Dear All

P AND C DAY- Today is P and C Day! The Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales is commonly known as “P&C Federation”. P&C Federation was established in 1922 and was incorporated in 1976 by an Act of the New South Wales Parliament. They are committed to a free public education system which is open to all people irrespective of culture, gender, academic ability and socio-economic class and believe that students should be empowered to be contributing members of society. The P&C Federation work closely with the Department of Education and Communities and other educational stakeholder groups and represent the voice of parents through councillors and delegates from local P&C Associations. Thank you to our Albury Public School P&C Association for providing the afternoon tea this afternoon and a chance for parents and carers to meet.

HEADSPACE FUNDRAISER- Thank you to our school community for their wonderful support of the ‘Headspace’ fundraiser last Thursday. Thanks to Mrs Pargeter for coordinating this very worthwhile fundraising activity.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA- A big thanks to the students and staff who participated in the ‘Clean Up Australia’ activities last week. It was amazing to see how much litter was ‘hiding’ around our school. Well done! Thank you to Mrs Browne who coordinated this whole school activity!

YEARD 6 ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT- A reminder that there is a Family Information evening tonight at Albury High School for Year 7 students in 2016. The session will commence at 7:00pm in the Albury High School Performing Arts Centre.

PSSA SPORT CARNIVALS AND TRIALS- Our school provides a wide range of opportunities for students who wish to represent their school, district, region or state. This year our staff are offering 17 sports. This is a huge commitment for our staff, who give up their own time to hold trials and/or provide training for school teams. Trials are held following the guidelines provided by the Albury Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) and our own Sport Policy. The Albury PSSA guidelines state that children attending Albury District Trials need to have gone through a school selection process which has been organised by the school PSSA Organiser (or representative). At our school these trials are often held during lunchtimes by staff members. We are often limited in the number of students we can send through to district trials, and it is very rare that we can send a whole team. Any students participating in trials or carnivals must have the approval of the Principal (or delegate), before the activity. Parents cannot choose to send their children to activities at higher levels. Only students who have been through the recognised guidelines, are eligible to participate at those activities.

If you have questions about any sport trials, please contact our school coordinator or our school team manager.

TWEET- Last, week Miss Brooker and I attended a course which was focussed upon a variety of ways to share happenings at our school. Attached please find a short survey about the use of social media within our community.

ANZAC MEMORABILIA- Our collection of artefacts for the ‘100 Year anniversary of ANZAC Day’ is steadily growing. Items already offered include: Medallions and ribbons from various campaigns, a bullet and shell case from Lone Pine, a pay book from World War 1. We appreciate the offerings and look forward to further photos and memorabilia being lent for this very special display.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL- The annual athletics carnival will be held on Monday 16 March at Alexandra Park. We cordially invite family members to share the day with us. All students will have to go to school as normal and have rolls marked. Then we will be travelling to the track by bus. Permission notes were sent out last week.

MUTUALLY CONVENIENT APPOINTMENTS- As you can appreciate staff are often very busy at the beginning and end of the day. During the last couple of weeks, some family members have gone to classrooms without appointments expecting to speak exclusively with staff members. Unfortunately this is not an ideal situation and often interrupts preparations or other commitments. If you wish to have an interview with a staff member, PLEASE make a mutually convenient appointment through the school office.

Enjoy your week
Vicki Harris- Principal.
SPORTS NEWS
TENNIS TRIALS- Congratulations to Max Byrne who has been selected in the Albury PSSA Tennis Team. What a great effort as Max has been selected as Albury’s number 1 Tennis PSSA representative. He will now travel to Griffith to trial for selections in the Riverina team. Good luck! Rachel Johnson- Tennis Coordinator.

BASKETBALL TRIALS- On Monday afternoon we had 4 boys and 5 girls who trialled for the Albury PSSA Basketball teams. These students were Joseph Woeckel-Hynes, Ky McFaull, Mitchel Houlihan, Rhett Barton, Sally Lefoe, Amy Houlihan, Hannah Avage, Emily Wills and Ruby Brooks. These students displayed great athleticism and skill. Congratulations to Ky and Mitchel who were selected in the Albury PSSA Basketball team and the girls Sally, Amy, Hannah, Emily and Ruby who were all selected. What a great effort! Rachel Johnson- Basketball Coordinator.

ATHLETICS and SOCCER TRIALS- Athletics trials are continuing this week for Juniors, 11yrs and Seniors. Soccer trials for the district team will take place on Thursday and Friday during lunch with Mr Clift. Please ensure students wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Sports Committee.

ZONE SWIMMING REPORT
On Wednesday 25 February Mrs Pargeter and myself took 27 children to the Zone Swimming Carnival. The children all performed extremely well which led to Albury Public winning both the Overall School and the Handicap School (based upon population) competition. We also had age champions on the day.

- Junior Girls: Equal champion- Elinor McGarvie, Harriet Murphy
- Junior Boys: Runner Up- Rhys Kilo
- 11Yr Girls: Champion- Ava Tuksar, Runner Up- Phoebe Grigg
- Senior Girl: Champion- Ella Riches, Runner up- Emily Wills

Congratulations to the following children who will attend the Riverina Swimming Carnival on Monday 9 March, 2015:
Myron Ayton, Caleb Clemson, Will Haberfield, Phoebe Grigg, Ella Henderson, Deacon Hogan, Ryleigh Hogan, Rhys Kilo, Zachary King, Abbey McCaig, Olivia McCaig, Elinor McGarvie, Charlie Murphy, Harriet Murphy, Will Murphy, Will Pargeter, Ella Riches, Mitchel Spokes, Ava Tuksar, Daisy Tuksar, Emily Wills, Jack Wills and Meghan Yensch. Thank you to all the parents who supported and encouraged the children on the day. Rosemary Coughlan- Swimming Coordinator.

PAYMENT ENVELOPES- Just a reminder, that you are able to put multiple payments in the A.P.S. Payment Envelopes provided at the front office. It is not necessary to use an envelope for each transaction. As long as the payments are clearly marked on the front of the envelope and the permission slips are filled in, they will be easy to process.

BOOK CLUB- Book Club orders are due back Thursday 12 March. Please take time to read the yellow note attached to the Book Club brochures. The Scholastic on-line option should be easy to complete if you choose to order in this manner. Just follow the instructions on the back of the yellow note. Hopefully the changes will make ordering easier for everyone concerned. Please ensure if you are paying cash via the office that the CORRECT MONEY is in an enclosed envelope clearly marked with the students’ name and class on the front.

LIBRARY NEWS- It has been an excellent start to the year in the library, largely due to the energy and enthusiasm of the students. The library is open from Monday to Thursday at the second half of lunch time. This term the following will be the focus:
- **Monday-** Board games
- **Tuesday-** Colouring activities
- **Wednesday & Thursday-** Quiet reading

Students are able to read and borrow any lunch time. If your child does not have internet access at home please let their class teacher know. These students are able to use the library computer lab to do Mathletics.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE- Online entry of books for the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) has opened. Simply go to the PRC site, children then log on using their individual username and password. This is the one that they use to get onto the computers at school. If you have any queries regarding the PRC please contact me. If you do not have internet access please keep a written reading log and I will enter it for you. The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website is at https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html.

Alison Griffith- Teacher/Librarian.
Don’t forget Fridays are four times busier than any other day, so if you can mix-up your ordering days, it would be much appreciated. Anyone wishing to help in the Canteen please call in or phone/text. Thank you, Rachael (0431 173 667) & Ali (0407 433 061), Canteen Ph- 60212370.

CANTEEN ROSTER

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HAPPENINGS IN THE STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN AND GARDEN

We would firstly like to thank a bunch of people for helping us this term: Sarah Brinkworth for de-mitting our chickens and sharing her knowledge with the students in 4CCB; Lou Newman for a timely donation of seedlings; Carolyne Sullivan for putting her sewing skills to work and making some extra aprons; all the wonderful staff at APS who contribute their lovely produce from their gardens; Shelley Freund for sharing her zucchini harvest; the terrific canteen staff for their continued assistance with ordering and Mr Waters for helping us with maintenance and beautifying our garden area.

The Year 4 students have been having a wonderful time in the kitchen/garden and are already showing some excellent cooking/gardening skills. As we have mentioned previously there are some items that we will require to sustain the program throughout the year, so if you have any of the following items, they would be gratefully received:- plain and self-raising flour, lemons, measuring spoons, measuring cups, stainless steel mixing bowls, winter vegetable seedlings, straw, grit and wheat for the chickens.

Thank you very much in anticipation - Leanne Schifferle and Lynda Joyce.

RIDE2SCHOOL DAY: 9 DAYS TO GO!

Preparations are well under way for Ride2School Day on Friday 13 March. In the morning there will be “bike-trains” led by teachers from different parts of Albury to school. We will have overflow bike parking in the Gym along with a visit from a Bike Culture mechanic, so students can have their bikes checked by a professional. We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

**Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day**

**There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’**

**Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day**

**Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.**

Parents can join in the fun by walking or riding with the students. There will be further details on bike-train routes in next week’s newsletter. Remember to give your bike and helmet a quick fit and safety check before the day. Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

ALBURY CITY VACATION PROGRAMS— will be available online from 7:30am (approx.) on Monday 9 March. www.alburycity.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.

THE SCOTS SCHOOL ALBURY, EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOL CHALLENGE— Saturday 16 May. Program available at www.scotsalbury.nsw.edu.au from 27 March. Contact mitchell.alison@scotsalbury.nsw.edu.au

CARTOON CAMPS - Weekend classes 7 & 8 March, Victoria St, Albury. Enquiries please phone 02 9343 0833 or visit www.illustrating-man.com.au

WODONGA HOCKEY CLUB— looking for U12 & U14 boys for the 2015 season. For further information visit www.wodongahockey.com.au or email wodongahockey@gmail.com

WATER POLO AUSTRALIA NATIONAL LEAGUE— Saturday 7; & Sunday 8 March at WAVES Wodonga. Visit www.victorianseals.com.au

Gold Certificates
CONGRATULATIONS TO-
Ahmed El-Souki, Bastian Hitchon, Reese Spokes, Ky McFaull and Amy Houlihan.
The students in 4CH have been reading *Charlotte’s Web* by E.B. White.

Each student created their own web to describe Charlotte. Their ideas have been combined to create the web below.