Dear All

Today our Year 6 leaders, will be attending the GRIP Leadership Day. We look forward to their reports. Thanks for taking them Mrs Dicketts!

EXCURSIONS

There are a number of major excursions occurring between now and the end of the term.

Year 6 students will be heading to Canberra for the four days after the long weekend. Year 5 students will be going to Melbourne, Ballarat and Bendigo in the last week of the term.

These excursions take a lot of planning and preparation and I thank our staff who have willingly ‘put up their hands’ to travel with our students.

Our students are getting very excited about these trips and I cannot commend these activities highly enough. They complement the curriculum being taught at this time of the year, but also enhance life skills such as independence, managing time, getting along with others etc.

Year 6 – only 13 more sleeps to go!

MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING

Next week students in Years 3-6 will participate in the school finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking competition. I know that many of our students have been working very hard on their speeches and I thank all of the families who have assisted their children.

If you have not yet heard your child/ren’s speeches, please ask them to present them to you. Thanks Mrs Pargeter for coordinating this activity.

PSSA SPORT CODE OF CONDUCT

PSSA Sport commences next Friday 5 June. The Players Fair Play Code and the Parents Code of Conduct make up our back page this week. Please read these with your child/children so they understand that participants have responsibilities.

ASSIGNMENT STARTERS

Quite a few parents have mentioned that they have difficulty assisting our students to complete assignments, because they do not know where to access appropriate materials. The following link is provided by the DEC to assist families. When you have time, it has a host of information and some very good links:


STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Brigitta Schwarz and her husband Aaron on the birth of their first child, Addison. Mother, father and baby are all doing well!

Enjoy the week!
Vicki Harris - Principal
ZONE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL - This Friday almost 60 students will be representing our school at the Albury Zone Cross Country Carnival. It will be run at the Albury Equestrian Centre off Corry’s Road Thuroona. The first races, the 8/9 years boys and girls races will begin at about 12:30pm. Races will be run in age order with the final race, the 12/13 years girls, starting at about 1:25pm. Students are reminded to bring lunch, water and something warm to wear before and after their race. Students will be wearing school sport shirts provided by the school on the day. We are looking for some volunteers to wash these shirts, if you can help, please see myself or Mr Bourke on the day. Good luck to all our runners.

Dylan Clift, Cross Country Coordinator.

PAUL KELLY CUP - On Friday 22 May, 58 Stage Three students were selected to represent Albury Public School at the annual Paul Kelly Cup AFL gala day. APS had four teams entered on the day with two girls and two boys teams playing several games throughout the day. APS were successful with a girls team making it through to the Grand Final to play St Pats, unfortunately losing by a small margin! A big thankyou to all of the parents who were able to help out on the day! Well done to those who represented APS with pride and demonstrated sportsmanship on the day!

Chris Bourke & Christel Pargeter, Paul Kelly Cup Coordinators.

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING - This week students are presenting speeches to their peers which are based on one of the topics for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Two representatives from each of the classes will be chosen to present their speech at the school final on Tuesday 2 June (Week 7). Years 3 and 4 students will present their speeches at 11.20am while Year 5 and 6 students will present their speeches at 10.00am. Ms Howard and Ms Harris will adjudicate the speeches.

Congratulations to all of the students who have prepared a speech based on the MPPS topics as public speaking is a very important skill to develop and practise.

Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.

STARTSMART PROGRAM - Year 5 and 6 students have recently taken part in a financial literacy workshop presented by Katie from the Commonwealth Bank. The students now have a much better understanding of:
- identifying a goal to put money towards, for example saving for an ipad
- earning money by doing chores
- saving some of their earnings to put towards their goal, rather than spending all of it.

These lifelong skills will be helpful for our students. Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.

LIBRARY NEWS - Today, Wednesday, the children from 2LN and 2/3LK were involved in the National Simultaneous Storytime. They joined thousands of other children Australia-wide who were read “The Brothers Quibble” by Aaron Blabey. The children from Year 1 and the remaining Year 2 classes will be experiencing the story later this week.

Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.

BOOK CLUB - A reminder that the BOOK CLUB orders are due in this Friday 29 May. The online option of ordering and payment is proving to be popular – why not give it a try.
Thank you to those people who have brought in donations. They really help out the canteen. On Mondays and Tuesdays if any parents who do reading in class would like to help in the canteen for recess serving, please call in and let us know. Just 11:00-11:20am is all that is required.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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Thank you, Rachael & Ali, Ph- 60212370.

**LEARNING IN THE STEPHANIE ALEXANDER PROGRAM**... As well as learning important knowledge about health, nutrition and sustainability and the skills required to grow, harvest and cook fresh seasonal food, the students participating in the Stephanie Alexander Program also learn English and mathematics skills, but SSSHHHHHHH! Don’t tell them that! Students have been practising their literacy skills through poetry, reading procedural recipes, reflecting on experiences, expanding vocabulary, painting signs for the garden and writing thank you letters. Recently we entered a Yates Junior Landcare writing competition where students rose to the challenge of documenting the growth of seeds in an imaginative way in only 50 words, with some really impressive results!

We have also been busy bottling some worm juice to raise money for a Save the Bee campaign. Please keep your eyes out for this gardener’s ‘liquid gold’ at the front office.

We are very lucky to have the help of some wonderful volunteers, Lou Richardson and Simon Schifferle who come to the kitchen and garden weekly to assist us. The SAKGP would not run as smoothly without these lovely people’s help and we would like to extend a huge thank you from the Year 4 students who love seeing them.

Thank you also for the many donations so far this year, including lemons from the Travassaros family and seedlings from the Howlong Nursery. If you haven’t had a chance yet, please visit our garden at the western end of the staff carpark to see how fantastic it is looking. Our chooks are looking pretty happy and healthy too after all the TLC given by our students! If you would like to contribute, but don’t have the time you might like to consider donating to the program. At present we are in need of some additional trowels, secateurs and chook food including grit. Thank you in anticipation. Lynda Joyce and Leanne Schifferle.

**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

**PCYC – DANCE CLASSES** – Albury Police Citizens Youth Club dance classes are unique, providing fun in a non-competitive environment. Jazz and Hip Hop Classes are available on Tues and Thurs afternoons. Please phone 6021 7437 for further information.

**ALBURY OOSH VACATION CARE** – Bookings for July School Holidays open at 7:30am on Monday 1 June. Follow the links from the Albury City website www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au Recent changes in policy will see families with an active After School Care Booking receive priority with their booking. Children in Year 4 are now eligible to attend the Vacation Care Program at St Pats. Any queries please call the service on 6043 5630.

**ROBYN SMITH NETBALL CAMPS** – to be held at the Lauren Jackson Sports centre on 29 June and 30 June. Please call 5762 7494 or 0418 979 459 or visit www.robynsmithnetballcamps.com for further information.

**R J SHIELD CHESS TOURNAMENT YARRAWONGA** – 31 May - a fun day of competition chess, from the novice to the established player. Please register online at www.rjshield.com/yarrawonga. Phone Karen-0437 176 769.

**Gold Certificates**

CONGRATULATIONS TO- Ava Tuksar, Kaitlyn Simuong, John Ewin, Edith Freeman, Harriet Murphy, Lily Alexander, Ella Riches, Skylah Packer, Darby Seymour and Sophie Irvine.
PLAYERS CODE OF FAIR PLAY

- Play for the fun of it.
- Play by the rules and always abide by the decisions of officials.
- Control your temper. Make no criticism either by word or gesture. Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be willing to train and prepare for the game or competition. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.
- Play only when you are fully fit. To play with injury will handicap your team, and may expose you to the risk of further and more serious injury.
- Be a good sport. Applaud the good play of your team mates and that of your opponents.
- At all times cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents, for without them you do not have a competition.
- Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

PARENTS CODE FOR SUPPORT OF FAIR PLAY

- Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
- If children are interested in sport, encourage them to participate. Refrain from forcing an unwilling child to participate.
- Remember that children participate in organised school sports for their enjoyment and fulfilment, not yours.
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as winning so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement. Never ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Always encourage the principle of good sportsmanship.
- Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all individuals and all teams.
- Do not publicly question the officials’ judgement and never their honesty.
- Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teachers in coaching positions. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child and deserve your support.
- Have realistic expectations for your child and her or his team. Do not expect more than they can give.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form.