Dear All

STAFF NEWS- Congratulations to Miss Rachel Johnson who recently announced her engagement to Mr Brendan Crawford. We wish them both every happiness for the future!

Ms Brigitta Schwarz is expecting a baby later this year and we take this opportunity to wish Ms Schwarz and her husband the very best for the future and the arrival of their first child. Ms Schwarz will be taking maternity leave from the commencement of Term 2.

There will be some other changes to staffing for next term:

- Miss Lauren Hastings will be taking over 2MS for the rest of the year.
- Mr Joel Border will become the ‘Temporary Relief Teacher’, replacing Miss Hastings.
- Mrs Sue Waters will be taking some music classes, 4CCB on Fridays and one day a week continuing in her Learning Support role.
- Mrs Helen Berndt will be returning to our school for one day a week, resuming in her Learning Support role.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES- Our Year 6 students have been taking on more leadership roles within the school. One of the changes has been for them to implement additional activities in the playground for our students. I was pleased to watch this program in action yesterday, with our students leading ‘Sock Soccer’ in the Gym. (Sorry about the white socks…). Our leaders will be delivering a report on their various activities during first term in future newsletters. Congratulations on your great leadership and enthusiasm!

OOSH AWARD- Congratulations to Mrs Cathy Northam and the staff at our Out of School Hours care. They were last week presented with an Excellent rating under the National Quality Framework. Only 27 centres received the top recognition out of more than 7000 that were assessed across Australia. A terrific effort! Our school is VERY lucky to have this valuable resource available for our families.

STATE SWIMMING- Four of our girls returned from the All Schools State Swimming with a little more weight in their bags than when they travelled up. They were the first Riverina Open Girls Relay team in a VERY long time to have medalled at the state PSSA championships. The girls broke the Regional record at the Regional Carnival, and were still successful in taking more than 5 seconds off their time when they competed in Sydney.

School returns for students on Tuesday 21 April, 2015. Students in the following classes will be visiting Bandiana Army Museum on that day. (KWE, KWB, KWC, KWJ, 1MS, 1MD, 4/5LJH, 5LP, 5AP, 5/6AB, 5/6AM and 6AKB). Please ensure your children have recess and/or lunch with them, as they will not be able to purchase food at the museum. The remaining classes will visit Bandiana on Thursday 23 April.

On behalf of our staff, I wish everyone a safe and happy holidays. If you are traveling, please travel safely!

Enjoy your week, Vicki Harris, Principal.
PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS– Please be aware that this online facility is available for payments OVER $10.00. A reminder that if you are using this facility for payments, you should also send in the Boomerang Blue note with all the details on it for the office staff to process. Thank you for your attention to this important detail.

SPORTS NEWS

STATE DIVING- Congratulations to Will Clarke who represented the Riverina Region at the State Diving Carnival at Olympic Park in Homebush last week. Will placed 9th overall and was a great ambassador for his school and the Riverina Region. Penny Power, Coordinator.

DISTRICT SOCCER TRIALS- On Wednesday 18 March 11 students represented our school at the PSSA District soccer trials. All three girls; Ava Tuksar, Asha Krautz and Lisa Cary, while 5 boys; Harry Carmody, Brodie Porta, Will Haberfield, Kristian Shipard and Ben White were successful in gaining selection in the district team. Congratulations to these students who will now go on to play in the Riverina Championships. Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

DISTRICT SOFTBALL TRIALS- Following trials run here at school last week, the following girls were selected to represent our school at the Albury District Zone softball trials at Springdale Heights Public School this afternoon: Asha Finlay, Aylish Jorgensen, Sally Lefoe, Lily Robertson and Petria Travassaros. If successful at the trials, these players will represent the Albury District at the Riverina trials. Congratulations and good luck to all these talented players. Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

PSSA REGIONAL NETBALL TRIALS- Today– Wednesday 1 April we have 9 girls going to Glenroy Public School to trial for the team to go to Regional selections. These girls are – Ally Fowler, Amy Houlihan, Petria Travassaros, Sally Lefoe, Olivea Beltrame, Hannah Avage, Keely Bulllivant, Emily Wills and Olivia McCaig. We wish them all good luck with these trials and will look forward to hearing how they go. Nadene King, Netball Co-ordinator.

RIVERINA HOCKEY NEWS- We had a very successful afternoon at the hockey trials last Monday 23 March. Lillian Eggleton and Lily Robertson were selected in the Riverina Girls Hockey team. Tom Newman, Oliver Henderson, Toby Lewis and Spencer Robertson were chosen to represent Riverina in the Boys Hockey team. We wish them all the best for their carnivals in Term 2. Sue Waters, Hockey Coordinator.

RIVERINA AFL TRIALS- On Friday 20 March William Murphy, Will Pargeter, Joe Spendier, Max Byrne, Myron Ayton and James Steer attended the AFL trials in Coolamon. The boys played four games of football in quite tough conditions and enjoyed the experience gained in this level of competition. Joe Spendier was selected in a squad to attend further selection trials for the Riverina team. Congratulations boys and well done, Joel! A big thank you to our parent community who support our students by taking their children to all of the trials and carnivals of numerous sports. Our students are very fortunate to have such dedicated parental assistance. Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.

RIVERINA WATER POLO TRIALS- On Tuesday 17 March, Deacon Hogan, Toby Lewis, William Murphy, Will Haberfield, Will Pargeter, Lillian Eggleton, Ruby Martin, Amelia Baillie, Asha Krautz, Sally Lefoe, Olivea Beltrame, Lily Robertson, Lara Buttlin and Emily Wills took part in selection trials in Wagga for the Riverina Boys and Girls Water Polo teams. Sally Lefoe, Emily Wills, Olivea Beltrame, Asha Krautz, Amelia Baillie, William Murphy, Will Pargeter and Deacon Hogan were successful in making the teams. Ruby Martin and Will Haberfield were named as reserves. Congratulations to all of the students who took part in the trials and well done to our Riverina representatives. Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.

YEAR 4 CAMP – 29 APRIL - 1 MAY 2015

Information regarding departure and arrival times, activities and what to pack, was sent home on Monday. A reminder that the Medical Consent Form must be completed online (see the note sent home on Thursday 19 March for details – it is also saved on the school website) by Wednesday 8 April. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have finalised their child’s payment for the Year 4 Camp. The final payments are due by Wednesday 22 April. Please speak to Ms Harris or Ms Howard if you require assistance or a payment plan. If you have any other questions or concerns regarding the camp, please contact your child’s teacher.

Jacqueline Henderson, Assistant Principal
Thank you to all our Term 1 helpers. We look forward to seeing you back in Term 2. Have a great holiday. Thank you, Rachael Canteen Ph- 6021370.

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Canteen Roster

Thurs 2 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED 11:30-1:30pm Amy Hayne
12:30-1:30pm Tracey Brown

Fri 3 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

Term 2

Wed 22 12:30-1:30pm Susan Marcuzzi

Thurs 23 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED

Fri 24 9:00-11:30am 11:00-1:30pm 12:30-1:30pm HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE

Mon 27 12:30-1:30pm Simone Irvine

Tues 28 12:30-1:30pm Sue Shiphard

Wed 29 11:00-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED

Anzac Commemorations-

As part of our ANZAC activities this year every student is making a poppy to display in the front foyer. If you would like to knit a poppy to add to our display there are samples and patterns on the counter at the office. Alternatively, if you would like to crochet a poppy, there are many patterns available online. ANZAC Commemoration Committee.

Library News-

The library computer lab is available for children without home internet access to use at lunch-time. This allows them to complete programs such as Mathletics. If your child/children is in this category please let Ms Griffith know in writing.

Premier’s Reading Challenge-

Please keep reading over the Easter break. Don’t forget to record the title and author of your book on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website at: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
Alison Griffith, Teacher/Librarian.

Happenings in the Stephanie Alexander Program-

Over recent weeks we have had some amazing families donate to our program. We would like to extend a warm thank you for the donations of flour, chook food, measuring cups and spoons. Thank you Lou Newman for your continued support and donations of seedlings, Lou Harper for the generous donation of disposable cups that will be very handy for our soups next term and Brooke Costello for the Gift Card. We are also very grateful for the assistance of our fabulous environment monitors in 4CCB for taking such good care of the chooks and garden throughout the term. Leanne Schifferle and Lynda Joyce. Kitchen/Garden Specialists.

P & C News-

Many thanks to those who made some divine looking cakes, biscuits, tarts, slices and pizza bases for our State Election BBQ. We had a successful day raising around $500 in profit. These funds will go towards the Science curriculum at school. Thank you also to Janet Howie, Cathy Chapman Cath White, Tracey Brown and Piper, Cate Irwin, the Murphy family as well as the Haszard family for your help with the BBQ setting up, cooking, selling and pack away. Kate Preston, President.

Community Noticeboard-

Getagrip On Tennis- Holiday Program— 4 days or 12 hours of tennis skills, fun and exercise. Held from Monday 13—Thursday 16 April. Contact Kate on 0418572626 or email kate@getagripontennis.com

Netball Camp- The Southern Sports Academy will be holding its Annual Netball Camp in the April school holidays. The upcoming Netball Camp to be held at the Equex Centre, Wagga Wagga on the 14 -17 April 2015 and is a valuable opportunity for children of all skill levels to receive top quality coaching. We are excited to announce that former NSW Swifts player, Jackie Murphy, will host our Junior Netball Camp this year and will be joined by a panel of experienced coaches including Southern Sports Academy Coaching staff, special guest coaches and Southern Sports Academy athletes. For further information please call Cathy Breese on 69318111.

“Ready Steady Go Kids” is Australia’s largest and most reputable multi-sports and exercise program for kids 2.5-7yrs old. Enrolments are now open for Term 2!! Our website www.readysteadygokids.com.au has the full class timetable and venue details or ring our call centre on 1300 766 892 to book in for a FREE TRIAL!!

Lauren Jackson Sports Centre will be holding Multi Sport days during the Easter school holidays. Please contact 60435810 for further information.

Gold Certificates

CONGRATULATIONS TO- Sally Lefoe, Joseph Spendier, and Brodie Davies.
4/5LJH thinks the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is Awesome!

I think everyone at A.P.S should participate in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program because everyone gets the chance to harvest, cook and eat yummy foods. When you harvest you learn how to do it properly. Eating the food lets your taste buds explore!!

By Jessica Kemp.

Everyone at Albury Public should participate in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program because you get to work in the kitchen and the garden. If students do the program they can then build their own garden at home. They can also assist their parents in the kitchen such as chopping and grating.

By Eliza Mooney.