Dear All,

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND STAFF!- Last week I had the pleasure of sharing the Canberra Excursion with our Year 6 students. They were a credit to their families and school. It was VERY pleasing to have venue staff comment positively on the behaviour of our students and just as importantly on their readiness and knowledge. Thank you to our Year 6 teachers for preparing our students so that when we visited venues such as Parliament House, The Electoral Commission and the Museum of Democracy, our students were able to understand new information because the background had already been established!

Sincere thanks to Miss Brooker for her organisation. Thanks go to the staff who shared the experience: Mr Border, Mr Bourke, Miss Brooker, Mrs Eckley, Mr Nichols! We appreciated you giving up your time so that our students could experience such a great opportunity!

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS- During the last few weeks, teachers have been very busy completing assessments with their students and writing Semester 1 Student Reports. These reports will be accompanying today’s newsletter. Your child’s report is based on their performance while completing daily tasks in the classroom, formal and informal assessments, teacher observations and completing group activities. Comments regarding both your child’s academic and social development are included in the report. If you have any questions about your child’s report, your first enquiry should be with your child’s teacher. Please phone the office to make a mutually convenient appointment.

YEAR 5 EXCURSION- The Year 5 Camp to Melbourne and Ballarat is on next week. Yesterday, the students met together to listen to our expectations on the trip and what they would be doing and required to do, to ensure they were ready for the activities. Have a great trip!

EDUCATION WEEK- This is an early notice that we will be celebrating Education Week on Wednesday 29 July (Term 3, Week 3). K-2 classrooms will be open between 11:20 and 12:00noon. Year 3-6 classrooms will be open between 12:00noon and 12:40pm. During these times, classes will all be involved in Maths activities which we would like families to join in with.

2016 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS- It is important that we are given details of children who will be commencing Kindergarten in 2016 at Albury Public School as soon as possible. At present we already have 46 students who will commence their formal schooling with us next year.

BOOK CLUB- A big thank you to Penny Pope and Susie Geering; two of the generous parents who volunteer at our school, giving many hours organising and sorting our Scholastic Book Club Orders. Thanks also to the many families who purchase books and related materials using Scholastic orders. The school receives a commission from each order which allows us to purchase classroom resources and books.

STUDENT SAFETY- In the last couple of days, I have UNFORTUNATELY witnessed: a student chase a ball onto Smollett St; a student cross David St at the lights, against the red; and a student run across David St at 3:05pm because their parent called them across. All of these children were in the care of their parents!

PLEASE encourage your children to obey road rules, not bend them!

If you are dropping your children off at school, park on the school side of the road correctly, not in bus zones, near driveways or double-parked. We are concerned about the safety of your children! Parents must come in and collect their child as we do not allow children to run out to cars. Please help us to keep your children safe.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY REMINDER
Students commence Term 3 on Tuesday 14 July. The day before, Monday 13 July, all staff will be involved in professional learning activities with other schools.

Enjoy the week! Vicki Harris - Principal
SPORTS NEWS

PSSA JUNIOR SOCCER GOLD - Last Friday APS Gold played and won against Scots. The score was 7 – 0. We fielded 14 players who were amazingly enthusiastic, showed great hand/eye skills, dribbling skills and terrific sportsmanship. Thank you to parents and grandparents for your support. It was a pleasure to accompany such a wonderful group of young players.
Lynn Macleod, Coordinator.

PSSA JUNIOR SOCCER BLUE - On Friday afternoon APS Blue enjoyed a friendly game of soccer against Lavington East. It was a fairly evenly matched game which resulted in a 3-all draw. Albury Public School students were an excellent example of good sportsmanship and an enjoyable day was had by all. Well done! Kirstie Browne, Coordinator.

PSSA HOCKEY - Our junior side played a very skillful St Pats team on Friday afternoon. Both teams participated well in the game with great sportsmanship displayed by all. The senior team played against Jindera in a very close match. There was some great passing of the ball around amongst the players which allowed everyone to be involved. Well done to everyone, especially since both teams were short of players. Sue Waters, Coordinator.

PSSA NETBALL - Junior A played Lavington. They had a great win 11-0. Best player was Eliza Mooney. Junior B played an even game against Thurgoona. They had a nil all draw. We saw some great passes and spreading out for the ball a bit more. Emily Hillam was great and Isabel Frichot also played well. Thanks to Sophia Clift and Emma Sullivan who played for North Albury this week.
Nadene King, Coordinator.

PSSA JUNIOR AFL - On Friday our APS Junior AFL team went to Jelbart Park to play against St Pats Gold. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and again our boys showed great sportsmanship and had lots of fun. It was a competitive game and we really enjoyed playing against the St Pats Gold team taking home a win. Harry Grigg, Lochie Semmler and Caleb Clemson displayed some great skills throughout the game. Thanks again for the parent support, we really appreciate it.
Donna Hodgson, Coordinator.

MURRAY CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC - On Monday afternoon students in Stage 2 and 3 enjoyed a quality musical performance by a duo from the Murray Conservatorium. The duo played upbeat, toe-tapping music with the jazz saxophone and drums. They also conducted student workshops yesterday. Many thanks to the Murray Conservatorium for providing this wonderful opportunity for our students. If you would like more information about the music lessons being offered at the Murray Conservatorium please ring 60414249 or pick up a brochure from our front office.

MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING - Congratulations to Harriet Murphy (4CCB), Mia Graham (3CC), Ziggy Lamond (5/6AB) and James Steer (6AKB) who are the winners of the APS Final of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. We wish them good luck when they present their speeches as well as an impromptu speech at the District MCPS Competition on Wednesday 24 June at Thurgoona PS. Christel Pargeter, MCPS Coordinator.

RIVERINA CROSS COUNTRY - Congratulations to the eight students who represented Albury PSSA at the recent Riverina Cross Country carnival in Gundagai. Pictured are Zach Williams and Caleb Clemson enjoying the sunshine!
Canteen News—Thank you for the donations that keep trickling in. A ‘HUGE’ thank you to the Dempster family for the large grocery donation. These donations help the canteen send more profits to the P & C which benefits the whole school. Still a couple of gaps in the roster for this term. If you can help, please call in or phone. Thank you, Rachael & Ali, Ph- 60212370.

Thurs 18
9:00-11:00am Danielle Williams
11:00-1:30pm Mel Wills
Fri 19
9:00-11:30am Anna
12:45- 1:15pm Jackie Carroll
Mon 22
12:30- 1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Tues 23
12:30- 1:30pm Sue Shiphard
Wed 24
11:00- 1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Thurs 25
9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED
11:00-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Fri 26
9:00- 1:30pm Anna
12:30-1:30pm Jocelyn

Community Noticeboard

Flyaway Gymnastics School Holiday Programs—Looking for something fun to book your children into these school holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics is offering school holiday programs in both Albury and Wodonga, running in both weeks of the holidays. We have our regular holiday feature which is a two hour structured gymnastics program for children aged 5-12 years. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We are also offering trampoline and dance gym workshops which give children aged 5 - 16 years a great introduction to this sport. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices and times please call (02) 6041 1127 in Albury or (02) 60241129 in Wodonga or visit www.flyawaygymnastics.com.au

Refugee Week Screening at Albury High School—The film "The Good Lie" starring Reese Witherspoon will be screened as a refugee week event on Thursday 18 June at 7:00pm in the Albury High School Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are $10 at the door or $8 if you buy them on line. It’s a fantastic film about the lost boys of Sudan and their journey via Kenya to the US. Megan Salter, EAL Teacher, Albury High School- 60213488.

Wombats Hockey Club—Interested in learning to play hockey? We are recruiting boys and girls for our Under 9s team. We play on Saturday mornings at the Albury Hockey Centre from 9:45 to 11:00am. If you would like to come along and give hockey a try, contact Toni Henderson (0417 539 592) or Cayte Campbell (0402 435 433)

Bonegilla Sunday Roast—Each month Bonegilla celebrate the traditional roast and learn about the migrants’ first thoughts of an Australian menu. There are guided tours from 11:00am and then a hearty roast lunch is served at 12:30pm. For further enquiries please phone 02 6020 6912.

Snow Trek and Travel Wodonga’s Mini Series—Cross country ski race series for primary and secondary kids, to be held at Falls Creek. Dates are Sundays 28 June, 26 July, 9 August and 30 August. For further enquiries please contact Lynn-Maree Cullen via email lmc0511@gmail.com or mobile 0409 592 226

Get A Grip On Tennis—Four day clinic from Monday 6 - Thursday 9 July. 12 hours of being introduced to the game, honing your skills, or for the more experienced being pushed out of your comfort zone! Informative fun packed action @Albury Tennis Club: Mitchell Street Albury. Bookings essential through Kate on 60416408, 0418 572 626, email kate@getagripontennis.com or visit www.getagripontennis.com

Murray Conservatorium Presents “Allegro”—Saturday 20 June at 7:30pm. Please contact 02 6041 4249 for bookings and further information.

Holiday Soccer Clinics—For locations and registrations visit www.australianssoccerclinics.com.au or phone 1300 002 934

Introduction To Autism Workshop—Tuesday 14 July at the Wagga RSL Club. Register on-line at edworkshops@autismspectrum.org.au or telephone 02 89778353.
Year 6 Canberra Excursion

On Tuesday 9th June we departed Albury Public for our trip to Canberra. That day we visited Government House and the National Capital Exhibition. Later that evening we attended the Australian Institute of Sport where we participated in various sports activities.

Day 2- On Wednesday we visited Parliament House and saw the Upper and Lower Houses. We also stopped off at the Australian Electoral Commission and Old Parliament House. Year 6 also had an opportunity to introduce a bill in the House of Representatives through role play at Parliament House. That evening we visited the National Dinosaur Museum. It was a fantastic experience and we all had fun!

Day 3- Thursday was another fun-filled day with our first stop being the Royal Australian Mint, followed by the CSIRO. Our guide told us about the many fascinating scientific investigations happening at CSIRO such as the creation of Wi-Fi. We spent the afternoon at the War Memorial. That night we went rock climbing which was thrilling.

On our last day we visited the National Museum of Australia. Here we saw the very first Holden car that was ever built, Phar Lap’s heart and rode in Australia’s only revolving “Circa Theatre”. Our final stop was Questacon. We all enjoyed the interactive exhibits especially the vertical slide.