Sad Farewell
As mentioned during Presentation Night there will be a familiar face missing from the staff at the beginning of 2013. With decreasing enrolments, after 27 years of dedicated service to our students and families, Mrs Rowe will not be returning to us next year. We certainly wish her well and thank her for the many, many contributions that she had made to our school. She will be very much missed.

K-2 Party
Our K-2 students had an exciting day today visiting Rumble Tumbles for their end of year party. They were certainly exhausted when they returned to school. Thank you to Leisa Grantham for organising this wonderful excursion for our children.

Reports
Children in Years K - 6 will be coming home with their report card this afternoon. We hope you enjoy the many positive comments about your amazing children. I have gained enormous insight about the effort and achievements of all our students and appreciate the time staff have put into collating all of this information.

Sing-a-long
Our Sing-a-long will be held tomorrow in the school hall at 12pm. We hope that you can come along and listen to all of our students, including our Little Gems, sing for you. We need to say a very big thank you to Vicki Rowe for the hours that she has spent making sure that tomorrow will be a success for all - THANK YOU!
Presentation Night
Students and staff appreciated the support of so many parents and family friends attending last Monday night. The band and the whole school version of “Count on Me” gave me goose bumps. Well done to Alishia and Oliver who spoke so well of their wonderful memories of school life. Well done to all of the students who received awards as a result of their hard work and dedication.

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2013.
Captain Tiarna Whybrow
Captain Harris Riddell
Vice Captain Alex Howard
Vice Captain Narjic Lacey-Bird
Student Councillor Blade Parker
Student Councillor Blair Wilson

Whilst all staff had input, it is thanks to Ms Johnston for her coordination and chairing of the evening, alongside our school leaders, and Caryll Garland for all of her time and effort with programs and certificates. Once again I would like to thank the hardworking P&C who catered for the supper following the formalities.

Rewards Day
Our next Rewards Day, which will be water play activities, will be held on Monday. Well done to all of the students who have displayed respect, responsibility and care in the previous five weeks of the term - we are very proud of you. At present we have 93% of our students attending the Rewards Day - a brilliant way to conclude the term!
Students who have done the correct thing every day of the school year will be presented with a “Gold Certificate” in appreciation of their exceptional behavior during the Sing-a-long.

Pool Party
The students in Years 3 - 6 will be heading to the Albury Swimming Pool on Tuesday. Students will walk to the pool and will return by bus. Don’t forget to provide swimmers, towel, hat, sunscreen and a T Shirt. The pool canteen will be open for food and drinks during the morning session.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Disco
A reminder that the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony, Dinner and Disco will take place next Wednesday. Thank you to the many families who are pitching in to help make this a special night for our graduating students. Thank you to Christina Klein for all of the preparation that goes into planning such a wonderful evening.
Happy Holidays

Whilst it may be the furthest thing from our minds at the moment the new school year, for students in Years 1 - 6 will commence on Wednesday 30th January. Staff will be attending professional learning focussed on Team Leadership for School Improvement on the Tuesday. All activities will support your child's learning. Kindergarten students will commence on Thursday 31st January.

PLEASE NOTE - classes will not be formed in the first week of school. All students will stay with their teacher from this year whilst we confirm student numbers. Once numbers are confirmed classes will be finalised.

It remains for me to pass on to you from the staff at Albury West our SeasonsGreetings. To those of you who are finishing at Albury West Public School, we wish you every success and happiness in the next stage of your lives. To those of you, who are returning, have a good holiday. I trust that you will come back refreshed and eager for a new academic year in 2013.

Merry Christmas
Sharon Julien
Principal

To All at Albury West,

It is with much sadness (and lots of tears!!) that I have to say goodbye to Albury West after 26 years. It has not been my choice to go but when numbers at the school get low then a teacher has to be nominated to go. Unfortunately that person was me.

I am leaving with many many wonderful memories. I started here teaching kinder for 8 years. Then as the children say I got a promotion and taught years 1 & 2. 3R became the class I had for a few years. In between I’ve had 3 amazing children. I’ve been the STLA teacher as well as the reading recovery teacher. In the past few years I have had the best classes at West 3-4 R!!

I have been here for 6 principals and many staff changes but through this great journey I have shared it with Christina & John. I have made so many wonderful friends here at West (you know who you are!!) but just as importantly have been the children I have had the pleasure to teach. I have been here long enough to be teaching children of students I have taught- maybe that’s a sign it’s time to leave!!

This joy of teaching is as strong today as the day I first came to West and that’s because I have taught at the best school in Albury.

Thank you to all the parents. Thank you for your support and help over the years. Many of you are not only parents but my friends.

Thank you to all the kids in years 3-6 for my amazing present of the letter R with all your beautiful messages tied around it. I shall treasure it and I’m going to put it in my new class so when I look at it I will smile and remember all you wonderful children.

To all the children I have taught over these 26 years thank you for making me know why I became a teacher ( well most of the time)! Keep striving for excellence, be kind to each other and become the people I know you can be.

To my colleagues both past and present) thanks for your guidance, friendship, laughter, support, wisdom, and love over the past 26 years.

I shall miss you all. Onward and Upward.

With love
Vicki Rowe

PS: All the best to – Lew, Brenda, Alison, Robyn
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 13th  
Reports home
Friday 14th  
Assembly & sing-a-long
Tuesday 18th  
Class parties
Wednesday 19th  
Last day for students
Year 6 Graduation dinner & disco

2013
Students return – 2013 – 30/1/13
Kindergarten commences – 31/1/13

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All Girls on SRC |
| K/1C                |                | Student of the Week  
Jacob Horn |
| Samson Delaveris, Chantelle Stevens | Kobie Maher | |
| 1/2G                |                | Tidy Bee |
| Kenny Deal, Bethany Sargent | Jacob Horn | |
| 3/4R                |                | |
| Evelyn Brew, Blake Elliott | Corey-Jaye Carter | |
| 4/5K                |                | Ben Jorgensen |
| Mason Bryce, Arielle Shields | | |
| 5/6B                |                | Ray Kausche |
| Tiarna Whybrow, Jack Elliott | | |
| Little Gems        |                | |

Student Banking

Student banking with Hume Building Society has now concluded and will resume in mid February 2013. In 2013 Hume will be launching the new Junior Saver Club with great new educational books, rewards, activities, saving certificates. Stay tuned!!

P&C News

Christmas Hamper Competition –

1st PRIZE.......................Blake Heeman
2nd PRIZE.......................Jazz Sallah
3rd PRIZE.......................Heather Jorgensen
4th PRIZE.......................Daniel Junek

Well done to Vika Ambrym for selling the most tickets!
UNIFORM SHOP

Now that the end of the school year is nearing, please consider donating any of your child's outgrown or surplus uniform items to the school. Please leave them at the office for the Uniform Shop Co-ordinators to collect, or bring them to the Shop on Tuesday morning 8.45 - 9.15am. Thank you.

CANTEEN

There are changes afoot in the Canteen next year. We regret that Rowena Newcomen has decided to pursue other avenues and will not be back at our Canteen in 2013. Thankyou, Rowena, for you hard work during the past six months. You have been a reliable, friendly and efficient Supervisor and we wish you well in your new endeavours.

The Canteen will remain open to the last day of term – take advantage of our discount prices

Community News

Scratchy Scratchy Art

Lavington Library
Tuesday 8 January 2013
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Create stunning colourful photo frames by scratching your own designs onto the frames.
For school-aged children.
Bookings: 02 6043 5645

Old and New Games
Lavington Library
Wednesday 9 January 2013
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Ever wanted to learn how to play Marbles, or use knuckles?
Old and New Games will take you on a journey through childhood fun and games.
Play a simple round of Snap! or dominos, or test your mind with a hand of Bridge.
For all the family.
Bookings: 02 6043 5645

Matching Patterns
Art Gallery
Thursday 10 January 2013
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Be inspired by the Stripes exhibition and create your own memory game by decorating cards with pairs of matching patterns.
Test your friend's memory; you might be surprised!
For school-aged children
Bookings essential: 02 6043 5800

Respect, Responsibility, Care.
Seed Head Creatures
QEII Square, Dean Street, Albury
Thursday 10 January 2013
5:30 PM
Come along to the Twilight Market and make your own 'creature' using grass seed, soil and stockings!
Take it home and watch your creature grow hair, a beard or a radical moustache as it slowly comes alive.
All ages welcome.

Glass Lantern
LibraryMuseum
Monday 14 January 2013
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Come along and create a beautiful glass lantern that the fairies and elves at the bottom of the garden will enjoy.
For school-aged children.
Bookings essential: 02 6023 8333

That Book Bag is Mine!
Lavington Library
Tuesday 15 January 2013
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Get creative and use stencils and paint to create your own one-of-a-kind library bag.
For school-aged children.
Bookings essential: 02 6043 5645

Fee-Fi-Fo-Fum
LibraryMuseum
Wednesday 16 January 2013
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM What's that growing in Kidspace, and where is Jack?
We need hundreds of little and big hands to help the bean stalk grow. Bring the family and contribute to making the giant plant out of craft material, and enjoy a storytime too!
All ages welcome.
Bookings: 02 6023 8333

We all live in the Yellow Submarine
Art Gallery
Friday 18 January 2013
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Come along and help make a giant submarine in the courtyard out of recycled cardboard, paper and paint.
For school-aged children.
Bookings: 02 6043 5800

Trivia to try
Lavington Library
Tuesday 22 January 2013
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Join in a fun session of story book trivia, with prizes to be won.
For school-aged children.
Bookings: 02 6043 5645

Plant me, water me, watch me grow
LibraryMuseum
Wednesday 23 January 2013
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Create your own garden decorations using paper and seeds.
Add water and a little magic and watch them grow.
For school-aged children.
Bookings: 02 6023 8333

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS –
THE FLYING FRUIT FLY CIRCUS’ NEW SHOW –
CONTROL ALT DELETE

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES - TICKETS NOW ON SALE
See it before the rest of the world!!
21 and 22 December – 1:30pm and 6:30pm
All tickets are $16.50 (including booking fee)
Book online at hothousetheatre.com.au or call 02 6021 7433

Hi All

A fantastic initiative for cricket in the holidays for the primary school aged kids
Below is information about a school holiday cricket competition for Boys/Girls aged 8-12 yrs. (more
details from below website ) being run in conjunction with Cricket NSW and Cricket Albury Wodonga.

Ideal for kids wanting first experience with playing cricket in T20 format – eight per side, 16 overs per
match, every player bats in a pair for 4 overs and bowl 2 overs per innings. Available for all kids in
surrounding area. Three games played on day two and three – day one will have induction/skills session
and then two games.

Log into below website and do postcode search (2640) and register/pay on line


Name – CAW T20 Blast Competition
Dates – January 21, 22 & 23
Venue – Waite’s Ovals (s), South Albury
Time – 9.30 – 3.00 all three days
Cost - $99.00 – includes playing shirt, cap and lunch/drinks all three days.
Contact person – Anna Webb anna.webb86@hotmail.com 0401 203 586
CUBBY HOUSE FOR SALE

The Yr12 Construction class at Albury High School this year built a Cubby House for their group construction project.

The cubby features good quality construction, zincalume roof, charcoal grey Colourbond clad exterior, cream painted timber trim. The cubby is finished off with quality vinyl flooring inside with a hardwood deck verandah. The overall dimensions of the cubby are 2.7 metres x 1.8 metres. The interior measures 1.8 metres x 1.8 metres. The asking price is $600 which is cost price. If not for you, maybe you know of somebody in the market for a cubby house. Spread the word. Ideal Christmas present for the family. Inspection by appointment. First to see will surely buy. Enquiries phone: 6021 3488.

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY.

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