Dear All

PARENT /CARER INTERVIEWS- A reminder that our staff will be offering Parent Teacher interviews next week. The notes were sent home last week with the newsletter, but if you have not received a note, please contact your child’s teacher, as each class has different time options. If you are unable to attend your interview, please contact the school office, before 3.30pm, so the teacher can be notified.

RIDE2SCHOOL DAY- Thank you to the staff and families who joined in the Ride2School activity last Friday! It was great to see so many parents join with their children (and in some cases the bike trains managed by our staff). Our students were the benefactors of this activity, gaining deeper understanding of safe riding conditions, the importance of physical activity and enjoying a lifelong recreation.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL- Monday morning had beautiful weather. Tuesday morning had showery rain. Wednesday morning wet ground. How lucky were we that the date picked early last year, turned out to be the pick of the week.

Congratulations to Mrs Coughlan and her team on the organisation of the Athletics Carnival. This year was more stressful than usual, as the athletics track had been given a major upgrade and we were not officially notified until Friday that we would be able to have the complex. Our students were the first to experience the new track and their times, enthusiasm and sportsmanship did the new facility justice.

A carnival does not just happen; it takes a huge amount of behind the scene organisation, coordination of staff and volunteers and a lot of out of school hours for the day to come to fruition. Thank you very much to our staff and those family members who made the day flow easily and gave our children the opportunity to compete using first class facilities. More information about results will be following later.

HARMONY WEEK- MOTTO ‘EVERYONE BELONGS’- This week we have been celebrating Harmony Week. We celebrate the cultural diversity of the Australian population, encouraging respect for and support of our cultural, religious and linguistic differences. Each class has been completing activities for this year’s Thank You theme. One of the activities has been making paper flowers which will be displayed along the office foyer walls. Students in 3/4CM will be performing a special Harmony Week item at both of the assemblies tomorrow.

ANZAC CELEBRATIONS- Included with this newsletter is an excursion note to Bandiana Army Museum for ALL our students. As part of our 100 year Celebrations of ANZAC, every student will be visiting the Bandiana Museum on either Tuesday 21 April (the first day back at school) or Thursday 23 April. Please return these permission notes and payment BEFORE the holidays.

As we have mentioned, we are currently collecting memorabilia for a display within the school during the weeks before and after ANZAC Day. We have been touched by some of the artefacts that are going to be shared, including family photos and stories. Thank you so much for the efforts being made to assist us to ensure our students connect to this year’s special ANZAC celebrations.

ALBURY GOLD CUP HALF DAY – REMINDER!

Next 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 12.00 Noon. 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 NOON TO TAKE STUDENTS HOME. As there will be no buses running, we will have LOTS of children to be picked up at the same time. PLEASE collect your children and leave quickly, as you are aware, parking is at a premium around our school and there will be many more cars looking for parking spots.

A reminder the Canteen will be closed on Friday 27 March.

P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- Just a reminder that the Annual General meeting of the Albury Public School P & C will be held next Tuesday in the staffroom.

Have a wonderful week, Vicki Harris - Principal.
PSSA TRIALS continue this week which include water polo, hockey and rugby league. Students travelled to Wagga Wagga on Tuesday to trial for the Riverina water polo squad. We also had students attend the district hockey trials at the Hockey Centre in Albury on Tuesday afternoon. Again, a huge thank you to the staff who make these opportunities available to our students. Students in Year 5 or Year 6 who play competitive rugby league are asked to see Mrs Martin by Thursday if they wish to trial for the Albury district team. Students are now developing their catching, throwing and kicking skills in preparation for PSSA Sport which commences next term, 5 June. There will be a sports assembly on Thursday, 2 April, starting at 9:15am. At this assembly we hope to acknowledge students who have been selected at District and Regional trials and also present ribbons to recipients from the swimming and athletics carnivals. Sports Committee.

ALBURY DISTRICT HOCKEY TRIALS - Trials for the Albury District Hockey teams were conducted at school last week. Thank you to all the children who attended. It was wonderful to see so many turn up over the two days and display great enthusiasm. The following students were selected to represent our school- Lily Robertson, Emily Wills, Aylish Jorgensen, Lillian Eggleton, Ruby Martin, Navraj Dhillon, Oliver Henderson, Jye Tasker, Tom Newman, Toby Lewis, Vishawdeep Singh, Oliver Peachey, Oliver Rennie and Spencer Robertson. Sue Waters, Hockey Coordinator.

AFL PSSA TRIALS - Last Wednesday William Murphy, Will Pargeter, Joe Spendier, Max Byrne, Elijah Farrah, Myron Aytolt and James Steer participated in the Albury Zone PSSA AFL trials at the Ernest Grant Oval. The boys did exceptionally well in very hot conditions and should be very proud of their sportmanship. William Murphy, Will Pargeter, Myron Aytolt, Max Byrne and James Steer were selected in the Albury District team to attend the Eastern Riverina AFL trials in Coolamon this Friday. Good luck boys! Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.

RIVERINA SWIMMING CARNIVAL - On Monday 9 March the Riverina Swimming Carnival was held at Albury. We sent 23 very enthusiastic swimmers to represent our region. These children performed exceptionally well and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Congratulations! We also had two records broken on the day- Well done:-

11Yr Girls Freestyle- Ava Tuksar - 32.18 seconds
Senior Girls Relay- Emily Wills, Ella Riches, Olivia McCaig and Ava Tuksar - 2.13.26

From this group we have 17 students who will now compete at the State Carnival in Sydney on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 March. This is an incredible achievement of which they should be very proud. These children are Emily Wills, Jack Wills, Charlie Murphy, Harriet Murphy, Will Murphy, Ava Tuksar, Daisy Tuksar, Will Pargeter, Ella Riches, Elinor Mc Garvie, Rhys Kilo, Caleb Clemson, Ella Henderson, Olivia McCaig, Abbey McCaig, Myron Aytolt and Will Haberfield. We wish them well in Sydney and hope they enjoy the experience. Thank you also to the parents who make this possible. Rosemary Coughlan -Swimming Coordinator.

“BIG SPLASH” CARNIVAL REPORT - Congratulations to the Year 6 students who represented Albury Public School in the 4 X 50m primary school freestyle race at the Big Splash on Wednesday 4 March. It was a very successful event for our swimmers as all teams did exceptionally well. Will Clarke, Aylish Jorgensen, Skye Richardson, Olivea Beltrame, Myron Aytolt, Elinor Mc Garvie, Asha Krautz, Lily Robertson, Alannah Kilo, William Murphy, Toby Lewis, Will Pargeter, Olivia Mc Caig, Emily Wills, Grace Mc Garvie, Meghan Yensch and Ava Howard made up a contingent of talented swimmers. Well done! Thank you to all of the students and families of APS who supported the Headspace fundraiser. Our school raised close to $400 for this very worthwhile local support group. It was a huge success due to such generous donations. Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.

ANZAC ACTIVITY - In the foyer of our administration building you can find a photograph of A.P.S. students in 1915 knitting for the war effort. As part of our 100 year anniversary commemorative activities, 3/4CM are going to replicate this event by knitting squares to stitch together to make blankets to send to Legacy. If you could donate wool, thick needles or your time, please contact Mrs Martin. Alternatively, if you would like to donate knitted squares 20cm x 20cm that would be greatly appreciated. Melinda Martin, 3/4CM Teacher.

3/4CM THANK YOU - I would like to publically thank Mr Mark Korzeniowski for his kind donation of “bits and pieces” for our class, including a digital microscope. These items will be put to good use during our class program. Thank you, Melinda Martin, 3/4CM Teacher.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR YEAR 7, 2016 are due back this Friday 20 March.
We have a couple of gaps in the roster. If you can help please call in or phone.

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

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RIDE2SCHOOL DAY- What an amazing sight it was to see so many riders fill the gym with their bikes last Friday. Almost 200 students, with the help of many parents, rode, scooted or walked to school enjoying the beautiful autumn weather and the comradery that comes from riding together. I hope that many students who may have ridden to school for the first time last week, will continue to ride on a more regular basis. Thanks to Ash from Bike Culture who spent his lunchtime ensuring our students’ bikes were roadworthy. Thanks also to Mrs Martin, Mrs Morris, Miss Johnson and Mrs Dicketts who lead the bike-trains.

Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER DONATIONS– Thank you to those people who have already donated goods for our program. We still require donations of plain and self-raising flour, lemons, measuring spoons, measuring cups, stainless steel mixing bowls, winter vegetable seedlings, straw and grit for the chickens. If you can help us out it will be gratefully appreciated. Lynda Joyce and Leanne Schifferle, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/Garden Specialists.

TASTE OF HIGH SCHOOL- Year 6 recently visited Albury High School for a Taste of High School. It was a fantastic experience for the students which gave them the opportunity to participate in several hands-on classes, including science, food technology, metal work, circus skills and computers. The students enjoyed the day very much and gave very positive feedback about the day.

Jessica Brooker, Kirstie Browne and Chris Bourke, Year 6 Teachers.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD


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 LibraryMuseum 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.

KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE- This 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 licence. 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.

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.
2MS have been reading “The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me” by Roald Dahl. Roald Dahl uses similes to create vivid pictures in the reader’s mind. We have written our own similes for creatures that we have drawn.

My creature is as tall as a palace. Lenny
My creature has teeth that are green like mould. Zavier
Her hair is like snakes. Jessica
My creature has legs like Godzilla. John
It has big eyes like a ball. Alice
It has red lips like rubies. Rosie
It is as small as a mouse. Jett

My creature has black hair like steel. Raddif
My monster is tougher than a mountain. Skarlett
It has claws as sharp as a pencil. Dylan
It has wings as big as a door. Emily
He is as strong as a giant. Eli
My robot has a hat like an eye. Nicholas
It has eyes as big as cherries. Amalie
The creature has eyes as soft as cotton. Ethan

My slug has fire as hot as lava. Jada– Lee
My monster has skin the colour of dirt. Nate
Fur as soft as silk. Tanner
He has a belly like an X-Box. Brodee
It is as tall as a tower. Levi
The alien was as big as a house. Jonah
Her eyes sparkle like jewels. Zoe
It is as big as a door. Charlotte
It has eyes as yellow as the sun. Bailey
The monster is as hard as a brick. Saksham