**Attendance**

Thank you to the many parents and students who provide notes and/or medical certificates on return to school after illness.

Our weekly attendance competition is continuing. This week’s attendance percentages, as of yesterday, are as follows:

- K/1B 83%
- K/1C 90%
- 2M 90%
- 3/4GW 94%
- 3/4K 90%
- 5/6B 92%

Well done to 3/4GW. Let’s all keep up the great work. Please remember that **Missing school is Missing out!**

The Celebrate Attendance program will conclude next week. Thank you to students and families who supported this wonderful program by making sure children were here each and every day. Many students have won prizes and as a way to end the program everyone will have a sausage sizzle for lunch on **Tuesday 31st March**.

**P&C AGM**

Last week the P&C held its 2015 AGM. During this meeting the 2015 Executive was voted in.

Our P&C Executive for 2015 will be:

- **President**: Mike Eden
- **Vice-President**: Chris Horn
- **Interim Treasurer**: Chris Horn
- **Secretary**: Shanthan Pathmanathan
- **Canteen Supervisor**: Alison Mildenhall
- **Clothing Pool Co-ordinator**: Sharon McNair
- **Fundraising Co-ordinator**: Belinda Horn

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**Have you seen our AWPS website?**

- alburywest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Please note that the canteen will be closed tomorrow – Thursday 19th March, due to the athletics carnival.
I would like to make special mention of, and say, thank you to our amazing P & C who continue to support our school and students. This group of dedicated people are vital to the successful running of our school. I would ask all our parents to consider joining us in the P & C for 2015.

Welcome Paula Innes
Our newly appointed Instructional Leader has started with us this week. Paula Innes will be working with our K-2 teachers and students on a Monday and Tuesday providing targeted support in literacy and numeracy.

Year 6 Taste of High School
Mr. Beattie will be taking our Year 6 students to a high school experience day at Albury High School next week.

Year 6 is an important year for these students as they prepare to make the transition from primary to secondary school. Students at Albury West enjoy a very good relationship with AHS and are provided with opportunities throughout the year to gain experience in attending high school and developing their understanding of the secondary educational setting and how it will differ from the primary one. Throughout the day Year 6 students will be working with teaching staff and student leaders utilising the high school resources in educational activities.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is being celebrated on Friday. Students will be involved in a range of culturally diverse activities including games and art activities. Students can wear brightly coloured clothes on the day if they wish. Thank you Mr. Beattie for organising this wonderful day for our students.

Grand friends Day
A reminder that our Grand friends Day is being held on the 27th March. Grand friends are invited into classrooms at 10.15am to assist students with their learning in literacy and numeracy. A special morning tea is being provided by our hard working P&C and K/1B have a special assembly planned which will showcase activities completed during Harmony Day Celebrations. We do hope that you are able to come along to this very special day on the AWPS calendar.

Gold Cup Half Day Holiday
Friday 27th March is a gazetted half day holiday for the Albury area. Our school will be closed at 12 noon on that day.

Students will be assembled in the school hall. All families are asked to ensure collection of children is organised. Please note there will be no supervision available after 12 noon and that no buses will be operating at this time.

SRC Fun Day
On Wednesday 1st of April the SRC will be holding a Fun Day. Several simple stalls, such as knock down skittles, golf etc, will be run during the afternoon session.

Students will be asked to pay a $2.00 gold coin. For their $2.00 students will get 20 tickets that will allow them to have a go at activities and they will be able to come dressed in casual clothes.

The $2.00 gold coin will be collected in the morning and tickets will be given to class teachers for each student. We will then run the stalls from 1.25pm to 2.40pm under the COLA.

Money raised will be put towards purchasing equipment for the school. We hope everyone has a great day.

Easter Hat Parade
Our K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 2nd April at 10.00am. Teachers have sent a note home with more detailed information regarding the making of Easter Hats at school and the necessary items needed. Students at neighbouring pre-schools have also been invited and everyone is looking forward to this event.

Uniform
It is great to see so many students in full school uniform and my thanks go out to parents and guardians for their support in this area. The P&C runs an excellent uniform shop, so if anyone is looking for a uniform please contact Sharon in the clothing pool which is open every Tuesday morning.

Respect, Responsibility, Care.
Winter uniforms will be required for the start of next term – you might like to get organised before the end of this term.

**NAPLAN testing**
National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing will take place on Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May.

Every year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes.

**End of term and Anzac Day**
I take this opportunity to inform you that the school term will end on Thursday 2nd April.

Next term school returns for students on Tuesday 21st April. Staff will be attending professional learning focused on First Aid on the Monday.

The first Saturday of Term 2 is the ANZAC Day march down Dean Street. We would love to have as many students as possible marching proudly behind our banner dressed in their winter uniform. Further information will be sent out next term.

Students are asked to meet at 8:30am in Spencer Street. The march off starts at 9:00am. Staff will be there to escort students down the street. Our school captains will attend a wreath laying ceremony at the monument at 10:00am.

Sharon Julien
Principal

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS**
Congratulations to the following award winners:-

**Student of the Week**
Stephanie McNair -Eade

**Gotcha Awards**
Zharlia Parker
Keaton Beechey

**Merit Certificates**

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            | Malakai Rigney  |
| 2M        |                |
| 3/4K      | Jakydyn McKellar  
            | Jacob Horn      |
| 5/6B      | Taralee Bottrell  
            | Zharlia Parker  |

**Citizen Awards**

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            | Lakeisha Murray |
| 3/4GW     | William Eden-Leet  
            | Logan Harman    
            | Stephanie McNair-Eade  
            | Damon Sinclair  |

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            | Savannah Johnson |

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| 5/6B      | Brandon Fitzgerald  
            | Ashleigh Harman  
            | Charli Nugent  
            | Mikaylah McNair-Eade |

**Tidy Bee**

K/1B & 3/4GW

**Canteen News**

**Fantastic Friday Harmony Day Special** - Hot Dog and Juice Box $4.00

The next Wednesday Specials are –

**Wednesday March 25** - Ham and Cheese Toastie, Juice Box and Icy Pole/Zing - $4.50

**Wednesday April 1** - Fried Rice and Quench $4.50

The canteen at Albury West PS is run by the P&C and operated on a day to day basis by a paid supervisor. Over the past year a great deal of effort has been put into cutting costs and trying to increase sales. However, due to the recent drop in student numbers this year, coupled with rising overall costs, the canteen is finding it more and more difficult to post a profit.

Respect, Responsibility, Care.
It is for this reason that the P&C has decided to close the canteen altogether on Mondays, to take effect from this coming Monday, March 23. Every other day will remain as normal.

Your continued support of our canteen is greatly appreciated. In particular it is wonderful to have so many families take advantage of our Wednesday Specials. Thank you also to those who have volunteered their assistance to help on our busy days. More helpers are needed if anyone else would like to volunteer.

To further determine how we can keep our canteen viable, a survey will be issued to all students next week asking for ideas, from both parents and students, on how we can improve our service. What new menu items could we try? What are your favourites? What else could we sell? Should we offer more lunch specials? Please remember that we are trying to adhere to Healthy Canteen guidelines and these guidelines rule out many high-fat, high-sugar foods.

Thank you - Canteen sub-Committee

Uniform Shop
If you have any spare coat hangers at home, the uniform shop is in need of some. Thanks.

School Holiday Cooking Classes
Have fun with healthy cooking at the Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Centre!

9th April: Kids aged 6-12 years
Parents drop kids off at 11.30am and pick up at 2pm

16th April: Teens aged 13-16 years
From 11.30am to 2pm

To book a spot speak to Jannine or Anita
limited spaces
Ph: 02 60401200

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