Dear All

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEW SHEETS**- During Week 9 parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet with class teachers to discuss their children’s progress during this term. Interview times will be allocated on a first in basis. Each class will send home an individual interview request form, which will have available times on them. You are asked to pick three options in preference order, for your interview. As you can appreciate, our staff also have commitments with their families and school, which they also have to work around, so not all times are available for every class. The interview request forms are to be RETURNED TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER, as soon as possible, not to the office please. If for some reason your allocated interview is not convenient, or you are unable to attend during Week 9, please contact your class teacher to make a mutually convenient alternative time. If you are unable to make the allocated interview, please contact the school office on 6021 3849, to notify staff that you are unable to attend.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**- Monday 16 March is our annual Athletics Carnival. At this stage, (fingers and toes crossed) it will still be at Alexandra Park. The council have been doing major works at the facility and as of yesterday they had still not completed the works, but expected the handover to occur on Saturday. If there is something unforeseen which arises and we cannot go ahead, we will notify families on Friday afternoon that the carnival will be postponed.

**PARENT / CARER OCCUPATION CONFIRMATION**- It is necessary to update our school data on a regular basis. We are requesting confirmation of parents'/carers' occupations. Occupational grouping is an important component of the Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI) which determines each school's equity loading socio-economic background. **This information is strictly confidential and is only collected to provide a statistical number to assist funding for the school**. Attached to this newsletter are some envelopes which request some families to update their data. Could we please have those notes returned in the provided envelopes by the end of this week please?

**Please note**: If we are not advised of your occupation, your occupation group may be determined at an incorrect level and our funding may be affected. **If you have changed your occupation since your children were enrolled at our school, could you please contact the school to update the information** – Thank you!

**REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**- Congratulations to all of our school representatives at the Regional Swimming Carnival on Monday. You represented us with commitment and enthusiasm. We are very proud of your efforts and look forward to the Regional Team being announced to see who will be competing at the State Swimming Carnival.

**HEADCSPACE FUNDRAISER AND TEAMS**- Congratulations to our Year 6 teams who represented our school so well at the Albury ‘Big Splash’ last Wednesday. They were great ambassadors for our school.

Thanks also to our staff team who tried very hard in their event. I have it on good authority that the staff team will commence training for next year’s event during the winter months, so they will be more readily able to tackle the challenges of the ‘Noodle’ Race. Thank you very much to Mrs Pargeter who coordinated these events for us.

**TWITTER SURVEY**- We have had an excellent response to the social media survey. Many of our families use social media and a lot use Facebook. In the near future, we are hoping to set up a Twitter account, (as is attached to the Albury High School website), to showcase the sorts of things that are happening in our school every day. This will take a little time, as we will have to update the current website, but it is something I am very keen to do.

**ATTENDANCE** - Whilst we are all aware that there are, ‘just one of those days….’ in every family, some families have them more regularly than others. Every student is required to attend school for full school days. PLEASE ensure that every effort is made for your children to be at school at the start of the day, every day! The habits we start early in life, often set us up for later life.

**ALBURY GOLD CUP HALF DAY**- Friday 27 March has been gazetted as a Half Day Public Holiday for the Albury Gold Cup. As a result on Friday 27 March school will conclude at 12:00noon. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at this time. Please note, BUSES will be running on the morning ‘to school' runs, BUT WILL NOT BE RUNNING AT 12:00 NOON TO TAKE STUDENTS HOME.

P.T.O…...
RIDESCHOOL DAY- Thank you to Mr Clift who is organising the Ride2School Day on Friday. Information on ‘Bike Trains’ is included later in the newsletter. Thanks also to Bike Culture Bike Shop, who are supplying a bike mechanic to ‘check over’ our bikes during lunchtime. Physical activity is one of the most important factors in disease prevention in Australia—over the past 40 years, the number of children who are physically active every day has significantly dropped. In the 1970’s, 8 out of 10 students rode or walked to school. Today the national average is only 2 out of 10. Active travel is an easy way for students to meet their minimum daily dose of physical activity (60 minutes every day.) Students are more ready to learn after actively travelling to school.

ANZAC - 100 YEARS ON- Thank you to the families who are providing memorabilia and photos for the ANZAC Display. Our school ANZAC Ceremony will be held on Friday 24 April, but we are unable to currently confirm the time, as we are negotiating some special guests. All students will be visiting Bandiana Army museum in the week leading up to ANZAC Day. Permission notes for the excursion and times for each class will be sent out with next week’s newsletter.

HARMONY DAY- Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. In 2015 we celebrate 15 years of Harmony Day! Our Harmony Day will be celebrated on Thursday 19 March.

YEAR 6 NEWS- All of our Year 6 students walked to Albury High School yesterday for a ‘Taste of High School’. The day was presented by the Albury High School Staff for students who will be commencing Year 7 in 2016. Our students participated in practical classes and enjoyed their visit very much! All Year 6 students will be given an ‘Expression of Interest’ form to complete and return to our school, as soon as possible. Even if a student is attending a school other than Albury High School, they must return the form – Thanks!

SCIENCE NEWS- Year 4 and Year 6 will both be having visits from ‘scientists’ in the near future. Year 6 will be working with Mr Paul Schupina as part of the Year 6-7 transition program. Year 4 are looking at rocks as part of their Earth and Space unit.

Have a wonderful week , Vicki Harris - Principal

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REGIONAL WATER POLO SELECTION TRIALS- On Tuesday 17 March the Regional Water Polo selection trials will be held in Wagga. Good luck to Toby Lewis, Deacon Hogan. William Murphy, Will Haberfield, Will Pargeter, Barnaby Wallgate, Lillian Eggleton, Ruby Martin, Amelia Bailie, Asha Krautz, Sally Lefoe, Olivia Beltrame, Lily Robertson, Emily Wills and Lara Butlin who have been selected to attend the trials. It is terrific to see such a keen interest in this sport and hope they do very well at the trials.

Chrisel Pargeter, Water Polo Co-ordinator.

RIVERINA CRICKET TRIALS- Well done to Will Pargeter , Max Byrne and Sam Brown, who recently represented Albury PSSA at the Riverina Cricket trials at Deniliquin last week. Will and Sam were successful in being invited to attend 2 winter training sessions over the off-season. The final selection trial will be held in Barooga on 18 September 2015. From this trial the Riverina team of 12 players will be chosen.

Chris Bourke, Cricket Coordinator

DISTRICT DIVING- Congratulations to Will Clarke and Tegan Gibbons who competed in the District Diving competition recently and were both successful in qualifying for the Riverina Diving trials held in Wagga yesterday. Both divers represented their District admirably in Wagga and Will Clarke, who came second in his age category, was successful in gaining a place in the Riverina Diving team. He will compete in the State Diving Trials at Homebush Stadium in Sydney, later this month.

Penny Power, Coordinator.

DISTRICT SOCCER TRIALS REPRESENTATIVES- As a result of trials here at school, 8 boys and 3 girls have been selected to represent our school at trials for the Albury District PSSA soccer team. Congratulations to these students: Lisa Cary, Asha Krautz, Ava Tuksar, Sam Brown, Harry Carmody, Josh Green, Will Haberfield, Toby Lewis, Brodie Porta, Kristian Shipard and Ben White. Thank you to all the students who tried out; the standard was very high. Good luck to our school reps. Dylan Clift, Soccer Coordinator.

AFL DISTRICT SELECTIONS- Good luck to William Murphy, Will Pargeter, Joe Spendier, Max Byrne, Elijah Farrah, Myron Ayton and James Steer who will be representing APS at the AFL PSSA Zone trials today at Ernest Grant Oval, Thurgoona. Thank you to all of the Year 5 and 6 students who trialled at school and it was great to see such a strong level of skill development.

Christel Pargeter and Chris Bourke, AFL Co-ordinators.

YEAR 4 BORAMBOLA CAMP – 29 April to 1 May 2015. Thank you to all the students who have returned their Expression of Interest note and $100 deposit for the Year 4 Camp. These notes and deposits are due next Wednesday 18 March. Please see Ms Harris or Ms Howard if you require assistance with payment.

If your child is not attending the camp, please ensure you return the permission note with this indicated.

Jacqueline Henderson, Assistant Principal
Don't forget NO GLASS NOODLES— we are unable to source them.

Thank you everyone for your help. We still have a few gaps in the roster so if you can help please come in or call and put your name down.

Thank you, Rachael (0431 173 667) & Ali (0407 433 061), Canteen Ph- 60212370.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday 12 10:00- 1:30pm  Angela Walters  12:30-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Friday 13 9:00-11:30am  Le-Anne Smith  11:30-1:30pm  Kelsha Black
  12:30-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Monday 16
Tuesday 17
Wednesday 18
Thursday 19 10:00- 1:30pm  Kirsty Marchant
Friday 20 9:00-11:30am  Jenny Seymour11:00-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED

OTHER GAPS HELPERS NEEDED - Mon 23, Thurs 26 and Mon 30 March)

P & C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who dropped in to say hello at last week’s P & C afternoon tea. It was a lovely afternoon under the COLA and we saw quite a few new faces. Thank you also to everyone that brought something to eat.

A reminder that the P & C AGM will be held at 7:30pm on Tueseday 24 March  in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. Regards, Stuart Howsam, P & C Secretary.

RIDE2SCHOOL DAY: 2 DAYS TO GO!- Ride2School Day is this Friday. The weather is looking perfect for a ride, scoot or walk to school. In the morning there will be “bike-trains” led by teachers from North Albury, East Albury, West Albury and South Albury. Mrs Martin’s bike-train will meet at the intersection of the bike-path and Wyse Street at 8:15am, Miss Johnson’s bike-train will meet students at the east side of the Harold Mair Bridge at 8:20am, Mrs Dicketts’ bike train will meet students at Horseshoe Lagoon at 8:00am and Mrs Morris’ bike-train will meet at the Occasional Child Care centre on Ebden Street in South Albury at 8:20am. We will have overflow bike parking in the Gym along with a visit from the Bike Culture shop mechanic at lunchtime, so students can have their bikes checked for road-worthiness by a professional. All students riding in the bike-trains should be accompanied by a parent. I hope you all enjoy the experience and are able to make it a more regular activity. Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

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.

KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE- On Sunday 22 March at 10.00am, the Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club will host the first of eight Kids Mountain Bike Races for 2015. The event will be run on an easy, fun track at Black Range Park in Lavington. The event is open to children up to 12 years of age. There will be skill/age group categories. Racing is free, however participants will require a $35 “Dirt-Master” racing license. These can be purchased on the MTBA website: www.mtba.asn.au. For more information contact myself here at school. We hope to see lots of young riders there on the day.

Dylan Clift, Classroom Teacher.

ALBURY CITY VACATION PROGRAMS- Bookings 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.


ORGAN RECITA- Hans Uwe Hielscher, renowned organist from the Lutheran Cathedral of Nassau, Germany, will be performing at St Matthew's Church, Albury on Sunday 15 March at 2:30pm. Tickets at the door.
On Wednesday the 4th of March the whole school went to the hall to see a visiting performance called ‘G’day Asia’.

It was one man named Hugh and some puppets.

They took us on a trip through Asia.

The first stop was Bali where we did a small ‘Nipi Day’ ceremony. There was an effigy and people making a lot of noise. The effigy was burnt to scare bad spirits away.

Next we visited with an orang-utan in Borneo. We learnt that their homes are being destroyed by humans for the palm oil business.

After that we went to speak to a working elephant in India. The elephant worked by moving logs in the forest and carrying tourists around.

A trip in a bad time machine – We had to use our imaginations, as some of our students acted out the emperor being crowned in Japan a long time ago. The robes were huge!

Our last stop was China. We met a panda, who eats bamboo and was keen not to miss the Chinese New Year. There was a huge dragon and some students helped to make it dance. We learnt that the scales of the dragon meant different things. The red scales represented excitement. The yellow scales represented health and wealth. The green was for harvesting.

We thought that the performance was fantastic because it was funny, it was a good start to learning about Asia and we don’t see many performances like this.

[Hand-drawn image of a dragon]