Dear All

Brrrr - It was a bit cold getting started this morning! Fortunately, the weather held (just) for the Cross Country and the K-2 Sports day. Thanks to all of the families and friends who helped on the days. Your assistance allows us to be able to give our students the opportunities to participate!

Yesterday our Year 3 and 5 students sat the first of their NAPLAN tests. They have two more days – today and tomorrow. Just a reminder, if your child is away and misses one of the tests, they will have the opportunity on Thursday afternoon (14 May) or Friday (15 May) to ‘catch up’.

Recently there has been a noticeable increase in the number of students arriving late at school. Your child is NOT meeting the attendance requirements if they arrive late on a regular basis. Research has shown that the initial part of the day is the prime learning time.

We were recently informed that Mr Wayne Moore has retired. Mr Moore has been the substantive Assistant Principal for Stage 3 for many years. During the last couple of years he has been on leave. We wish Mr Moore the very best for the future and thank him for his years of service to students in our school and other schools across NSW.

On Friday we were informed that Mr Moore will be replaced by Mr Nathan Fisher, who will commence at our school in 2016.

With the onset of the colder weather, our students will often catch more colds….. Here are some hints to help keep your child healthy:

- Get your child to help pack their lunch box so they are more likely to eat what's in it.
- Try to include protein in your child's lunch box to keep them full and energetic.
- Exercise is vital in helping manage weight, keeping muscles strong, helping their hearts and lungs develop, and improving their hand-eye coordination.
- Wash your hands regularly to avoid germs.
- Cough into your elbow, not your hands.
- The healthiest drink options for children are water and milk.
- Look after your child’s emotional health too – try not to overschedule them, having some ‘down time’ is important too.

Enjoy the week!
Vicki Harris - Principal
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A reminder that our School Photos will be taken over two days next week—Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 May. The organisation of classes was listed in last week’s newsletter. Please ensure your child is in full winter school uniform including black shoes for their photos. Family photo envelopes are available from the front office and will be photos will be taken on Wednesday 20 May. Payment envelopes must be handed to the class teacher on the day. No envelopes will be accepted prior to the day. If you have any enquiries please contact the front office.

SPORT NEWS

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

We certainly got lucky with the weather at last Friday’s school Cross Country carnival. The students participated enthusiastically and we witnessed some fantastic efforts from many of our runners. Below you will find the top three results in the four age groups. The fine weather meant we had a good turn-out of spectators who came along and cheered on our runners. Thanks to the many parent volunteers who manned the course and to those fit cyclists who rode the course ahead of the runners. Thanks to the teachers who contributed to the successful organisation of the event; Ms Brooker, Mr Neil and Mr Bourke. A big thanks to our General Assistant, Ian Pantling, who spent many hours setting out the course and preparing the event centre prior to the students’ arrival. The Sport House captains also deserve praise for the way in which they cheered on their runners and organised their house areas.

Here are the top 3 results from each age group:

8/9 Years Girls: 1st: Eliza Mooney, 2nd: Alice Carroll, 3rd: Maya Black
8/9 Years Boys: 1st: Rhys Kilo, 2nd: Finbar Bready, 3rd: Dominic Korzeniowski
10 Years Girls: 1st: Mariana Horta-Vieira, 2nd: Brielle Pedler, 3rd: Jessica Kemp
10 Years Boys: 1st: Caleb Clemson, 2nd: Zachary Williams, 3rd: Jack Wills
11 Years Girls: 1st: Ava Tuksar, 2nd: Lillian Eggleton, 3rd: Theo Tatsiopoulos
11 Years Boys: 1st: Charlie Bruce, 2nd: Jake Cooper, 3rd: Asha Finlay
12/13 Years Girls: 1st: Ella Riches, 2nd: Lisa Cary, 3rd: Nathan Johannis
12/13 Years Boys: 1st: Will Haberfield, 2nd: Harry Carmody, 3rd: Will Haberfield

The runners who finished in the top 7 of their age group are eligible to represent our school at the Zone Cross Country Carnival being held at the Albury/Wodonga Equestrian Centre next Friday 29 May. These students will receive their permission notes this week. Please ensure the note and payment is returned to the front office promptly. If a student is not able to, or doesn’t wish to participate, could they please let me know so I can arrange for another student to take their place.

Dylan Clift, Cross Country Coordinator.

CYBERWISER PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday 26 May all students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will be attending the CYBERWISER PERFORMANCE in the school hall. The performance is linked to lessons in PDHPE and HSIE and conveys the messages of friendship, resilience and the idea that bullying is unacceptable. A reminder that payment ($4.50 per student) is due by Friday 22 May.

PAYMENT ENVELOPES AND PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

A reminder that we have Albury Public School PAYMENT ENVELOPES available from the Front Office. These envelopes make the payment of Boomerang Blue permission notes easy to process for both parent/carers and office staff. Please ask for envelopes as you require them. Please ensure you enclose CORRECT MONEY in the envelopes.

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS are also a convenient way to pay for excursions, performances, school contributions etc. This option can be accessed via the Albury Public School website. A reminder that the minimum payment using this method is $10.00.
Thank you to all our helpers with the Cross Country lunches and the K-2 Sports Day whole school sausage sizzle. Special thank you to Tracey Brown who helped at both venues and also the Mothers Day stall. We really appreciate all your help Tracey. We have quite a few gaps in our roster for this term. If you can help, (even if only for an hour) please phone or call in and put your name down. Thank you, Rachael & Ali, Ph- 60212370.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**P & C NEWS**

Our Mother’s Day stall was a huge success. Hopefully many of you enjoyed giving and receiving gifts on Sunday and had a lovely day. A big thank you to all the volunteers who gave up part of their day last Tuesday to help students select the perfect gift. Our **$900 profit** will go towards the purchase of some fabulous, new classroom reading material.

Sharon Green, P&C Fundraising Committee.

**HEAD LICE**

Please be aware that Head Lice is always with us. We all need to be vigilant, check our child’s hair frequently and treat accordingly. We suggest making Wednesdays, newsletter day, the day you check your families hair. If you require further information please visit the NSW Health website:- www.health.nsw.gov.au

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

**KIDS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE**- This Sunday 17 May at 10:00am, the Albury/Wodonga Mountain Bike Club will host another Kids Mountain Bike Race. 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 racing licence. A $40 annual “Dirt-Master” licence can be purchased or you can sign up for a free 2 month trial licence on the MTBA website: www.mtba.asn.au. We hope to see lots of young riders there on the day. Dylan Clift.

**HOT HOUSE THEATRE**- are running two three day workshops - Heroes and Heroin for 7–12yr olds (29th June to 1st July) and Devised Drama for 13-15 year olds (7-10th July) For further enquiries please contact Rachel McNamara | Education Manager | 02 6021 7433 | 0402 602 208 | hothousetheatre.com.au

**GATEWAY HEALTH**– Parenting Program Term 2 - vacancies are still available. Sessions will be held from Friday 15 May until 26 June, 2015. From 10:00am-12:00pm Please phone 60228888 for further information. Bookings are essential.

**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.

**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 ybyatt@alburycity.nsw.gov.au for further information.
Look at what's been happening in 5/6AB...

During Term 1, Stage 3 participated in an AFL clinic. We were shown various AFL skills such as kicking and marking. We also participated in a modified game. By Tom Hyman.

One of the many highlights last term was science with Mr Schupina from Albury High School. During our lesson we learnt about chemical reactions and conducted an experiment with bi-carb soda and vinegar. It was highly exciting. By Charlotte Dean.

Last term, Year 6 went to Albury High School for the beginning of our orientation visits. We got to do some cooking, metal work and science experiments. By Harkirat Singh.

Last term we wrote a procedure on how to create an animal that can be found in Antarctica such as a whale, penguin or seal. We then invited 2LN to follow our procedures to create a piece of art. By Lucy Mack.

We are enjoying our drama sessions with Mr Sewell. We have learnt that you need imagination, cooperation and a little bit of confidence to be good at drama. By Valentina Todros and Paige Double.

On the first day back this term we went to the Bandiana Army Museum with our KWE buddies. We learnt about the machinery the soldiers used when they were at war. We also saw some of the medals awarded for such things as acts of bravery. By Lillian Eggleton.

Last Wednesday we travelled to the Equestrian Centre for our Cross Country. We enjoyed our 3km run. Many of us will be heading to the District Carnival. By Jonathon Gillard.

Recently, Year 6 had a visit from a champion Australian netball player. We did muscle building workouts and games that focused on team work. We also talked about healthy lifestyles and our future goals. Everyone had a fantastic time. By Ruby Brooks.