Dear All

The hot weather of the last few days has resulted in some playground changes. We have minimised the access that the students have to playing outside during these extreme weather conditions, for their safety. If this weather continues, please ensure that your children have sufficient water to drink during the day and their hats-thank you!

Many of you would be aware that there has recently been a number of threats to schools, which have resulted in students and staff being evacuated from the school. To enhance the ongoing safety of our school community, we have regular ‘practise’ drills. At these times, the admin and other buildings will have signs attached to the doors stating ‘No Entry- Emergency Evacuation’. If you are bringing your child to school late, or taking them early, you should not enter buildings or approach classes. Please keep your children with you or wait until the drill has been completed.

BEST START KINDERGARTEN FEEDBACK REPORTS
Today all parents/carers of Kindergarten students will receive their Best Start Parent Feedback Forms. These reports state the literacy and numeracy skills your child demonstrated in their first fortnight at school. Please take the time to read great suggestions on how you can assist your child to further develop their skills in literacy and numeracy. The information gained from these assessments aid teachers in preparing effective literacy and numeracy activities which meet the individual needs of all students. Our ‘Kinders’ have settled in very well and have demonstrated amazing growth already in their four weeks at school.

SCRIPTURE NOTES
If you have not yet returned your scripture notes from last week (Kindergarten - Year 6 Catholic students and all students in Years 1, 2 and 3), could you please do so tomorrow.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to the Albury Public School Zone Swimming Team who competed today at the Albury Swim Centre. We know you tried your best and represented our school with pride! We had some really good results and these will be included in next week’s newsletter.

‘BIG SPLASH’ FUNDRAISER
Last year our staff and students supported ‘The Big Splash’, with lots of representatives participating. This year it is on again and we ask that if you would like to support this great community fundraiser, you either participate or support our teams. Thanks to Mrs Pargeter for coordinating this very worthwhile fundraising activity.

PSSA SPORT CARNIVALS AND TRIALS
Our school provides a wide range of opportunities for students who wish to represent their school, district, region or state. This year our staff are offering 17 sports. This is a huge commitment for our staff, who give up their own time to hold trials and/or provide training for school teams. Trials are held following the guidelines provided by the Albury Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) and our own Sport Policy. The Albury PSSA guidelines state that children attending Albury District trials need to have gone through a school selection process which has been organised by the school PSSA Organiser (or representative). At our school these trials are often held during

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lunchtimes by staff members. We are often limited in the number of students we can send through to district trials, and it is very rare that we can send a whole team. Any students participating in trials or carnivals must have the approval of the Principal (or delegate), before the activity. Parents cannot choose to send their children to activities at higher levels. Only students, who have been through the recognised guidelines, are eligible to participate at those activities.

If you have questions about any sport trials, please contact our school coordinator or our school team manager.

MUTUALLY CONVENIENT APPOINTMENTS
As you can appreciate staff are often very busy at the beginning and end of the day. During the last couple of weeks, some family members have gone to classrooms without appointments expecting to speak exclusively with staff members. Unfortunately this is not an ideal situation and often interrupts preparations or other commitments. If you wish to have an interview with a staff member, PLEASE make a mutually convenient appointment through the school office.

Enjoy your week, Vicki Harris - Principal

ZONE SWIMMING TEAM
Congratulations to these children who competed at today’s Zone Swimming Carnival. We know they will have represented our school with pride. Maya Black, Ella Brooks, Caleb Clemson, Jonathon Gillard, Joseph Graham, Phoebe Grigg, Deacon Hogan, Ryleigh Hogan, Ian Howsam, Rhys Kilo, Zachary King, Ruby McCaig, Eliza Mooney, Zoe Morrison, Charles Murphy, Harriet Murphy, Brodie Porta, Spencer Robertson, Mitchel Spokes, Ava Tuksar, Daisy Tuksar, Zachary Williams, Jack Wills, Ryan Yensch.

Rosemary Coughlan, Swimming Coordinator

YEAR 4 BORAMBOLA CAMP (4 - 6 MAY 2016)
Thank you to everyone who has returned the Expression of Interest note and deposit of $100. The total cost has been finalised at $305 per student. Please ensure all notes and deposits are in by next Wednesday 2 March. If you require assistance with payment please arrange to speak with Ms Harris or Ms Howard before this date. If you have any other concerns or questions regarding the camp, please speak to your child’s teacher. More information regarding requirements and activities will be provided closer to the time.

Jacqueline Henderson, Assistant Principal

2016 RIDE2SCHOOL DAY- FRIDAY 4 MARCH
Ride2School Day is just nine days away! This year there will be a focus on educating students about bike safety and improving their riding skills. We expect to have teacher-guided bike-trains running from East, South and West Albury and from Norris Park. Full details about times and meeting points will be in next week’s newsletter. Extra bike parking will be available in the school’s gym and hall. Two local bike shops, Bike Culture and Cycle Station are generously providing bike mechanics, so students can have their bikes repaired and checked for road-worthiness. 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, Classroom Teacher

ARE YOU MUSICAL?
I am looking for people who play an instrument, who would be willing to spend around 20 minutes showing Year 5 & 6 students your instrument, playing it and answering their questions. Please contact Kathryn Bonham via the school number (60213849) and leave your contact details. I will call you back to arrange a time to come into class. Musical role models are very important in developing skill and enthusiasm in music, so please help if you are able.

Kathryn Bonham, Music and Drama Teacher

SCHOOL BANKING
Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their savings for collection. Application forms are available at the school office. When you have 8 Hume coin stickers on your savings chart collect your prize at any Hume Bank branch at the end of each term. To learn more about money go to: humebank.com.au/juniorsaversclub.

CLOTHING POOL- Remember to pop in to the Clothing Pool for spare uniform items at a reduced price. The Clothing Pool is located in the Administration office and open from 8:30am -3:30pm daily.
Gold Certificates
CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Zachary King and Madison French

CANTEEN

CANTEEN NEWS ROSTER

Thurs 25  9:00-11:30am  Sara Clift
Fri 26    9:00-11:30am  HELPER NEEDED
         11:00- 1:30pm  Christie Pengelly
Mon 29    11:00- 1:30am  HELPER NEEDED
         12:15- 1:30pm  Olivia Platt
Tues 1    11:00- 1:30pm  Sue Shipard
Wed 2     9:00-11:30am  HELPER NEEDED
         1:00- 1:30pm  Andrea Lever
         1:30pm  Jacinta Harrap

SUSHI MEAL DEAL - Wednesday 2 March (next Wednesday).
Orders are requested back NO LATER than 12:00noon on
Tuesday 1 March. The normal canteen menu will still be available for lunch orders
for those children that don’t want sushi.

Please phone Rachael or Simone on 60212370 if you can help out or have any questions.

P&C FEDERATION NEWS- The P & C Federation (Riverina Electorate) would like to cordially invite
you to attend their forum at South Wagga Public School, Wagga Wagga on Thursday 7 April from
6:00-9:00pm. For further information please call
Debbie on 1300 885 982 or email– projects@pandc.org.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ALBURY WODONGA BIG SPLASH-SWIM FOR HEADSPACE 2016- Wednesday 2 March from
5:00-8:00pm at the Albury Swim Centre. Supporting headspace Albury Wodonga and Survivors of Suicide
and Friends. Enter at alburywodongabigsplash.com.au

HEADSPACE– Adolescent parenting sessions will be held on Wednesday 24 February from 6:30-8:30pm at
Headspace, 155 High Street, Wodonga.
Contact 60559555 for further information.

THE BRAVE PROGRAM– This is an online program for
the prevention, early intervention and treatment of anxiety in young people and children. It is made
possible through a partnership between UniQuest, The Brave Team and beyondblue.
For more information or to access the program, please visit
www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au

AWMTB MONUMENTAL KIDS RACE SERIES
On Sunday 6 March at 2:00pm, the Albury/Wodonga
Mountain Bike Club will host the first of five Kids
Mountain Bike Races for 2016. The first round will be
run on an easy, fun track at Hunchback Hill in
Wodonga. The event is open to children up to 12 years
of age. There will be skill/age group categories. Entry is
$20 for the series and riders will require a “Dirt-Master”
racing licence. These can be purchased on the MTBA
website: www.mtba.asn.au. Entrants will receive a free
AWMTB t-shirt at Round 2. For more information visit
the Albury Wodonga Mountain Bike Club website.
We hope to see lots of young riders there on the day.
Dylan Clift, Classroom Teacher.

ALBURY OOSH-Now offering Before School Care
7:00- 9:00am school days here at Albury Public. Don’t
leave your child unsupervised in the playground as you
rush stressfully to work, late again. Let them join us for
breakfast and some fun with friends at Albury Before
School Care. Vacancies available- call us on 6043 5630
or pop in before 9:00am or after 2:00pm.

ST PATS FC- need players in the U12 & U14 girls
and U11, U12 & U14 boys to join their football family for
season 2016. Contact Tracy at
registrar@stpatsfc.com.au or visit www.stpatsfc.com.au

ALBURY TENNIS ASSOCIATION
Junior Coaching and Pennant. Ages 5yrs-13 yrs.
Saturday mornings 9:30am to 11:30am.
Phone Ken Wurtz on 02 6021 3514 or 0418 437 313.

DRAMA FUN IN 2016 WITH SHARYN HILL
Drama classes with the Sharyn Hill School of Speech
and Drama will be offered for primary and secondary
students. Classes take place after school at Albury
Public School. For more information go to the website:
or admin@shdrama.com

For further information visit www.facebook.com/
lakehumecycle, lakeride@bigpond.net.au
or phone Colin on 0438 264 365.

LEARN FIRST AID AND BECOME A ST JOHN
VOLUNTEER- Please give Helen a call on 60 263325
or 0427 431 920 anytime. Our next meeting is Thursday
3 March at 6:30pm. Training rooms are at 510 Kiewa
St. Albury.

ALBURY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE-seeking players!
Boys and girls from Under 7yrs-Under 16yrs.
Registration will be held at Sarvaas Park , North Albury
on Sat 5 March and Greenfield Park on Saturday 2
April. For on-line registration Google “Albury Junior
Rugby League”. For further information please contact
Mark on 0481012528.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER CLINICS- Holiday Soccer
clinics will be held in Melrose Park on 18 & 19 April.
For locations and registrations visit
www.australiassoccerclinics.com.au
During Week 3, students from 6AF were introduced to their buddies from KWM for the year. It has been great to watch our students grow as leaders already, which last week saw them teach Kindergarten how to log on to the computers for the first time. They even taught them how to open a Word document, type their name and insert clip art pictures. As wonderful as it is for our senior students to ‘give back’ and become leaders, it is also great for the Kindergarten students to have another support person at school. Well done 6AF and KWM!

Poetry

I was born to be somebody
I was born to be great
I was born to be a hockey player, going to state
I was born to be somebody
I was born to be proud
I was born to be the gymnast screaming out loud

I was born to be somebody
I was born to live life
I was born to be captain, well almost; vice
I was born to be somebody
Who were you born to be
I was born to be somebody, I was born to be me

Cody