Dear All

Congratulations to the vast majority of our students who have settled well and are focussed upon extending their learning. It has been great to see some wonderful activities planned and completed, both in and out of our classrooms. I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to talk with 3/4CH students last week when they were using various implements of measurement to estimate and then measure parts of our playground. The concepts of estimation and actual measurement were very clearly demonstrated with quite a few of the students adjusting their estimations after they had completed their first measurement.

SCRIPTURE NOTES
All students in Years 1, 2 and 3, as well as K-6 students who have indicated Catholic Religion on their enrolment forms will be taking home scripture notes today. Scripture lessons are offered to all students in Years 1, 2 and 3, as well as Catholic students.

Please complete and return the forms indicating whether or not you wish your child to attend scripture (Special Religious Education), by next Wednesday please.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
It is a legal requirement that any people working with children must make certain declarations. We really appreciate assistance in classrooms and at sporting activities, but we are required to enforce the legal obligations. If you are a parent or relative of an enrolled student you are required to complete a declaration and provide a 100 point check at the front office.

If you are not related to a student and wish to volunteer at the school, you are required to visit the RMS (RTA) and complete a declaration and have the declaration verified (at no cost). The link below will take you to a site which will explain which documents can be used to provide the 100 point check:


MERIT CERTIFICATES -
· Blue Certificates are presented on a fortnightly basis at assembly.
· Each class teacher awards Blue Certificates at combined assemblies.
· Each class teacher K-Yr 2 awards four Blue Certificates at fortnightly assemblies.
· Each class teacher Yr 3 – Yr 6 awards six Blue Certificates at fortnightly assemblies.
· When a student has received five Blue Certificates they are returned to the teacher and are eligible for a Gold Certificate and $1.00 Canteen Voucher.
· When a student has gained Five Gold Certificates he/she is invited to Morning Tea with their Parents/Carers, Deputy Principal and Principal.

For students who enrol at Albury Public School after Year 2 the following allowances are made: Year 3—4 Gold Certificates, Year 4—3 Gold Certificates, Year 5—2 Gold Certificates and Year 6 - 1 Gold Certificate -to attend Parent/Carer Morning Tea

FAMILY LAW- We know that some families experience breakdown. In meeting our obligations to students and parents, the Department of Education and Communities relies on a number of basic principles. Among the most important is that schools’ decisions in relation to family issues will be based on what is considered to be in the best educational interests of the child. Also of paramount importance is the continued effective
and efficient operation of the school. Parents have a responsibility to advise the school immediately if any change to family circumstances occur which has the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and the parents and/or students. Unless schools are informed otherwise (e.g. by providing a copy of the court orders), they will assume that both parents retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving their children's education at the school: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/familylaw/index.php

BIKES AT SCHOOL

Quite a few of our students are now riding to school. We cannot guarantee that the bikes will be safe at school. Sometimes, for a variety of reasons, the bikes are left at school overnight (or for days). Unfortunately in the past, some bikes have disappeared. We strongly recommend that students bring a bike lock to school and lock their bike in the bike enclosure. If you are worried about your child losing the key, perhaps a combination lock would be appropriate as they can learn the number.

P & C MEETING

Next Tuesday evening at 7.30pm the first P & C meeting of the year will be held in the staffroom. Parking will be available in the school grounds. All families are welcome to attend.

Enjoy your week
Vicki Harris—Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

Friday 5 February was a perfect day for a swimming carnival. We were very pleased that so many more children chose to compete in the 50m pool than in previous years. Special thanks must go to the many parents who donated their time to help with the various jobs that needed doing during the day. I would also like to thank the staff who support the carnival, whether it is at the pool or back at school.

The results are as follows:

1st Hume 443 points
2nd Mitchell 366 points
3rd Hovell 349 points
4th Murray 340 points

CHAMPIONS

Jnr Girl
Champion - Daisy Tuksar 36pts
Runner Up - Ryleigh Hogan 22pts

11 year Girl
Champion – Harriet Murphy 36pts

11 year Boy
Champion – Jack Wills 48pts
Runner Up – Ryan Yensch 14pts

Snr Girl
Champion – Ava Tuksar 48pts
Runner Up – Phoebe Grigg 36pts

Snr Boy
Champion – Deacon Hogan 40pts
Runner Up – Brodie Porta 20pts

Rosemay Coughlan, Coordinator.

PSSA WATER POLO - At the conclusion of our School Swimming Carnival, some Senior students took part in activities to enable them to attend Riverina Water Polo trials in March. Congratulations to: Deacon Hogan, Ruby Martin, Lara Butlin, Lillian Eggleton, Eliza Carroll, Lucy Mack, Harriet Murphy, Beau Morrison and Jonah Morgan who will now take part in the Regional trials in Wagga later this term.

Christel Pargeter, Coordinator

DISTRICT PSSA CRICKET - Last Wednesday, Caleb Clemson, Jack Kelso, Lochie Semmler, Joseph Woeckel-Hynes, Brodie Porta and Jake Cooper attended cricket trials. Brodie Porta and Jake Cooper were successful in making the squad of players from the Albury District who will now take part in further selection trials in Deniliquin, later this term. Well done boys! Christel Pargeter, Coordinator.

PSSA TENNIS TRIALS - Last week a number of students braved the heat and had a hit out for PSSA Tennis Selections. Thank you to those boys and girls who came along. Congratulations to Noah Spry, Harry Grigg, Luke Van Zanten, Jack Kelso, Mariana Hortas Vieira, Jordyn Hopkins, Ava Marcuzzi and Lylah Ellao, who showcased their ability to hit an excellent forehand, backhand and serve, as well as having great foot work and knowledge of the game. They will be going on to the Albury PSSA Tennis Trials this Friday. Good luck!

Rachel Crawford, Tennis Convenor.

RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION PROGRAM - Next Wednesday 24 February our Kindergarten students will be participating in this program in our school hall at 11:30am. This is a
wonderful opportunity for the students to learn about dog care and safety. The Pet Educator will help teach the students how to be safe around dogs and how to say hello to dogs when they are with their owners. There will be lots of listening, role plays, singing and dancing. The Pet Educator will be bringing her own trained dog with her for this visit. The 4 Kindergarten classes will attend this 40 minute program accompanied by their teachers.

Gail Eckley, Assistant Principal.

CLASS PARENT- PLEASE NOTE– The mobile number for Jessica Wilkinson is 0431 275 029. The number in last week’s newsletter was incorrect.

2016 RIDE2SCHOOL DAY: FRIDAY 4 MARCH
Ride2School Day is just over 2 weeks away! This year there will be a focus on educating students about bike safety and improving their riding skills. Once again we will have “bike-trains”, led by teachers from different parts of Albury. Overflow bike parking will be in the gym and one of Cycle Station’s excellent mechanics will visit, so students can have their bikes checked for road-worthiness by a professional. We will also be running activities during the day for those who ride their bikes to school. We encourage parents to begin planning and practising safe routes to school and talking to their children about bike safety. There will be more information about the day next week.

Dylan Clift, Class Teacher.

CANTEEN NEWS
Roster
Thurs 18 9:00-11:30am Tammy Gabriel
11:00- 1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
12:30- 1:10pm Jamey Paton
Fri 19 9:00- 11:30am Elizabeth and ONE HELPER NEEDED
11:00- 1:30pm Elizabeth and ONE HELPER NEEDED
Mon 20 11:00- 1:30pm Carla Lidbury
Tue 21 11:00- 1:30pm Genevieve
Wed 22 11:00- 1:30pm Genevieve
Thurs 23 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED
11:00- 1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Fri 24 9:00- 1:30pm Kim Collins
11:00- 1:30pm Christie Pengelly
12:30- 1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Rachael and Simone, 6021 2370.

Please ensure your child’s correct class is written clearly on their lunch order. Lunch orders should be placed in class tubs and only delivered to the canteen if the child arrives late.
4CCB’s Acrostic Swimming Poem

S  wimming at Albury Pool
W earing House colours
I   swam many laps
M edley was sooo long
M urray lost
I  did fifty metres
N ice weather
G reat chants

C heering loudly for your House
A ttempting all events
R acing with my friends
N ans and pops and mums and dads
I  nvited to watch us swim
V ery tired at the end
A lways doing our best
L ooking forward to next year!