Celebrate Attendance
It’s time to celebrate attendance at Albury West. We are aiming to raise awareness within our school community of the importance of student attendance. The Celebrate Attendance program will run from Monday 4th March - Friday 5th April. There will be competitions and weekly surprises for students. All students in attendance will be eligible to go into weekly draws for amazing prizes. It is time to celebrate going to school and learning.

Hip Hop is Coming
This year AWPS will be trying something a little bit different during Term 3. Hip Hop will be offered to all students K-6 with a performance held at the end of a great six week dance program.

The Hip Hop Dance program is all about getting our students excited about dance and moving and grooving. The culmination will be a performance by all of our students because we know they will be excited to show you their new dance moves.

PLEASE NOTE:
A great deal of time can be spent chasing up notes that are not returned. This will no longer be the case. If your child does not return permission notes, money etc. by the due date, they will miss out participating in the activity.

Please keep an eye out for notes that come home on blue paper - remember it is ‘bring back blue’.

We ask that all notes and money be given to the classroom teacher and not handed into the office.
Athletics Carnival
How lucky to score a perfect day for our athletics carnival. Congratulations to all of our athletes. We were very impressed by all students who ‘had a go’ in so many events. The behaviour and manners of all attending were excellent, but staff and parents particularly noticed and commented on the encouraging words and sportsmanship shown by participants. Many students will now represent AWPS at the Albury zone carnival.

Thanks to Mrs Klein and Ms Johnston for their organisation and to parents who helped on the day. We really appreciated your donated time as these carnivals cannot run without you. We are also very much appreciative of the help and support from the wonderful students who assisted from Albury High.

Zone Swimming
Congratulations to all of our swimmers who represented our school in last week’s Zone Swimming Carnival. Our swimmers braved the first rain for a month to give their best in the pool. Thank you to Mr Beattie for organising our swim team for the day.

Important - Shingles
There have been cases of Shingles in Albury recently. If your child is showing symptoms of a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash or if your child is unwell please keep them at home until they are well or take them to the doctor.

Clean Up Australia Day
Last week our students pulled on their gloves and helped clean up the school and local environment. This day enables our students the opportunity to take action and help contribute to a cleaner, safer, more attractive Australian environment.

Kindergarten Photos
Last week our 2013 Kindergarten students were photographed by the Border Mail for the ‘The First Class’ supplement. These photos are scheduled to be printed on Thursday April 11. Make sure you get a copy on this day.

Rewards Day
Our next Rewards Day, which will be water play activities, will be held tomorrow. Well done to all of the students who have displayed respect, responsibility and care in the previous six weeks of the term - we are very proud of you. At present we have 89% of our students attending the Rewards Day - a brilliant way to start the term!

Year 6 Taste of High School
Our Year 6 students will enjoy a great day at Albury High School next Wednesday. They will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school as well as experience different subjects and sporting activities.

P&C Meet and Greet Breakfast
Thank you to the many families who attended the P&C breakfast on Tuesday morning. This great initiative provided new and existing families with an opportunity to meet with and get to know members of the P&C and staff. Valuable information about our school and the many wonderful programs that P&C support were highlighted throughout the morning. Thank you to the many P&C members who attended the breakfast and for the catering. A special thank you to Terry Brown who cooked the breakfast for us all.

P&C AGM
The AGM of our dedicated P & C Committee will be held on Tuesday 12 March at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Come along and meet some of our school community. All parents are welcome. These meetings enable parents to better understand the workings of our school.
and give support in planning and running school fund raising activities for 2013. Please show your support for our children by attending and contributing to the great activities and traditions at Albury West. SEE YOU THERE!

**Albury Gold Cup**

Once again schools will be given a half day public holiday for the Albury Gold Cup which will be held on Friday 22nd March. PLEASE NOTE that bus companies are also entitled to the half day public holiday and as such earlier picks up will not be available. I am asking that you make alternative arrangements to pick children up at 12pm on that Friday.

Sharon Julien
Principal

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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**Scholastic Book Club orders are due back by Monday 18th March.**

**ICAS Competitions**

A reminder to students interested in entering the ICAS (University of NSW) Competitions that notes and money are due in by Monday 11th March.

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Respect, Responsibility, Care.
**Zone Swimming Carnival**

Albury West entered a team of 15 competitors in the zone swimming carnival. These children were Jack Jorgensen, Ben Jorgensen, Alex Howard, Evelyn Brew, Nivetha Pathmanathan, Praveen Pathmanathan, Oscar Cameron, Aiden Hillier, Jade Priestly, Chevon Parker, Blade Parker, Abby Squire, Ashlea Hayes, Jacob Horn and Jazz Sallah.

These children were excellent representatives of the school and swam to the best of their ability in all events that they entered. Some pleasing performances were achieved by Evelyn Brew – 3rd in the Junior Girls’ Medley, Jazz Sallah – 4th in the 8 years freestyle, Nivetha Pathmanathan – 4th in 11years breast stroke, Jack Jorgensen – 4th in the All Age medley and 5th- 11 years backstroke and Alex Howard – 4th in 12 years butterfly.

The team is to be congratulated for their excellent behaviour standards on the day. Thank you to the parents who provided transport; Jenny Squire, Heather Jorgensen, Amanda Parker and Belinda and Chris Horn. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. John Beattie

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**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS**

**HOUSE POINTS**

1. Waratah 242  
2. Banksia 237  
3. Boronia 208

**CHAMPIONS**

Junior  
**Boy:** Aidan Hillier 18 points Jacob Horn 14 points Harry Cameron 12 points  
**Girl:** Evelyn Brew 34 points Chevy Parker 16 points Jade Priestly 10 points

Eleven Years  
**Boy:** Jack Jorgensen 36 points Ben Jorgensen 14 points Blake Elliott 6 points  
**Girl:** Nivetha Pathmanathan 32 points Abby Squire 16 points Sarah Shoemark 6 points

Senior  
**Boy:** Alex Howard 30 points Blade Parker 20 points Harris Riddell 8 points  
**Girl:** Ashlea Hayes 28 points

**DUGONG CHAMPION**

Alex Howard

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**P&C News - Fundraising**

Don’t forget to keep bringing in the donations for the Easter raffle. There are some wonderful Easter baskets being made up!! Please remember to return all raffle books and money to the office as soon as possible. There will be a voucher prize for the most tickets sold.
POSITION AVAILABLE - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

Albury West Public School Canteen requires a Canteen Supervisor to work in our canteen, in a job-share capacity.

We seek an honest, trustworthy and reliable person with a friendly manner and enthusiasm for the role. Applicant must have own vehicle for weekly shopping.

- 3½ hours per day from 10.15am – 1.45pm, 2-3 days per week
- Award rates are paid including superannuation.

A Police check is mandatory for all workers in NSW schools.

A more detailed job description is available by calling AWPS on 6021 2288

Applications, including two references, to:-

Albury West Public School P&C
Canteen Supervisor Committee
PO Box 3245, ALBURY NSW 2640

Applications close at 3.00pm Wednesday March 20, 2013.

Community News

Albury Auskick Centre - Now taking registrations for Under 12,10,8 & 6 age groups.
Register and pay on-line now by going to www.aflauskick.com.au and select register now.
On-site registrations will take place on Saturday 16th March 9-00am - 12-30pm at Waites Park, David & Ebden St South Albury. Please bring your on-line registration and receipt for collection of your Auskick Pack. Season starts Saturday 6th April 2013.
Contact - President: John O’Neill ph: 0439 890 907 or Vice President: Matt Sheridan 0417437984

FALCONS HOCKEY CLUB. Registrations now open - New players always welcome.
New u9 teams in 2013 - We need more boys and girls in all age groups
Junior Training (U9 to U16) 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Thursdays
Senior Training 6:00 pm to 8pm Thursdays
Email falconshockey@hotmail.com.au
Website: www.falconshockeyalbury.com.au

Albury Library Museum - Locker Room: Make your own zines, animations and panoramic photographs
Are you a budding film maker, photographer or author? Well we want you! Put down your school bag and gear up for after-school fun. Suitable for upper primary to secondary school children. Each Thursday commencing 7 March - 4-5pm - Bookings: 02 6023 8333

Respect, Responsibility, Care.
**Albury Wodonga (Steamers) Junior Rugby Union** registration day is on Saturday the 23rd of March at "Murrayfield" in East Albury from 10am -12 noon. Under 7's, 9's, 11's and under 13's. For all new players please bring a copy of your birth certificate. For further information, please call Bruce on 0466 898834.

**Centacare** - 1-2-3 Magic - successful parenting program. Commencing Friday 8th March - 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Thurgoona Community Centre, Kosciuszko Rd, Thurgoona. Bookings essential - 6051 0222

**Have you received the Schoolkids Bonus?**

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 - have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your child’s education - whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting – australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink or visit your nearest Centrelink-Medicare office.