Dear All

Welcome back to Term 2! It will be a busy term, with major excursions, reports, sporting activities and NAPLAN impacting on some classes. Yesterday was the first day of our whole school visit to the Bandiana Army Museum. Our students were engaged in the activities and observant. It was very pleasing to see the students developing an understanding of the ANZAC history. When we were talking to our students, it was amazing what they had picked up on. Please find below some of the things students noticed:

- The Light Horseman uniform was made of the same material as their horse blanket.
- The helicopter windows were made of plastic, not glass. The windows moved upon impact!
- Soldiers have lots of different uniforms today, for different purposes and also for where they are.
- The generals (and other senior officers) have a lot more ‘luxuries’ than soldiers. The intricate uniforms, formal dining room and flash cars (one described as a muscle car), all pointed to this.
- Parachutes were used not just for people. We saw examples of guns, motor bikes and supplies which were packed for delivery.

On Thursday, the other half of our school will visit the museum. If you have not had the opportunity to visit it yourself, it is well worth the visit!

**Our school ANZAC Ceremony will be held on Friday at 11.20am under the COLA.** If you would like to join us, you are welcome. Erin Macdonald who is an ex-student attending Albury High School, will be delivering a personal account of her visit to the Western Front.

If you have the opportunity, we have been able to borrow quite a few artefacts for display in our foyer area. These items are not just from WW1, but include information or items from all wars and include items still being used today. Items include medals, uniforms, bullets, webbing packs and family accounts. Our students have also made poppies. These are displayed with some of them having a family member’s name attached! Some of our classrooms also have displays, please ask your children.

At this point I would also like to thank the staff, students and community members who have also been involved in repeating something APS students did 100 years ago. Mrs Martin was very keen to link our students to their predecessors. 3/4CM have been involved in knitting items for donation to charity groups, just as APS students did 100 years ago. We look forward to having the 2015 photo of this activity, mounted with the photo taken 100 years ago! There are blankets, poppies, squares and other pieces which have been knitted in the last month. Thank you!

Please take the time to share some of the ANZAC activities that your children have been involved in this very special week. Whilst we should not just remember the sacrifice of so many once a year, this 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli is something to discuss now!

**EASTER PARADE**- It seems soooooo long ago, but at the end of last term we held our annual Easter Parade. There were lots of families who joined in on the parade – Thank you!

**WINTER UNIFORM**- With the changing of the season, comes the changing of uniforms. A reminder that blue windcheaters and school jackets are part of the uniform – other colours are not part of the uniform. School hats are optional during Terms 2 and 3, however, we recommend that students do continue to wear them when outside at school, on sunny days.

There is a good supply of second hand uniforms of good quality in our uniform shop. If you have any uniforms of good quality which your children have now outgrown, we would appreciate them being brought in for others to be able to purchase.

**KINDERGARTEN BAG STORAGE**– Thank you to Mr Pantling and Mr Waters for their craftsmanship in building the new bag and hat cupboards for the West Block (Kindergarten). These new storage areas have replaced the old cup hooks on the wall.

Vicki Harris- Principal
ANZAC DAY MARCH–SATURDAY 25 APRIL- The city of Albury RSL will again host the ANZAC Day march and services in Albury. All Albury Public students are invited to attend. Albury Public School students are asked to be in **formal winter uniform**. We will line up in Spencer Street, next to the Dan Murphy’s carpark at 8:40am. The march will commence at 9:00am. All schools will march the full length of Dean Street and turn left into Townsend Street to be dismissed. You will be able to collect your child from in front of Hogs Breath Cafe. The parade will march down Dean Street on the right hand side, being the northern side of the road. We look forward to your child’s attendance if possible at this very significant community event. Each year our school is well represented and I hope this is the case again this year. There will be several staff members marching with the group. Our school ANZAC Day service will be held this Friday 24 April under the COLA, commencing at 11:20am. Parents/carers and friends are most welcome to attend.

Carolyn Howard, Deputy Principal.

ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL– ANZAC PERFORMANCE- On Thursday 23 April at 7:30pm the Albury High School will be holding a performance of ‘Home before Christmas’ in the AHS Hall. This performance includes groups of drama students, the Yr 12 Boys Choir, the Yr 12 Girls Choir and a number of talented soloists accompanied by students and staff. Stories included are those surrounding enlistment and the excitement of the early stages of war, the Christmas truce on the Western Front, the Gallipoli landing, the Conscription Debate and stories of soldiers and nurses told through letters, diaries and poems. Please ring the school on 60213488 for further enquiries.

SPORTS NEWS

2015 CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL- Permission notes have gone home today for the Albury Public School Cross Country Carnival to be held on Wednesday 6 May at the Equestrian Centre, off Corry’s Road Thurgoona. Students will leave the school by bus at 11:45am and return around 2:30pm. Please return the completed permission note and $4.00 payment to the front office as soon as possible. A note will be going home shortly regarding the Canteen’s lunch order special for the Cross Country. If you can help as a course marshal or lead bike-rider, please complete the form on the permission note and return to the front office. Dylan Clift, Cross Country Coordinator.

PSSA GIRLS SOFTBALL- The district softball trials were held at Springdale Heights in the last week of Term 1. Our school sent four girls: **Asha Finlay, Aylish Jorgensen, Lily Robertson** and **Petria Travassaros**. All four girls were successful in gaining selection in the Albury District team that will compete at the regional softball trials that will be held in Wagga Wagga on 1 May. Congratulations girls on this wonderful achievement and good luck for the regional trials. Dylan Clift, Softball Coordinator.

K-2 SPORTS DAY- Our K-2 Sports Day will be held on Friday 8 May, in the school grounds. An information note was sent home today requesting parent helpers. We would love to see lots of parents/carers cheering for our students. A special canteen lunch order will be sent home next week.

YEAR 1 JINDERA EXCURSION

Year 1 had a terrific time at the Jindera Museum last term, exploring artefacts and buildings from our early Colonial past as part of our National Curriculum History unit, Present & Past: Family Life. We were able to examine the different lifestyles experienced by early European settlers in the Albury region, exploring the housing, tools, clothing, products and circumstances encountered by wealthy merchants, as opposed to farmers and their less fortunate employees, as they struggled to establish themselves in our region.

A huge thank you goes to parents who assisted on the day, with special thanks to Dirk Spennemann, from CSU, who volunteered a wealth of information to support our learning on the day, and to Miss Sheridan for organising Dirk to assist.

Sally Morris, Y1 Excursion Coordinator.
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- 60212370.

CANTEEN ROSTER
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

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD-
KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE- This Sunday 26 April at 10.00am, the Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club will host the second of eight Kids Mountain Bike Races. 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 $40 “Dirt-Master” racing licence. These can be purchased on the MTBA website: www.mtba.asn.au. For more information visit the Albury Wodonga Mountain Bike Club website. We hope to see lots of young riders there on the day.
Dylan Clift.

FREE CARER COURSE, UNDERSTAND ALZHEIMER’S EDUCATE AUSTRALIA– Workshop will be held on Monday 27 April at the Commercial Club, Albury from 10:00am-3:00pm. For further information please call 0288754640.

BROADBAND FOR SENIORS– Mirambeena Community Centre is offering these sessions for seniors to learn more about using computers and the internet. Sessions will run for 1 hour. Please phone 60435875 or email ybatt@alburycity.nsw.gov.au for further information.

CHARLES STURT FREE PUBLIC LECTURE– The Art of Belonging by Dr Hugh Mackay. This will be held on Monday 4 May, from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the CD Blake Auditorium Albury Wodonga Campus. For further information please phone 60519806 or email hocalburywodonga@csu.edu.au
Stage 1 Blueearth

We are calm and centred in Mountain Pose.

This year even more Stage 1 students are benefiting from our school’s involvement with the Blueearth program. During Year 1 and Year 2 sport and PE rotations, every student in every Stage 1 class is being given the opportunity to explore and develop their social, emotional and physical wellbeing through movement. Mrs Whitehead (2MWM) has now completed her Blueearth training and this year Ms Cameron (1MC) and Mr Neil (2LN) are receiving Blueearth professional development from coach Cathryn Humphrey.

The Blueearth program promotes lifelong habits of physical activity for all children. A typical Blueearth session might involve core strength (yoga-style) poses, fundamental movement skill development, games and challenges, rhythmic movement or exploring ways to move in our environment.

Mindfulness and time for reflection are built into each Blueearth lesson. This encourages students to become aware of, and evaluate, their own attitudes and performance during physical activity.

Exploring balance (and developing resilience!) in Tree Pose.

Jo Cameron
1MC
Classroom Teacher