Dear All

2015 ANZAC Day- Thank you to those families who supported activities for our 100 Years of ANZACs. The knowledge gained and understanding developed by your children has been very exciting to see! Well done teachers and students for your great enthusiasm and efforts—thanks! Erin Macdonald, an ex-student, was our guest speaker at the school ANZAC Ceremony. Erin spoke of her experiences and feelings during her month long tour of the Western Front.

The Bandiana Excursion was well worth the security protocols which had to be followed for us to take 580 students and 40 staff. By the fourth visit, word had obviously got around the last of our students and they were VERY excited to see the things their friends and siblings had already experienced. If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit, Bandiana Army Museum is well worth the visit BUT you have to give at least 24 hours notice.

Mothers Day Stall- A reminder that there will be a Mothers Day stall in the gym next Tuesday run by the P & C. If you would like your children to purchase a small gift for mum, the gifts range in price from $1 - $5. Each class has been allocated a time to visit the stall on Tuesday. Thanks Sharon Green for organising this for our students.

Year 4 Camp- Year 4 left this morning, very excited to be heading off to Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre. As Year 3 students last year, they had a night away from home, but now they are away for two nights, a little further away. This gives them a wonderful experience, before they attend the school run major excursions in Year 5 and Year 6.

Cross Country- A reminder that Cross Country permission notes are due back Friday 1 May and the special canteen lunch notes for the Cross Country are due on Monday 4 May.

K-2 Sports Day– The K-2 Sports Day will be held next Friday on the school grounds. Please put the date in your diary so that you can spend some time encouraging your young children and perhaps assisting on the day. A Sausage Sizzle lunch order was sent out today with the newsletter. This is available for the whole school K-6.

Parents and Citizens Association- Last night we had a very small group attend the P & C meeting. If you would like to be more involved in the Parents and Citizens Association, they meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, during school terms at 7:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Enjoy your week, Vicki Harris - Principal
SCHOOL PHOTOS- This year our school photographs will be held on Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 May. Envelopes to order photos will go home with today’s Newsletter, with each student. Year 6 group photo and family photo envelopes are available from the front office. Please ensure the photo envelope is returned to school on the day of the photos by your child/children and given to the class teacher (not to the front office). No envelopes will be accepted prior to the day. Students are expected to wear full winter school uniform, including black shoes.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ORGANISATION- Tuesday 19 May– KWE, KWJ, KWC, KWB, 1MS, 1MM, 1MC, 1MD, 2/3LK, 2LN, 3/4CM, 3CC, 2MS, 2MWM, 4/5LJH, 4CCB, 4CH, 5AP and 5LP.
Wednesday 20 May- 5/6AB, 6AKB, 6AB, 5/6AM, Student Councillors, Captains, House Leaders, Year 6 group photo and Family photos.

As stated, students are expected to wear full winter formal uniforms as listed below. Please note: whilst formal girl’s and boy’s Winter Uniforms are preferred, navy blue tracksuit pants for boys and girls will be acceptable. Girls: Blue tartan pinafore, bib front, inverted pleat with zippered pocket or blue tartan pants. Yellow skivvy with long sleeves or light blue shirt (blue tie optional). Round or V-necked navy blue windcheater with large yellow logo. Navy tights or navy socks. Black shoes. Alternative uniform for Years 5/6: Blue tartan skirt with inverted pleat (same as tartan pinafore), blue cardigan. Boys: Long grey pants. Yellow skivvy with long sleeves or light blue shirt (blue tie optional). Grey socks and black shoes. Round or V-necked navy blue windcheater with large yellow logo. Any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to me. Carolyn Howard, Deputy Principal.

2015 CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL- The permission note and $4.00 payment are due in this Friday 1 May for the school Cross-Country Carnival. It will be run on Wednesday 6 May at the Equestrian Centre, beginning at 12:00noon. Thank you to those who have already volunteered as a course marshal or lead bike-rider. We could use some more volunteers, especially a couple of bike riders. If you can help, please complete the form on the permission note and return it to the front office, or leave your name at the front office. Dylan Clift, Cross Country Coordinator.

NETBALL NEWS- Last Friday four of our girls participated in a netball knockout and trials for the Eastern Riverina team. Ally Fowler, Amy Houlihan, Sally Lefoe and Petria Travassaros all played extremely well and did themselves and our school proud. Congratulations to Ally, Sally and Petria for selection in the Eastern Riverina team. They will play again later in the term, to trial for Riverina selection at state level. Nadene King, Coordinator.

YEAR SIX CANBERRA EXCURSION- Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10, Thursday 11 and Friday 12 June, 2015. The final cost of the excursion is $415. This price includes a subsidy from the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing $20 per student towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. The next instalment of $100 is due Friday 1 May 2015. The excursion should be fully paid by Friday 29 May, 2015. Additional information including itinerary, dietary and medical information will be sent home very soon. Jess Brooker, Assistant Principal (Rel.)

LIBRARY NEWS- There are changes to library class times for Term 2. The Library times for Term 2 are- Monday- 5/6AB, 5/6AM, 5AP & 5LP, Tuesday- 1MM & 1MS, Wednesday- 2LN, 2/3LK, 6AKB & 6AB, Thursday- 3CC, 3/4CM, 1MC, 1MD, KWJ & KWB Friday- KWC, KWE, 4CH, 4CCB, 4/5LJH, 2MWM & 2MS. Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian

SCHOOL VISIT FROM SERVING ARMY PERSONNEL- On Friday, 24 April, Stage 3 enjoyed visits from Captain Roger Brinkworth and Sergeant Helen Inglis, current members of the Australian Army. Students enjoyed hearing about life in the army and learning more about ANZAC day. We are very appreciative of our guests taking time out of their busy schedules to speak to the students, who benefited from the visits enormously. Kirsty Browne, 5/6AKB Class Teacher.
Thank you to the people who have already put their name on the roster. We still have lots of gaps, so if you can help out even if only for an hour over lunch, please phone or call in and put your name down.

Thank you, Rachael & Ali, Ph- 60212370.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**MOTHERS DAY STALL**- Mothers Day stall next Tuesday 5 May. Gifts range from $1 to $5. Money raised will be used to purchase new classroom reading resources. Please contact Sara if you can help for an hour on 0423 207 130. Sharon Green, Vice President.

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**-

**ARCHIE’S STORY FUNDRAISER**– There will be a pub WizRock Trivia night held in the Crown Lounge upstairs at BeerDeLuxe, Albury on Thursday 14 May from 7:00pm-10:00pm, to raise money for Archie (who has a rare form of cancer). Book your table now on 60417001.

**AUTISM WORKSHOPS IN ALBURY**– The Aspect Riverina School at 437 Olive St Albury will be holding several workshops about Autism this week. On Thursday 30 April from 9:30-2:30pm Understanding Behaviour (for parents and carers only), from 4:00-6:00pm Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder for Professionals, on Friday 1 May from 10:00-1:00pm Play and Social Learning Workshop (for parents and carers only). For further information please call on 02 8977 8353 or email edworkshops@autismspectrum.org.au

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

**SCOTS INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN EVENT**– A reminder that entries close on Friday 8 May for the Scots Interschool Equestrian Event. Entries are via Event Secretary at http://www.eventsecretary.org.au For further information please phone Alison on 6022 0000.
1MM have been very interested in the exploration of the ANZAC story underway at Albury Public this term.

Along with the other classes, we have made poppies, signifying remembrance, to add to the beautiful foyer display in the admin building.

We took the opportunity to visit our “home-made museum” and were able to examine the many different items that have been contributed by members of our school community.

Ms Harris even gave us an amazing lesson in which we were invited to interact with the exhibits, including trying on special uniform items and learning all about the ration packs used by today’s armed forces when on campaign. The contrast between the rations now and then was very interesting!

We had a terrific time with Miss Merritt exploring at the Bandiana Museum. We were able to identify many items and symbols which we had talked about at school ahead of the visit and add them to our Alpha-box Challenge.

Another favourite activity of the week has been the making of our own ANZAC biscuits with Mrs Morris. We had to read our recipe carefully and follow the procedure to mix, shape and bake our biscuits. We all got a different job and the best bit was the smell of them as they baked! Yum! They made a delicious addition to recess after our Friday Memorial Service.

If you haven’t had a chance, make sure you come and take a good look at our wonderful school exhibit. We highly recommend it! – 1MM