Principal’s Message

**SRPSSA Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to Lucy Way, Georgia Way, Imogen McPherson, Benjamin Medley, Mitchell Way, Fletcher Wright, Sophie Schulz and Rueban Heath who all swam very well at the Southern Riverina PSSA Swimming Carnival in Albury last Friday. They represented our school with pride and all tried their hardest. Congratulations to Lucy Way who was the overall 11 year old Girls Champion for the carnival. Well done to the Senior Girls Relay Team (Lucy Way, Georgia Way, Imogen McPherson, Sophie Schulz) and Mitchell Way who will now represent the SRPSSA at the Riverina PSSA Carnival on Friday 7th March.

**Professional Learning**

Mr Allibon will be involved in a Primary Principal’s Technology Reference Group meeting in Sydney this Friday, 28th February. If you have any concerns during this time, please see Miss Phillips in the Class 6 room or Ms Fage in the office.

**Assembly**

Our next whole school assembly will be this Thursday 27th February at 2:45pm. Class 1-2 will be presenting a class item. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us.

**P&C Fundraiser – Bunnings BBQ**

Our next P&C fundraiser will be this Sunday 2nd March where the P&C will be running a BBQ at Bunnings – Albury. If you are able to assist at all during the day between 9:00am – 4:00pm, please see Mrs Leov who is organising the roster for the day.

**Homework Help**

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

**When Lunch Come Home Again – Uneaten**

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain

**Help for Parents**

Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics

Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english

Yours in Education
Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
**What’s In Our Newsletter**

- Principal’s Message
- SRC News
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**Dates to Remember**

*Thursday 28th February*
PSSA Tennis Selection Trials
@ Albury

*Tuesday 4th March*
Pancake Day

*Friday 7th March*
RPSSA Swimming Carnival at Albury

**Notes sent home recently**

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If you did not receive your note please come to the office.

**SRC News**
We held our first SRC meeting last week. The students voted for a theme for our term 1 disco… get those 80’s outfits ready! The date for the disco is still to be confirmed.

We had our “Pink Stumps Day” on Friday with students, families and younger siblings participating in cricket skills and games. It was fantastic to see lots of people wearing some pink to support the day. Thank you for the donations, we raised an amazing $170.00 for the McGrath Foundation!

Good Raffle Winner: Congratulations to Adrian Ralston.

**REMINDER**
School banking for the Commonwealth Bank and Hume Building Society is done on Monday.
Class K-1

K-1 enjoyed participating in the Pink Stumps day on Friday. Thank you to Grandma Wotten who has been an excellent helper in our room over the past couple of weeks. We wish you well as you return to New Zealand. Last Friday we said goodbye to Noah Mair. Noah has moved to Melbourne. We will miss his smiling face and we know he will quickly settle into his new school.

Class 1-2

Wow! We are already in week 5 - how the time is flying by! Class 1-2 are performing at assembly this Thursday at 2:45pm. All parents are invited to attend. Students enjoyed participating in the 'Pink Stumps Day' on Friday. Thank you to all students and parents who donated money to support Breast Cancer Research. Well done to Fletcher Wright for competing in the 8 years 50 metre freestyle event at the SRPSSA Swimming Carnival on Friday. You should be proud of your efforts.

Class 3-4

Last Friday our class enjoyed playing cricket for “Pink Stumps Day” to raise money for cancer. It was a great morning outdoors. Thank you to parents who attended and joined in. We also made some popcorn for science in the afternoon. We discovered it’s better to use oil in the pan and not butter to help the popcorn pop so unfortunately we did not eat as much as we wanted. Please remember to send fruit with your child for fruit break. Students are reading daily and becoming ‘Visualisers’ this week. We are also beginning to practise our assembly item for March 13th.

Class 4-5

Congratulations to Imogen and Ben for their efforts at the SRPSSA swimming carnival last Friday and for Imogen on making it to the next level. Week 5 is going to be a busy week again with our assembly Item and art display coming together thanks to the hard work of the students and Ms Mazzocchi. Students have been working hard in Maths and English, with the students enjoying their novel study and excelling at data and graphs. Thank you to those students and families that have donated ice-cream containers for us to use for science. The students are very excited!

Class 5-6

Well done to those students who represented our school at the SRPSSA swimming carnival on Friday. It’s been great to meet many of the parents from our Year 6 class. I am looking forward to meeting you all over the course of the term. Parents should have received their Term 1 note detailing the expectations of our Year 6 students. Please don’t forget to discuss these with your child. Year 6 students have been working on changing their attitude towards learning. As Thomas Edison said “Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration”. 
SRPSSA Swimming Carnival
Well done to all students who attended the SRPSSA Swimming Carnival on Friday. It was a great day and all students should be proud of their efforts. Five students have qualified for the Riverina Swimming Carnival which will be held in Albury on Monday 10th March. Congratulations to Lucy Way, Imogen McPherson, Sophie Schulz, Georgia Way and Mitchell Way. A big thank you to: Mrs Schulz and Mr Wright for their assistance with time keeping. Congratulations to Lucy Way 11 Years Girl Champion and Georgia Way who was runner up.

PSSA Tennis Trials
This Friday Sophie Schulz is travelling to Albury to try out for the PSSA Tennis side. Sophie successfully made it through to the next stage of selections in 2013. We wish you the best of luck this time around.

Culcairn Netball Club Registrations
SENIORS: Thursday 27th Feb at conclusion of trials approx. 7.30pm
$100.00 payable upon registration
JUNIORS: Saturday 1st March at Culcairn Sportground 9.30am-11:00am
$80.00 payable upon registration
10 Years and Under $50.00 payable upon registration

Culcairn Football Club News
Training starts for U14s and U17s this Thursday 27th February at 5:00pm at the Culcairn Sportground. Coaches for 2014: U14s Gary Sheather and Brendan Way; U17s Martin Smith. Players are reminded to be on time for training.

P&C News
Thank you to the parents and staff who have volunteered for the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 2nd March. A roster was sent home last week, but just to be sure everyone received a copy, it has been included below. Please remember if you run out of sausages, bread, drinks or sauce please purchase from Aldi across the road and keep the receipt so you can be reimbursed. Receipts are to be given to Pam Leov or Rina Wotten. We are under obligation to keep the BBQ running between 8:00am – 4:00pm. Any problems during the day please call Pam 0427 298 712.

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STUMP UP FOR THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION

Thank you for your support!
Dear Parent,

Welcome to the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2014.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

Please return the permission slip and entry fee by Monday 10th March 2014.

For more information please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)
PERMISSION SLIP

Please return THIS section to the school office.

I give permission for my child ________________________________

Child’s name

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Class

to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

☐ Computer Skills – 20 May 2014 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Science – 4 June 2014 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Writing – 16 June 2014 to 21 June 2014 ($18.70 GST inclusive)
☐ Spelling – 17 June 2014 ($12.10 GST inclusive)
☐ English – 29 July 2014 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ Mathematics – 12 August 2014 ($8.80 GST inclusive)
☐ All of the above ($66.00 GST inclusive)

Please find enclosed ____________________________ entry fee.

Amount

Parent Guardian Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ______