**Diary Dates**

**Thursday 2 April**
- K-6 Easter Hat Parade
- Easter raffle drawn
- Last day Term 1

**Tuesday 21 April**
- School resumes for students Term 2

**Friday 24 April**
- Cross Country @ Australia Park - Yr 2-6
- Cross Country @ school – K-1
- ANZAC ceremony – guest speaker

**Saturday 25 April**
- ANZAC Day March

**Tuesday 28 April**
- Student banking resumes

**Friday 1 May**
- Hockey Gala Day
- Assembly – 11.50am – 2M

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**Have you seen our AWPS website?**
- alburywest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

**Grand Friends Day**
Thank you to the many, many grandparents and grand friends who visited our school last week and helped us celebrate the wonderful opportunities available to our students at AWPS.

A special mention to Alison Mildenhall who assisted in the organisation of the morning tea. Thank you to the many families who supplied delicious treats for the morning tea – they were a real hit.

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**Annual School Report**
Our 2014 Annual School Report has been completed. The report can be found on the school’s website.

**Personalised Learning Plans**
This week we are wrapping up our personalised learning plans and we would like to thank you for taking the time to come and chat about the many strengths and future challenges for your child.

Our school is committed to making sure that all of our students experience the high levels of success at school and your involvement really does make a difference to the learning of your child. As always, it’s never too late to make an appointment with our staff – just contact the office for a suitable time.

**Celebrate Attendance**
The Celebrate Attendance program concluded last week. Thank you to students and families who supported this wonderful program by making sure children were here each and every day and on time.

On average 91% of our students were at school each day – a great effort which I hope we can maintain. Many students won prizes and as a way to end the program everyone had a sausage sizzle for lunch on Tuesday. Thank you to Ian Elworthy for cooking the BBQ for us.

Now that we have set these great habits, being here each day and being here on time we ask that you make every effort to continue the routine for the remainder of the year.

**SRC Fun Day**
The SRC held a terrific fundraiser yesterday afternoon in the form of a Fun Day.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun activities, including sock wrestling, fingernail painting etc. A great afternoon was had by all – thank you to the SRC who ran the stalls during the session.
Easter Hat Parade
Our Easter Hat Parade was held today. This is always a very popular day on our school calendar. The students are to be congratulated on the wonderful job they did in creating and decorating their wonderful hats.

Thanks to all of our families for your wonderful support and also to our visiting preschoolers who joined in. AWPS kids had a great time and so did the staff – especially the Easter Bunny.

Thank you to John Beattie in organising such a wonderful transition event for our school.

End of term
I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you back next term.

Next term school returns for staff on Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} April. On this day staff will be involved in professional development around sporting policies and CPR.

Students return on Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} April. Term 2 will be filled with many activities, including the school cross country carnival, NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 and NAIDOC day celebrations.

Sharon Julien
Principal

Athletics Carnival
Blessed with perfect weather and great facilities, all students participated in their respective Athletics Carnivals on 19\textsuperscript{th} March. Our students really enjoyed this day and enjoyed focusing on personal performance and achievement and celebrating the success and abilities of others. Thank you to all staff, parents and students for making the day so enjoyable.

The winning house on the day was Boronia. The points score was as follows:

- Banksia 234
- Boronia 308
- Waratah 141

Students that excelled this year were:

**Champions**
- Junior Girls - Searn Maher; runner up - Savannah Johnson
- 11 year Girls – Evy Brew; runner up - Meg Kirkwood
- Senior Girls – Claire Williams
- Junior Boys – Jakdydn McKellar; runner up - Damon Sinclair

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11 Year Boys - Brandon Fitzgerald; runner up - Praveen Pathmanathan
Senior Boys – Pacey Maher; runner up - Hamish Sinclair
The winner of the Albury West Gift for 2015 was Jakdydn McKellar

Athletics Carnival Fun
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners:-

Student of the Week
Jacob Horn
Savannah Johnson

Gotcha Awards
Talon Peatey
Charlie Banks

Merit Certificates

K/1B
Keaton Beechey
Tahlia Cannon

K/1C
Zak Quilty
Brock Loney

2M
Callum Hillier
Haidan O'Byrne-Chapman

3/4GW
Logan Harman

3/4K
Alex Walsh

5/6B
Jordyn Carter
Praveen Pathmanathan

Citizen Awards

K/1B
Lyle Clark

K/1C
Kaylee Nugent

2M
Arifa Rizvi

3/4GW
Jannalia McKellar

3/4K
Michael Wuksta

5/6B
Zharlia Parker

Tidy Bee
Class of the Week
3/4K
K/1B

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Grand friends Day

Canteen News

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our survey. Even if you don’t have a copy of the survey form you can still drop a note into the Lunch Order Box with your suggestions.

Keep watch for our new specials. Every Thursday the canteen will offer a Ripper Recess Special.
Next term we will be offering snacks such as Anzac biscuits, miniature pizzas, sandwich shapes, mini quiches and all sorts of other things.

We are continuing with our **Weekly Specials** – a different item every week (or two) will be discounted. Notices of all these specials will be posted on the canteen and office windows.

**Fundraising Report**

**EASTER RAFFLE**
Thank you to all our families who donated eggs and sold raffle tickets. A special thanks to our generous sponsors, who donated the major prizes. Shepparton Cannery Excess donated a huge basket full of Cadbury eggs. Bunnings Albury donated a fantastic Easter bulb hamper, with a gorgeous green pot and plenty of bulbs to grow in it.

**ELECTION DAY STALL**
Last Saturday the P&C held a BBQ, bake sale and book sale at the school on Election Day. Thanks to seven very hard working families, the day was a big success, raising over $1000 for the school. Thank you to all who donated baked goods, books or bought food from us on the day.

Special thanks to our sponsors – Coles Albury, Muffin Break, Coffee Jalopy, Quikstop West Albury. Their help allows us to raise lots of money to benefit the school. Please support them and thank them while you are there!

**NAIL CAN HILL STALL** – Sunday 3rd May
Mark your calendars! Each year, Albury West Public School hosts a BBQ at Bonnie Doon Park, the finish line of the Nail Can Hill race event. This is a major fundraiser for the P & C and we always need helpers who can sell some sausages for an hour or two. We will also need cakes to sell. More details after the holidays.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL** – Thursday 7th May
Each year we have a Mother’s Day stall so the students can buy a special gift. We sell such things as mugs, candles, scarves, ornaments and jewellery for between $1 and $5. We ask that you send in some donations that would be suitable to sell. We also need around nine helpers to assist with the wrapping and selling of the gifts. The stall will be held at 9:15 on Thursday, May 7th and should only take an hour of your time.

*Thanks for your support*

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**Easter Hat Parade**

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Manly Sea Eagles Rugby League Club would invite all who are interested in attending a “Players Meet and Greet – Fan day”

• On Sunday 5th April
• At Greenfield Park, Albury
• From 11am to 12.15pm
• Meet players from Manly Team
• Players will be happy to sign autographs and Photos

St Matthew’s Monster GARAGE Sale and CAR BOOT Sale
at ADAMSHURST
603 David Street Albury

Saturday 18th April
8 am -12 pm

GOLD COIN DONATION AT THE FRONT GATE TOWARDS ST MATTHEW’S HOOMELESS APPEAL
COME ALONG AND FIND SOME GREAT BARGAINS

ESPRESSO COFFEE VAN, BBQ, Plants, Homemade cakes, Vintage Clothing, Baby Items, Car Parts, Furniture, Bric-a-Brac, Handmade Goodies

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Flyaway Gymnastics School Holiday Programs.
Looking for something fun to do in the holidays? Flyaway Gymnastics has some exciting programs on offer these holidays. Two hour structured gymnastics program for children aged 5-12 years. Children learn to balance, roll, flip and twist. We are also offering trampoline workshops which give children aged 5 - 16 years a great introduction to this sport. Bookings are essential. For more information on prices and times please call (02) 6041 1127 or visit www.flyawaygymnastics.com.au

Look at the busy term we’ve had!!

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