, outside the hall, from 10:00am-2:00pm, we will be there from 9:00am. If anyone can offer an hour or two to help run the BBQ please contact Kate Preston on 0401 202 860.

Enjoy your week, Vicki Harris, Principal.
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

This year we are offering these competitions **AS A BULK ORDER. NO LATE ENTRIES** will be accepted. The **PERMISSION NOTE** and **PAYMENT** must be processed by **THURSDAY 2 APRIL**. Students were given the notes last Wednesday and are also accessible on the school website. Please remember that the Year 2 students are only able to compete in the Science, English and Mathematics competitions. In addition to the Science, English and Mathematics competitions Years 3-6 are also able to compete in the Digital Technology, Spelling and Writing competitions. The Digital Technology, Science, Mathematics and English competitions are all $8.00 each, the Spelling competition is $11.00 and the Writing competition is $17.00. **If you are utilising the POP payment please indicate which competition you are paying for.**

YEAR 4 SCIENCE GUEST SPEAKER- Last Friday, Mr Clive Vogel, came and spoke to the Year 4 students about rocks and soil, to support their science unit, *What's Beneath Our Feet*. Mr Vogel brought in many rocks (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic) for the students to examine. Some of these rocks were found on Nail Can Hill and at Falls Creek and are millions of years old. He told the students all about the rock cycle and explained that every rock has a story. So next time you find a rock, stop and look at it and try and work out what its story is. Thank you very much to Mr Vogel for giving up his time to share his extensive geological knowledge with the Year 4 students. Jacqueline Henderson, Assistant Principal

SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL- Our Athletics Carnival was held on Monday 16 March in fabulous conditions. I would like to thank the staff and many parents whose contribution to the smooth running of the day was invaluable. The House points are as follows:

1st Murray– 430  
2nd Hume– 412  
3rd Hovell– 325  
4th Mitchell– 295

Congratulations to our Age Champions:-

Junior Girl Champion– Harriet Murphy  
Runner up- Alice Carroll  
Junior Boy Champion– Caleb Clemson  
Runner up– Jack Wills  
11yr Girl Champion– Ava Tuksar  
Runner up– Ally Fowler  
11yr Boy Champion– Charlie Bruce  
Runner up– Kynon French  
Snr Girl Champion– Asha Finlay  
Equal Runners up– Lisa Cary, Keely Bullivant  
Snr Boy Champion– Ben White  
Runner up– Will Haberfield

Congratulations to the sixty two students who have made it through to the District Athletics Carnival. The permission notes and details will be handed out next term. Rosemary Coughlan, Athletics Coordinator.

PSSA TRIALS– RUGBY LEAGUE, SOFTBALL AND NETBALL- This week Joseph Woeckel–Hynes, Kynon French and Kobe French are participating in the rugby league district trials at Sarvaas Park. We wish them well. Netball and softball trials are being conducted this week. Thank you to Ms King and Mr Clift who are running these trials. A reminder that there will be a sports assembly in the Hall on Thursday 2 April, starting at 9:15am.

HOCKEY NEWS- Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the Riverina PSSA Hockey trials on Monday 23 March at the Albury Hockey Centre- Lillian Eggleton, Lily Robertson, Aylish Jorgensen, Emily Wills, Spencer Robertson, Tom Newman, Oliver Henderson and Toby Lewis. Sue Waters, Hockey Coordinator.

WATER SKIING COMPETITION– Congratulations to Lara and Lochie Butlin who both recently participated in the NSW State Water Skiing Competition. Lara came first in her Trick event and second in her Slalom event and is the NSW Under 10 girls overall champion. Lochie came fourth in both Trick and Slalom, which was a fantastic effort against some older boys. Well done and good luck for when you both compete in the National Championships which are being held in Mulwala over Easter.
**Gold Certificates**

CONGRATULATIONS TO-


**CANTEEN CLOSED this FRIDAY 27 March, 2015!**

We once again have Gluten Free Noodle Cups—Chicken or Beef-$3.00

Thank you to all our helpers. This term has been great meeting lots of new mums and dads in the Canteen. Please call in to the Canteen or phone to put your name on the Term 2 roster.

Thank you, Rachael Canteen Ph- 60213270.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**Hume Bank**

HUME STUDENT BANKING— There will be no Hume Student Banking next Tuesday (31/03/15). Banking will resume on Tuesday 28 April (Week 2 Term 2).

**2015 RIVERINA COMBINED SCHOOLS MUSIC CAMP**— This music camp will be held at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre from Sunday 3 May to Friday 8 May, 2015. Closing date is Friday 27 March, 2015. For further information please contact Cheryl Walker on 69253611 or email cheryl.j.walker@det.nsw.edu.au

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

**ST PATS FC**— This is a centrally located football club in Albury, a member of the Albury Wodonga Football Association (AWFA) and would like to invite players, families and friends to join us at St Pat's FC in 2015. Contact 0400444337 for more information, email registrar@stpatsfc.com.au or visit www.stpatsfc.com.au

**ALBURY UNITED SOCCER CLUB**— Players are needed for the U6 through to U14 teams. If your child would like to play or you would like more information please call Jodie on 0418 407 805.

**HOCKEY PLAYERS WANTED!**— Magpies Hockey Club are looking for junior hockey players, no experience necessary— come and play a skilful, non-collision sport at a family friendly club. For further details contact Lyndon Robertson or Toni Smart on 60210179.

**GYMBAROO**— Free Come and Try Sessions— Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 and Friday 27 March. Bookings essential please contact Sharyn on 0419 309 416.

**POLICE CITIZEN YOUTH CLUBS- EASTER ACTIVITIES**— Monday 6 - Friday 10 April. For further information please contact 60217437 or email albury@pcycnsw.org.au

**LIBRARYMUSEUM AND LAVINGTON LIBRARY**— School Holiday Programs are available. Phone Lavington Library on 6043 5645 or Albury Library/Museum on 6023 8333 for further information.

**NORTH ALBURY AUSKICK**- Pick Up Pack day 28 March at Alexandra Park, East Albury from 9:00am-11:30am. Visit aflauskick.com.au for further information.

**ALBURY CITY VACATION PROGRAMS**- Bookings will be available online from 7:30am (approx.) on Monday 9 March. Visit alburraycity.nsw.gov.au follow the links to vacation care to book online. Remember places are limited. 5-9 year olds can go to Albury or North Albury Vacation care. For more information call Albury OOSH on 60435630.

**ST MATTHEW’S HOMELESS APPEAL CONCERT**— Good Friday-St Matthew’s Church Albury, 3 April-3:00pm.

**ST MATTHEW’S MONSTER GARAGE AND CAR BOOT SALE**— Saturday 18 April from 8:00am-12:00noon.

**FLYAWAY GYMNASICS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**- Flyaway Gymnastics has some exciting programs on offer over the NSW holidays. We have our regular feature which is a 2hr structured gymnastics program for children 5-12 yrs. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We are also offering trampoline workshops which give children 5 - 16 yrs a great introduction to this sport. Bookings are essential. For more information please call (02) 6041 1127 or visit www.flyawaygymnastics.com.au

**STUDENT EXCHANGE HOSTING**— Call 1300884733 for further information. Discover and enjoy the differences between two distinct lifestyles. Support an international teenager as they find out how to live, laugh and learn in Australia.
Term 1 Kindergarten Happenings

* Last week for Harmony Day we all painted our hands and made handprints. Did you see them when we displayed them on the West Wall outside KWB’s classroom? We also made some flowers for the Foyer.

* We love Developmental Play each Wednesday afternoon. We created some collages, experimented with water painting and designed and built lots of constructions. We also had fun playing dress-ups and we learned a great rap called “The Funky Monkey.” We also had lots of fun blowing bubbles.

* Each week we all like going outside to practise skipping, catching, jumping and running. We always remember to wear our hats!
* We take books home each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to read to our families. We know our teachers and families are very proud of us!

* We are learning to concentrate in the ‘Engine Room’ to learn to write lots of new letters and words.

* Our Buddies in Stage 3 help us with our learning and we also help them to learn. They were a great help to us last week when we constructed our Easter Hats for the Parade next week. We’re getting very excited for Easter.

* We are learning to log-on and type in our own passwords to access computers to help us with our learning.

* We were very impressed with the huge red and green dragon in the G’Day Asia Performance. It looked a bit scary, but we weren’t too worried!

* We are eagerly counting down the days to our 100 days party. Each day in our classrooms we count how many days we have been to school.

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* P.S. We hope you have enjoyed reading about some of the wonderful learning experiences we have had so far at A.P.S.