Dear All,

- More hot weather this week is having a noticeable impact upon our students. Many are more tired, as they have not slept as well and the heat during the day is impacting upon their readiness for learning in the afternoon. PLEASE ensure your children have lots to drink during the day. (Frozen drinks sent to school at the beginning of the day, stay cooler and are more enjoyable).
- The **Hockey Gala Day** which was planned for Friday 4 March has just been postponed due to hot weather. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- Yesterday Ms Howard, Mr Fisher, Mrs Just and I visited another school in our area, to look at a program which has been implemented there, focussing upon learning and ‘what it looks like’. We were very impressed with some of the concepts we saw and are now seeking more information, to share.

**Ride2School Day** - Thank you to Mr Clift who is organising the Ride2School Day this Friday. Information on ‘Bike Trains’ is included with the newsletter. Thanks also to Bike Culture and Cycle Station, who are supplying bike mechanics to ‘check over’ our bikes if required, during lunchtime. We are looking forward to lots of families taking this opportunity to share an activity which can be life-long. Physical activity is one of the most important factors in disease prevention in Australia – over the past 40 years, the number of children who are physically active every day has significantly dropped. In the 1970’s, 8 out of 10 students rode or walked to school. Today the national average is only 2 out of 10. Active travel is an easy way for students to meet their minimum daily dose of physical activity (60 minutes every day.) Students are more ready to learn after actively travelling to school.

**NB:** The staff who are leading the bike trains will only be doing so in the morning.

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### Dates for the Diary

**March**

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**Years 3 - 6 Athletics Carnival**

Our annual athletics carnival will be held on Tuesday 15 March at Alexandra Park. We cordially invite family members to share the day with us. All students will have to go to school as normal and have rolls marked. Then we will be travelling to the track by bus. Permission notes were sent out last week.

**Albury High School Family Information Night - Year 6 Students**

On Tuesday 8 March, there is a Family Information evening on at Albury High School for Year 7 students in 2017. The session will commence at 7:00pm in the Albury High School Hall. All prospective students and parents welcome to attend. Entry is via Griffith St. For further information please phone 60213488.

**Parent Teacher Interview Sheets**

During Week 9 (commencing Monday 21 March) parents and carers will have the opportunity to meet with class teachers to discuss their children’s progress during this term. Interview times will be allocated on a ‘first-in’ basis. Each class will send home an individual interview request form, which will have available times on them. You are asked to pick three options in preference order, for your interview. As you can appreciate, our staff also have commitments with their families and school, which they also have to work around, so not all times are available for every class. The interview request forms are to be returned to your class teacher, as soon as possible please, (not to the office). If for some reason your allocated interview is not convenient, or you are unable to attend during Week 9, please contact your class teacher to make a mutually convenient alternative time. If you are unable to make the allocated interview, please contact the school office on 6021 3849, to notify staff that you are unable to attend.

**Albury Gold Cup Half Day**

Friday 18 March has been gazetted as a Half Day Public Holiday for the Albury Gold Cup. As a result on Friday 18 March school will conclude at 12:00 noon.

Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up promptly at this time. Please note, BUSES will be running on the morning ‘to school’ runs, **BUT WILL NOT BE RUNNING AT 12:00 NOON TO TAKE STUDENTS HOME.**

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P.T.O....
ATTENDANCE - Whilst we are all aware that there are, ‘just one of those days….’ in every family, some families have them more regularly than others. Every student is required to attend school for full school days. PLEASE ensure that every effort is made for your children to be at school at the start of the day, every day! The habits we start early in life, often set us up for later life.

CONGRATULATIONS - The Riverside Family Ride attracted almost 150 participants, with lots of families & children present. The Primary School Perpetual Trophy was won by Albury Public School with the highest number of registered entrants. Congratulations Albury Public. Harry Methven was one of our participants and he is holding the trophy - Well done!

Have a wonderful week, Vicki Harris - Principal

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL - Last Wednesday we sent 24 students to our Zone Swimming carnival. In extremely hot conditions they performed exceptionally well. Albury Public won the day with 517 points. We came second on handicap to Corowa. We also had many champions:-

Jnr Girl - Daisy Tuksar, 3rd Maya Black
Jnr Boy - Rhys Kilo, 2nd Charlie Murphy
11yr Girl - Harriet Murphy
11yr Boy - 2nd Jack Wills
12/13 7r Girl - Ava Tuksar, 3rd Phoebe Grigg

Congratulations to the following students who will represent the Zone at the Riverina carnival next Monday:- Ava Tuksar, Phoebe Grigg, Joseph Graham, Zoe Morrison, Ella Brooks, Charlie Murphy, Mitchel Spokes, Daisy Tuksar, Ryleigh Hogan, Rhys Kilo, Zachary King, Harriet Murphy, Jack Wills, Caleb Clemson, Brodie Porta, Maya Black, Deacon Hogan, Ruby McCaig, Ryan Yensch, Beau Morrison and Eliza Mooney.

We wish them well.

Please note that parents will need to organise transport for these students on the day. (The School will not provide this as stated on the note.) Rosemary Coughlan, Swimming Coordinator.

BIG SPLASH FUNDRAISER - On Thursday 3 March, (tomorrow) all students are reminded to bring a gold coin as a donation to support Headspace and the Big Splash event. The House Leaders will place all of the coins on the words ‘Big Splash’ after the collection. Thank you in anticipation of this worthwhile community event. There are two year 6 teams swimming in the Primary Schools 4 X 50m freestyle event. Good luck to Valentina Todros, Abbey McCaig, Dante Kirwin, Ava Tuksar, Scarlett Hayne, Zoe Dwyer, Lucy Mack, Deacon Hogan, Phoebe Grigg (reserve) and Erin Gifford (reserve) who will represent our School. We wish them all the best in their race. Thank you to all of the students who expressed an interest in the Big Splash. We are very fortunate to have so many students who are community-minded.

Chirstel Pargeter, Coordinator

STUDENT LEADERS FUNDRAISER - Each term the Student Leaders of Albury Public School raise money for a charitable organisation. This term the Student Leaders are fundraising for diabetes on Friday 11 March. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation and dress up in the colour green on Friday 11 March. Green cup cakes will also be sold at recess for $1.00 outside the Gym.

Student Leaders, Leann Dicketts, Melinda Martin and Katrina Whitehead.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - The Albury Public School Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 15 March at Alexandra Park.

This week and next week, Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be conducting trials for the field events (shot-put, discus, high jump and long jump), during sport and possibly at lunch times. It is crucial that any students wishing to trial for these events listen to the daily message sheet so they don’t miss out.

Junior events are for the 8, 9 and 10 year old students (compete together).
The 11 year old students compete together.
The senior events are for the 12 and 13 year old students (compete together).

If you have any enquiries please phone the school for further clarification.

Melinda Martin, Coordinator.

PSSA AFL TRIALS - Congratulations and best of luck to Lochie Semmler, Noah Graham, Caleb Clemson, Mitchell Lawes, Barnaby Wallgate, Tom Hyman and Jake Cooper who will represent the school at the Albury PSSA AFL trials on 3 March and 10 March at Ernest Grant Park, Thurgoona. The trials will run from 3:45 - 5:30pm (approx.) Mouthguards must be worn and students should also bring football boots, socks, a footy jumper and plenty of water.

Nathan Fisher, Assistant Principal.
RIVERINA CRICKET TRIALS- On Monday 29 February, Brodie Porta and Jake Cooper took part in cricket trials in Deniliquin in order to be considered for selection in a squad of 22 players, who will trial for the Regional team. Jake Cooper was successful in making this squad. Well done Jake and Brodie! Good luck to Jake who will now take part in winter training prior to a 50 overs match later in the year.

Christel Pargeter, Cricket Coordinator.

ROSTER

Thurs 3 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED
11:00-1:30pm HELPER NEEDED
Fri 4 9:00-11:30am Kim Collins
11:00-1:30pm Andrea Lever
Jacinta Harrap
Mon 7 11:00-1:30pm Lou Cameron
Tues 8 HELPER NEEDED
Wed 9 11:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED
12:00-1:30pm Nat Hynd
Thurs 10 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED
11:00-1:30pm Boun Robson
Fri 11 9:00-11:30am HELPER NEEDED
11:00-1:30pm Elizabeth
12:30-1:30pm Meg Rodgers

There are still a few time slots we need filled in the upcoming week, it would be great to see some new faces even if you can only come for half an hour at recess to serve at the window, it would be appreciated.

The Sushi Day orders have been overwhelming which is great. Rachael or Simone-60212370.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AWMTB MONUMENTAL KIDS RACE SERIES
This 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.

YMCA SWIM-A-THON- Thursday 3 March. This swim-a-thon raises money to provide access to swimming lessons for people with disabilities. For further information please phone Natasha Childs on 0477 926 638.

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 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 0481012526.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER CLINICS- Holiday Soccer clinics will be held at Melrose Park on 18 & 19 April. For locations and registrations visit www.australiansoccerclinics.com.au

BOOKCLUB- The Bookclub brochures were handed out yesterday. The orders and payment are due back on Wednesday 16 MARCH. Earlier this term the Kindergarten children were the recipients of $400 worth of resources made possible by the rewards gained from purchases made last year. Keep up the good work!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Scarlett Hayne, Ruby McCaig, David Green, Archie Harrap, Sarah Mooney and Ada McKendry

Gold Certificates

1MDP’s Spaghetti Towers

1MDP made Spaghetti Towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows as part of their science unit ‘Spot the Difference’.

Limor and Parv  Oscar and Heidi  Eli and Fletcher

Meleah and Tessa  Darcy  Ruby and Allyra

Lillian and Chloe  Liam and Charlie  James and Raghav

Murigu and Clyde  Olivia and Pallas
NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY
FRIDAY MARCH 4

Just 2 days to go! This Friday’s ride to school day should be a fun experience for both students and parents. It’s a great opportunity to get out for some incidental exercise with your family and travel to school in a relaxing and environmentally friendly way.

If you are planning on riding to school on Friday, great! Here are a few things to tick off in preparation:

✓ Check your bike for road worthiness. Are the tyres pumped up and do the brakes work?
✓ Ensure you have a helmet that fits properly and the straps are tight enough.
✓ Plan a safe route. Use bike-paths where available or foot-paths. It is legal for parents to ride on footpaths if they are accompanying their children. Use safe road crossings, preferably at lights. Or alternately, join one of our many “Bike-Trains”, details below.

The “Bike-Trains” will be led by a teacher, however we encourage parents to come along and help. The “Trains” will leave as close as possible to the time below and will follow the safest route to school. See the map on the other side for details of the “Bike-Train” routes.

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When arriving at school we ask that students in Years 1 to 4 park their bikes in the Gym while students in Kindergarten and Years 5 and 6 park their bikes in the Hall. Teachers will be there to ensure you park in year groups. Three gates on Smollet Street will be open for students on their bikes to enter the school.

This year we will be running bike skills clinics throughout the day for those students who ride their bikes to school. Students who do not have their bikes at school will be doing educational activities related to bike safety.

Thanks to the two local bike shops, Bike Culture and Cycle Station, who are generously providing bike mechanics, so students can have their bikes repaired and checked for road-worthiness. This will take place in the school’s Gym and Hall at lunchtime.

We hope both students and parents enjoy the experience of riding to school and are able to make it a regular activity.

Ms. Harris and Mr Clift, Ride2School Day Coordinators.