Dear Parents,

This week certainly has shown that Spring has sprung- the warmer weather, swooping magpies and footy finals! It also marks the end of Term 3, another busy and fruitful term for our school community. There have been so many achievements on both the teaching and learning side of school and the extra-curricular activities. The staff have been busy with various Professional Development opportunities in the area of History and Maths. They have also been committed to mapping their student’s on the Literacy Continuum which will allow us to see the progress that our children are making in Writing. There has been opportunities for the Infant teachers to visit other schools within our local area, observing team teaching and how this impacts on student learning. We also had the opportunity to learn from each other in the form of Classroom Walkthroughs. This was a fantastic learning experience and allowed us all to see the teaching and learning that is taking place in our own school, and take away ideas that can be used in our own classrooms. Book Week was another activity that provided great enjoyment. The dress up day was well supported and the sales from our Book Fair reached a record high. Stage 2 represented our school proudly at the local Eisteddfod with Year 4 receiving a third place, and there were many sporting achievements among our Primary students. Many of our students attended excursions that supported their learnings in HSIE. Our parent involvement resulted in a successful Walkathon being held, with over $6000 being raised for our school and a Bingo/Disco evening which has been postponed until next term. The Father’s day breakfast was a fantastic celebration with over 100 of our families in attendance, providing a wonderful atmosphere. The success of all these activities relies on the commitment of those involved, so I thank each and every one of you- the staff, the children, the parents and wider community. We are very fortunate to have such a vibrant and committed school community.

School finishes for the term this Friday 18th September and school resumes on Tuesday 6th October. Thankyou for your support this term and I hope you are able to spend some quality time, relaxing with your children during the holiday break.

Enjoy your week,
regards,
Liz Johnston.
STUDENT BANKING
Tomorrow is school banking day. Application packs for new accounts are available from the office.

UNIFORM SHOP
Our opening hours are -

Tuesday, 8.30-8.45am
Friday, 3-3.30pm.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
If you still have stickers at home, please send them in to school this week.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION
VIA APP & WEBSITE
You can now quickly and easily notify us of your child’s absence from school using the school app. Thank you to those parents who have provided feedback on this feature. We will be modifying the app so that users will receive a confirmation that their note has been submitted. In the meantime, please be assured that it is working correctly and we are receiving absence notes submitted via the app.
Alternatively, Absence Notes can be submitted via the school website. Just go to the ‘Notes’ menu on the home-page and select ‘Absence Notes’.

PARISH ‘HISTORY SNAPSHOT’ BOOKS FOR SALE
2015 marks the 60th Anniversary of our Sacred Heart Parish. To commemorate this occasion, Sr Anne Hagan has compiled a 99 page book of the history of the Parish. This wonderful book contains many reflections, memories and photos of the history of the Parish.

We have copies of this book available for sale in the school office for $20. If you would like to purchase one, please send payment in a sealed envelope labelled “Parish History Book” and include details of your child’s name and class.

SILENT AUCTION
We are auctioning a 2015 signed North Melbourne footy jumper. Please call the office to place your bid! Bids will be accepted until the last day of this Term, the current bid is $250.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER
31st October - more details closer to the date.

MEETINGS
• Wed. 16 Sept - School Board

MERCY AND McAULEY DAY CELEBRATIONS
Friday 18th September

Coloured clothes day - come in BLUE or YELLOW (house colours) to support the work of the Mercy Sisters in Albury. Gold coin donation for wearing coloured clothes. Remember to have your forms in for Busking Day and bring plenty of coins to support your favourite acts!

Mercy / McAuley Day Mass at 9.30am in the Hall. All parents are invited to share this occasion with us.

STAGE 3 ART EXHIBITION
To coincide with our Busking Day (Friday, 18th September), Stage 3 will be holding an Art Exhibition in the hall. Their art theme for this term has been the Australian Government. All visitors to the busking performances (11.40am-12.45pm) are invited to peruse our gallery of their works which recreate poses of Australian Prime Ministers.

SAVE THE DATE!
Disco Bingo is Back
Friday, 13th November
Lots more details to follow.
Look out for your facebook invite too........

Please do NOT send nuts or nut products to school.
FETE RIDES - WRIST BAND ORDERS
Please return the forms as soon as possible for processing. The final date for forms to be accepted is Wednesday 7th October. Pre-purchased wrist bands cost $30 (with commission paid to the school). On the day of the Fete, wristbands will cost $35 and individual ride tickets priced at $7 will be available from the ride company, however these will not benefit the school, with no commission paid to us. Please note that wrist bands will only be sent home on the wrist of the children if you indicate that on the form. All other wristbands will need to be picked up from the Raffle Stall.
The big slide, train and jumping castle will return to the fete this year in addition to the all time favourite cha cha and the tea cups.

FETE ART SHOW
Art Show entries can be brought into school from the first day next term.

CRAFT STALL
- Could all donations of items for the Craft Stall please be brought to school on the first day of next term (Tuesday).
- We have two hand-made teddy-bears and two fabric monkeys to be raffled at the Craft Stall

FETE NOTES
- A separate Fete Newsletter was sent home with the eldest child in each family today.
- Do you have an extra-large esky that we can borrow for the Fete? If so please contact Chris Lewis or call the office.
- We are still looking for volunteers to help on stalls, please see separate note sent home today and see if there is a stall and time-slot where you could help for an hour.

EMPORIUM STALL
The ‘Emporium’ children’s clothes stall is in need of racks for hanging and displaying clothing, this may come in the form of an ironing rack, drying rack or portable wardrobe stand. If you are happy to loan any of these, please drop them into the office by the end of this week or by Wednesday after the holidays. Thank you!

YR 5/6 - CANBERRA EXCURSION
Our Year 5/6 students will be travelling to Canberra on Monday, 12 October - Wednesday, 14 October. Detailed information regarding the excursion, including a permission note and a medical information form, were sent home with the children last week. The cost for this excursion is $295. Payment can be made by instalments, with all payments due by Wed. 7 October.

UNIDENTIFIED SCHOOL FEES
On 31 August, we received a payment of $426 with a reference ‘school fees’. There was no account number or surname reference. Please check your records and call the office if this payment belongs to you.

CANTEEN CLOSED THIS FRIDAY
Please note that the canteen will be closed this Friday for end of term cleaning.

WILDFLOWER WALKS
Guided Wildflower Walks will be held on Saturday 19 September from 10am on Nail Can Hill. There will also be a special wildflower adventure exploring the plants and animals of Nail Can Hill aimed at children aged 4-10 years (all children are to be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Walks will run for approximately 45 minutes. More information is available at www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au. To register please call AlburyCity on 0260238111 by September 17

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
- Children may wear either their summer or winter uniform for the first two weeks of Term 4.
- By week 3 all children are expected to be in their full, correct summer uniform.
- Please remember that school hats must be worn in Term 4.
- Pre-loved formal summer uniforms are now available from the Uniform Shop. Come in on Friday afternoon (3-3.30pm) and beat the Term 4 rush!
Year 1 excursion to Jindera

Year 3 ‘History of Albury’ Excursion