Dear All

SCHOOL MUSICAL - ‘# The Day The Crayons Quit’. Our school musical is being held on the evenings of Wednesday 9 September and Thursday 10 September commencing at 7:30pm. Tickets will go on sale this Friday morning 14 August at 9:00am. Tickets are $14.00 each. If purchased online there is a $1.00 transaction fee for each ticket and 1.75% credit card fee. If tickets are purchased over the phone or in person at the Box Office there is a $3.00 transaction fee (for unlimited number of tickets) and a 1.06% credit card fee. The Box Office is open from Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm and the phone number is 02 60435610. The Box Office is located on the walkway between the Theatre and Convention Centre. For online bookings go to alburycity.nsw.gov.au/entertainment. Today your child will bring home a permission note to attend our two rehearsals at the Entertainment Centre. Please return this permission note as soon as possible to your classroom teacher. Please note the second rehearsal, Wednesday 9 September, is a dress rehearsal and students will be required to wear their costume to school on that day. A costume note was sent home last week. If you have any questions/concerns about your child’s costume requirements please see your child’s teacher.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH- We still have a number of students who have not returned their permission to publish notes. A copy of the note can be printed from our website. Please be aware that the note must be returned, with you either ticking the box to grant or not grant permission. No names or photos will be published in the newsletter, website or Facebook page if we do not receive your note granting permission.

PRIMARY PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE- Next Thursday and Friday I will be attending the Riverina Primary Principals Conference at the Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga. Guest speakers from the Department of Education will provide updates on all of the current issues and reforms.

THE TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY- This term, our Year 6 students, like many other public school students in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. The survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 20 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form for this second survey is being sent home with Year 6 students today. If you do not want your child to participate, please return the form to school by 19 August. Copies of the form and frequently asked questions are available from the website above. The second online parent survey will be available later this term.

YEAR 3 WYMAH CAMP- A reminder that the Year 3 Camp expression of interest note was sent home last week and the deposit is due on 21 August. The camp will be held at the Wymah Valley Retreat located on the shores of Lake Hume on Wednesday 14 and 15 October. Please return your note and deposit as soon as possible so we can finalise the planning.

Carolyn Howard, Principal (Rel)
STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER- Student Councillors are supporting Claire Macdonald, an ex Albury Public student. Claire is currently in Year 9 at Albury High School. This year a group of students, including Claire, is part of a program called the Murray Industry & Community Education Partnership Program (MICEEP). In this program, the students work with mentors from TAFE to raise awareness for issues that they find important. This term the focus is on youth homelessness. To help raise awareness for youth homelessness and also help out local homeless centres, donation boxes will be placed throughout the community to collect items like food and toiletries. A donation box will be placed in the school foyer. The items that we would be accepting are non-perishable, non-cook foods such as baked beans, canned spaghetti, two minute noodles and tubs of fruit. The centre we are donating these items to often place homeless youths in a hotel for a night to help them get back on their feet. These hotels have limited cooking resources, usually only a kettle, hence why the foods are preferably non-cook.

If you do chose to support this cause it would be greatly appreciated by both the MICEEP students and also the wider community. Please place items in the box at the school foyer from today until Friday 21 August. With thanks, Student Councillors and Leann Dicketts, Assistant Principal.

SPELLING BEE – CLASS AND SCHOOL FINALS- This week Years 3 to 6 classes are deciding on their two Spelling Bee finalists for the School Final to be held next Wednesday morning in the school hall. Brush up on the word-lists and maximise your chances using the link below:- www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2015-premiers-spelling-bee . The password to enter is robot . Students in Years 3 - 4 should access the Junior word list, while students in Years 5 - 6 should access the Senior list.

Good luck! Dylan Clift, Coordinator.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE (PRC):- The 2015 Challenge is in its final stages. Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by Friday 21 August (11:59pm). This allows myself, as the coordinator, time to complete any required follow-up and to validate student’s reading logs. To date, 38 students have completed the Challenge! Please keep entering your reading logs on-line. Remember if you have a problem or have a print copy of your reading log please see me as soon as possible.

The website is:- https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
Happy reading! Alison Griffith, PRC Coordinator.

SPORTS NEWS- PSSA SENIOR AFL- In Week 3, the Senior AFL team played North Albury at the Urana Rd Oval. We came away with a very convincing win. Four of our team members volunteered to assist the opposition at the change of each quarter as they were short of players. It is very pleasing that our boys are willing to change sides and help out so eagerly.

Last Friday the Senior AFL team played St Pats at Noreuil Oval. The final score was 62 to 31, St Pats way. Our boys played a terrific game that demonstrated an improved level of skills and understanding of positions. Again, the boys are to be congratulated for their fair play and ability to involve one another in the game. Thank you to Mr Mick Murphy and Mr Peter Steer for managing the team and umpiring.

Christel Pargeter, Senior AFL Coordinator.

PSSA SOCCER- Juniors- APS Gold 2 lost to Thurgoona 5 at Waites Park, APS Blue 4 defeated St Annes 2 at Black Range Park. This Friday’s games for the Junior and Senior teams:- Gold Vs Jindera at Alexandra Park, Blue Vs Hume Public at Alexandra Park.

Dylan Clift and Chris Bourke, Coordinators.

REGIONAL BOYS SOFTBALL REPRESENTATIVES- The Riverina Regional boys softball trials were held in Wagga Wagga last Friday. Four boys from our school attended: Nathan Johannis and three other boys. All four boys impressed the selectors during the day-long trials and they all made the final "Possibles Vs Probables" teams. Two of our students were successful in gaining selection in the Regional team which will play in Sydney later this term. Congratulations boys on this wonderful achievement and good luck at the State Championships. A big thanks to Nathan’s father who helped transport the boys to Wagga Wagga.

Dylan Clift, Softball Coordinator.

STAGE 3 SCIENCE- Stage 3 students have been working with Mr Paul Schupina from Albury High School, honing their science skills. We are asking for donations of clear, 2 litre soft drink bottles please for the budding scientists. Please bring bottles to 5AP classroom.

Penny Power, 5AP Classroom Teacher.
Gold Certificates

CANTEEN NEWS- We have had an overwhelming response to our Pasta Day with about 300 orders! Due to over 200 milkshakes being ordered we have had to replace them with Nippy’s type milk, as we would not have physically been able to make so many. Thank you so much for supporting the canteen. We hope you have all enjoyed the day. Thank you to all our helpers. We really appreciate your efforts. Rachael and Ali, 60212370.

ROSTER
Thurs 13 9:00-11:30am Janet Osborne 11:00-1:30pm Mel Wills
Fri 14 9:00-11:30am Anna 9:00– 1:30pm Elizabeth
9:00-11:30am ONE HELPER PLEASE
Mon 17 12:30- 1:30pm Tracey Kellock
Tues 18 12:30- 1:30pm Lou Richardson
Wed 19 11:00- 1:30pm Tracey Brown
Thurs 20 11:00- 1:30pm Angela Walters
Fri 21 9:00-11:30am HELPERS NEEDED 11:00-1:30pm HELPERS NEEDED

LIBRARY NEWS- Next week is Children’s Book Week. The theme this year is “Books light up our world”. This ties in beautifully with the International Year of Light. All the students have been given the opportunity to create their own light bulb picture to illuminate which book/s light up their world. (This was started in class time, and can be completed at home.) These are going to be displayed in the library and classrooms. Next Thursday students are encouraged to bring their favourite book to share with their class.

MORE LIBRARY NEWS!! The library has a new operating system! It is called Oliver. Over the next few years it will be introduced across the state into all NSW Public Schools. It looks quite different and allows the students to access the library via their student portal. This means that they can perform tasks such as search for resources and renew books without having to physically visit the library.
Alison Griffith, Teacher/Librarian

P & C NEWS– The P & C is holding their next meeting on 25 August at Sodens Hotel on the corner of David and Wilsons Sts at 7:30pm. Everyone is invited to come along and join us for a quick meeting and then some time to chat. Topics on the agenda include PSSA uniforms and plants for the David St garden. We look forward to seeing you there.
Kate Preston, P & C President.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS
All the students have been very busy in the garden and kitchen. Even though the weather has been pretty cold there is plenty to do to get our garden ready for spring. In the kitchen we have been cooking with lots of herbs and goodies still available from the garden. There have been many wonderful people helping us in the Kitchen/Garden this term.
A special thank you to those listed below who have given their time, it is very much appreciated:-
Jackie Wakley for washing our aprons, tea towels and table cloths,
Lou Richardson for helping us in the garden,
Marie Morell who has made special aprons for us and each week does our “washing” and
Ava McMillan’s grandmother for the plants she has donated.
Leanne Schifferle, Kitchen Specialist.

1MD students really got into the spirit of PJ Day last Wednesday. The school community raised over $700!
Our English unit this term was called “ROFL” - (ROLL ON the FLOOR LAUGHING). We've learnt all about comedy, humour, satire and different ways that it can all be presented.

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF COMEDY. HERE ARE SOME OF OUR FAVOURITES.

- VISUAL
- BLACK HUMOUR
- IRONY
- SLAPSTICK
- CRINGE COMEDY
- BATHOS / PATHOS
- PARODY
- SATIRE

Some people just need a pat on the back.

Here’s a joke for you............HOW DOES A BEE GET TO SCHOOL?

BY A BUZZ...!

HA HA