FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

School Assembly – Well done to the Year 2 class for running a great assembly last Friday. This Friday’s assembly will be run by the Year 4/5 class and will start at 11.00 am. I look forward to seeing you there.

Riverina Swimming Carnival – Congratulations to Phoebe Emerson for her selection in the Riverina Swimming Team. She will compete at the NSW Swimming Championships to be held in Sydney on 25-26 March. Phoebe qualified in 11 years freestyle, 11 years breaststroke and 11 years butterfly. It is great effort by Phoebe! Well done to all the students from our school that competed at the Riverina Carnival. It is a great achievement to make it that far.

Year 5/6 Rugby League and League Tag Mortimer Shield Gala Day – Congratulations to both teams for their efforts, behaviour and sportsmanship shown on the day. What great role models for our school! The boys played three games on the day. They defeated Lavington Public School 24-16 (Logan Wright 2 tries, Fletcher Parker 1, Braydon Eddy 1 and goals to Fletcher Weaven, Jack de Steiger and Braydon Eddy 2); defeated Trinity 10-4 (Henry Gulliver, Jack de Steiger tries and Braydon Eddy a goal); and in the final draw with Springdale Heights Public School 10-10 (Fletcher Parker, Jack de Steiger tries and Braydon Eddy, Fletcher Weaven goals). Unfortunately, we lost the final, as we didn’t score the first try. Fletcher Parker received a well-deserved award for his outstanding efforts throughout the day. I could have also given out an award to all the boys in the team! Congratulations to the girls team, and Miss Mills, for winning the girls league tag. The girls were outstanding!! They now go onto the next level in Wagga. A big thank you to all the parents for your outstanding support and for providing transport. It was an awesome day!!!
themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their children. Resilient children share four basic skill sets:

- Independence;
- Problem-solving;
- Optimism;
- Social connection.

From a resilience perspective, parents need to coach children through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them. You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

- Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a 'you can do it' attitude for your child when she/he meets some of life’s curve balls.
- Look for teachable moments. Many children’s learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.
- Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.
- Build kids coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while, and normalization.

Promoting resilience in children is not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself, and your child’s ability to cope.

**SR Netball Trials** – Congratulations to Kasey Henry, Aylee Jenkyn and Millie Walsh for making it into the Southern Riverina Netball team. They will now participate in the Southern Riverina netball trials in April. Congratulations must also go to Phoebe Emerson, Lara Pardey and Matilda Preston, for their sportsmanship and effort.

**School Cross Country Carnival** – will be held this Thursday at school. It should be a great day and I wish the students all the very best.

**Riverina East AFL Trials** – All the best to Ewan Mackinlay, Fletcher Parker, Henry Gulliver and Jack de Steiger, who will attend these trials in Coolamon this Friday.

**Harmony Day** – celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We will celebrate Harmony Day this Friday 20 March.

**AFL Clinic** – The students will take part in an AFL clinic organised and run by the AFL development Officers on Monday 23 March.

**Anti-Bullying Program** – Every week, I want to put information in the newsletter to give parents more support to help work with their children about bullying. **Strategies to Deal with Bullies – Victims should:**

1. Stay calm
2. Stand strong
3. Respond confidently
4. Walk away
5. Report to someone you trust

**Jason Weaven**
Principal

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- **Friday 20 March:** Chrissy Capell
- **Friday 23 March:** Georgie Millard
- **Monday 27 March:** Tracy Swan

**HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS**

We will be celebrating Harmony Day this Friday, 20 March. Students are asked to come dressed in orange and **bring a gold coin donation**. In the afternoon, students will be participating in some activities on Thailand, the country our sponsor child, Gewalin, comes from. Please support this wonderful day.

The Student Representative Council will be selling the following treats at long break:

- **Bouncy balls:** $3
- **Fruit tube ice blocks:** $1

All money raised will be going to Stewart House and helping children less fortunate that ourselves. If you do not wish your child to have fruit tubes please contact Miss Lavis before Friday.

**Fruit Tube Ingredients:** Reconstituted fruit juices [apple (93.2%), Grape (3.2%), Pear (1%), Orange (0.5%), Pineapple (0.5%), Passionfruit (0.3%), Mango (0.2%), Blackcurrant (0.1%)], Flavour, Colour (110), Vegetable Gum (466), Food Acid (330), Preservatives (211, 202, 223), **Contains sulphites**. Made in Australia from imported and Australian ingredients. Contains no added sugar.
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The school cross country carnival will be held this Thursday 19 March. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating. The day will commence at 10.00 am, with students walking the course and then beginning the races. Students are asked to come dressed in their house colours (Lawson – blue, Mackellar – green, Paterson – red). Parents are very welcome to come and watch the children. Thank you to those parents who have offered to assist on the day. Your help is very much appreciated. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 19 March.

Chrissy Lavis

WORTHY CHAMPIONS

I had the pleasure of accompanying the Girls League Tag Team to Albury on Tuesday. They outdid themselves on all levels, culminating in a 5 try to nil win in the final against Lavington Public School. The girls should take a bow; not only for their skills but for the way they conducted themselves over the course of the day. They are a credit to our school. Bring on Wagga!

N. Mills

MEET OUR MORTIMER SHIELD MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Congratulations to Lara Pardey and Fletcher Parker, who both received a most valuable player award for their efforts.

THANK YOU TO ALL

- Kylie Durant for your generous donation of seeds;
- Margot Pitzen for your equally generous donation of succulents;
- Mrs Mullins for your substantial donation of gardening tools;
- The Klose family for their lavish donation of sheep poo.

It is greatly appreciated. Continued donations of sheep poo are encouraged, to prepare the gardens for planting. Please direct all donations and enquiries to Narelle Mills, Kim Peterson and Adam Preston.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are encouraged to participate in this year’s Reading Challenge, which runs from 3 March to 21 August, 2015. The reading lists and all other information will be available from the school library and can also be downloaded from the website: www.nswpremiersreadingchallenge

If you require any other information, please contact the school.

P&C DIARY DATES

A.G.M – 25 March 2015 at 7.30 pm:
All executive positions are vacant and we encourage all interested parents/carers to attend the meeting. In conjunction with this, the ordinary general meeting will proceed after the AGM.

Did you Know? Over the last 3 years, the P&C have raised over $24,000, which has assisted in the provision of resources and improving facilities for our school.

MONSTER EASTER RAFFLE

The P&C are calling for donations of Easter eggs and/or related items for our Monster Easter raffle, to be held on the last day of Term 1, Thursday, 2 April 2015.

All items can be delivered to the school office and are greatly appreciated.
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Remember, every dollar counts!

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REMINDER

All Year 6 students are reminded that regardless of your choice of school, all Expression of Interest forms for Year 7, 2016 must be returned to the front office by this Friday, 20 March 2015.

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We are seeking 6 parents/carers to volunteer their time between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm on either day. This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the P&C to raise a guaranteed $600 for our school. If you are able to assist, could you please contact Sophie Hearn on 6036 5258 or 0427 034 745.

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Shorts 10, 12
Girl’s Summer Dress 6, 8, 10, 14
Winter
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt 4, 8, 10, 12
Windcheater 10
Boys’ Trousers 4, 8, 10, 12
Tartan Pants 6, 10
Tartan Skirt 8, 10, 14
Sport
Track Pants 6
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Georgina Barr-Smith – For being very polite, helpful and co-operative
Jack Pitzen – For outstanding effort and application in all areas

Mrs Preston
Jim Henry – For having a mature approach to his learning
Matilda Nevinson – For enthusiasm during assembly rehearsal

Mr Preston
Archie Gunn – For great maths test results
Angus Wright – For excellent use of colour and shade during art

Miss Lavis
Logan Buswell – Consistently high maths test results
Henry Gulliver – Fantastic spelling results

Miss Weavers
Henry Gulliver – For sharing enthusiasm and persistence in all of his school work
Millie Walsh – Excellence in maths

Miss Peterson
Cate Holt – Her perseverance and improvement in maths
Jasmine Young – Effort and application in literacy

Mr Weaven
Audrey Lieschke – For achieving great spelling results
Seth Webb – For great work in maths with patterns
Jez Wheeler – For achieving great spelling results

VALUES AWARDS – INTEGRITY
Junior: Ben Williams
Senior: Kate Bulle

STAR CARD WINNERS
Yellow Playground Star Cards
Zaydan Feltrin, Eli Toll
Blue Classroom Star Cards
Digby Gulliver, Lily Walters

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Claire Cottrell, Jack de Steiger, Braydon Eddy, Henry Gulliver, Zaydan Feltrin, Indiana Paton, Oscar Southwell, Maddy Wheeler, Reuben Wilton

25 NIGHTS READING

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Annabelle Bickley

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B2: Now open at 52 Albury Street, Holbrook. Ph: 6036 3300
Open 8.30 am to 3.00 pm 7 days
COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLBROOK AUSKICK PROGRAM
The 2015 program will commence on Friday 24 April starting at 5.30 pm at the Holbrook Sporting Complex. The program is aimed at both boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years and is a great way to get kids involved in a fun well-structured activity. Parents are able to register online at www.aflauskick.com.au. The cost is $65 per child and is payable at the sessions. For further information contact Auskick Co-ordinator, Wes Black on 0437146801.

ALBURY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE ARE SEEKING PLAYERS

Boys:
- Under 7 and Under 9 (in-town competition)
- Under 10’s to Under 15’s
- Group 9 Junior Rugby League Competition

Fees:
- $100
- $10

Girls:
- League Tag, catering for girls aged 5 to 16 years (teams and competitions TBC)

Fees:
- $75
- $10

Rego Pack includes back-pack, shorts, insurance and football

On-Line Registration (for 6 years and above):
Google “Albury Junior Rugby League”. On the home page click the “Register Now” button and access the appropriate Link. Contact: Mark on 0481 012 526 or Dean on 0411 159 456
Diversity Challenge Chatterbox

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Acrostic Puzzle 1
Unscramble the words below and place them in the acrostic. Read the message in the boxes.

1. NEFRISD
2. DRETYIVSI
3. ANELR
4. AHESR
5. JEYNO
6. MOCNONM
7. NFU
8. REVTIA
9. NEGOLB
10. PETSCRE
11. LAL
12. VOREYENE
13. EON
14. LEGGANAU
15. SU

1. People who are close to you who are not your family
2. Many different things; a variety
3. What you do when you are taught
4. When everyone has part of something; when you don’t keep everything for yourself
5. To like doing something; to have fun
6. We have a lot of things in ______ with each other
7. Something you have when you play with friends
8. Many different things; a diversity
9. To be a part of something; to feel you are accepted
10. An attitude you show to others. Even if you don’t agree you should ______ your classmates’ opinions
11. Everyone; everything
12. All the people
13. The number before two
14. Something you learn to speak
15. You and me

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