Welcome Back
Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you have all had a chance to spend some quality time with your children.

Term 3 promises to be a very productive term with many opportunities available to parents and carers to visit our school to see firsthand the wonderful things that are happening within our school. Education Week will be held next week with a variety of activities and events being planned. Later on in the term we will have our annual Book Week Parade, the Book Fair, LAPATHON and our Big Assembly. So plenty to see and do in Term 3.

Education Week
We are looking forward to opening our doors and inviting you and the wider community to visit our school and help celebrate what’s great about the achievements of our inspirational teachers, staff and students. Please see the attached invitation listing the events that are happening throughout the week. We look forward to your attendance.

Education Week Learning Journeys
Week 3- Wednesday 29th July
10:00am-11am
All parents/carers/grand parents and friends,
You are invited to our Learning Journey. During this time your child shows you, and talks to you about their learning.
Together we can celebrate learning at Albury West Public School.
Please join us for this special day.

Learning Journeys
Next week is Education Week and you will have received a note about the Learning Journeys that students are sharing with their special visitors next Wednesday 29th July at 10:00am. This is a lovely opportunity for families or other special guests to visit our classrooms and see the wonderful things that your children are doing at school. Please ensure that you send back the note so that your child’s class teacher can arrange for someone to visit your child if you are unable to attend. If you have more than one student at school, the children can choose a place where everyone can sit together and share their learning with their family.

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Crossing Point Learning Community Portrait Exhibition
We are very excited to announce that the Crossing Point Learning Community will be holding a K-12 Art Exhibition at the Albury Library Museum.

Several students across the four schools will be displaying their portraits. The exhibition will be officially opened by our Albury Mayor Cr. Kevin Mack this afternoon from 5pm. Parents/carers and students are invited to attend.

The Art show will also be open on Thursday 23rd July until Friday 28th August. We hope that you take a few moments to pop in to see the wonderful array of art on display from all schools. Many thanks are extended to Sharon McEachern, from Albury High School, for coordinating this wonderful art exhibition.

Peer Support
Students in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a Peer Support Student Training Workshop held at the end of last term. The training day is designed to develop students’ self-esteem, communication skills and awareness of group dynamics. The skills the students have learnt during the day will be very helpful during the term, as students will be running their own Peer Support Group.

Peer Support will run each Friday and the activities will be aimed at developing friendship and support within the school community. Students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 will be involved in these small groups and the Peer Support Leaders will be responsible for preparing for, organising and managing a small group.

I am confident that the Peer Support Leaders will enjoy the program and will gain some very important skills that will be of benefit to them in the years to come. I am also confident that the students in K-4 will enjoy the opportunity to make new friendships with their Peer Support Group. Thank you to John Beattie for coordinating this wonderful program.

ICAS Digital Technologies Results
Once again we have achieved academic success in the ICAS Digital Technologies competition. Logan Harman and Angus Bell gained a credit. Well done to all students - this is a fantastic achievement.

Being careful with our food
Recently all of our staff participated in 'Anaphylaxis' training so that we could respond appropriately to any child who may be having a reaction to food or perhaps bee stings. Currently we do have children at our school that will have life-threatening reactions if they come into contact with nuts, eggs and dairy. Please help us keep all children safe at school by reminding children not to share their food with their friends. Whilst the concept of sharing is appreciated, the consequences can be disastrous.

PSSA Sport
PSSA continues this term. Students are reminded that they need to come prepared each Friday with bus money and sporting equipment. We encourage the wearing of correct uniforms for all student representatives in the AWPS teams.

Little Gems
Little Gems has commenced – we currently have 21 children participating in this program. This wonderful program helps children orientate to our school, encourages a sense of belonging and develops an understanding of what happens at ‘big school’. It also helps us make a connection with new families joining our wonderful school community.

Students who will be attending Albury West Public School in 2016 are invited to enroll. For further enquiries about enrolment in our ‘Little Gems’ transition class please contact the front office at Albury West Public or call in and speak with our friendly staff.

New Student Council Representatives Induction
We would like to say a very big thank you to Riannan Fitzgerald, Logan Harman, Jacob Horn, Chantelle Stevens, Searn Maher and Zoe La-Ramee for the wonderful role that they played on the SRC during Term 2.

Newly elected members on the SRC for Term 3 include:
3/4GW – Stephanie McNair-Eade and Damon Sinclair
3/4K – Alexandra Walsh and Lachlan Lambert
5/6B – Jaxon Charles and Angus Bell
I know that these students will be fantastic in the leadership roles. Our newly elected members of the SRC will receive their badges at the assembly to be held tomorrow.

Jacob Horn and Jordan Barker will be inducted as Technowizz’s at this assembly. I am sure they will carry out their duties with enthusiasm and commitment.

**SRC Sausage Rolls**
With the canteen closure on Monday and Tuesday’s and the colder weather upon us, the SRC are selling pre-ordered sausage rolls for lunch time. Sausage rolls will be sold for $2.00 and can be ordered from the front office on a Monday and Tuesday morning.

**School Band**
The school band received a nice surprise last week, with the Mackay family donating a keyboard to the school band. This will certainly be of great benefit to the students.

Don’t forget that the school band will be performing, for the first time this year, during the Education Week assembly being held on Friday 31st July. I am sure they will be spectacular.

**Change of Information**
We need to make sure all contact details are correct. Please inform the school if you have changed your address or contact details. We often find we cannot contact parents when we need to and this can be problematic in many cases. A phone call to the school, or completing the return slip below, will allow us to keep our information current and ensure we can communicate effectively with parents.

**P&C Newsletter**
P&C meetings, held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, are a great way to meet others, find out what is happening at school and contribute ideas.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th August. We realise that it is not always possible to attend the meetings, but you may still like to be kept informed regarding P&C happenings. If you would like a copy of the P&C minutes emailed to you each month please complete the attached slip and return it to the school and the P&C secretary, Shanthan Pathmanathan, will add you to the email list.

Copies of the P&C minutes will also be placed on chairs set out for parents during the weekly assemblies. We hope that this helps you keep in touch with school / P&C events.

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**Double parking**
I am concerned that parents are double parking when collecting children from school at the end of the school day. You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers. Double parking is dangerous. It blocks vision for other drivers, obstructs traffic flow and forces children onto the road.

Did you know that the penalty for double parking inside a school zone is: $300+ and 2 demerit points?

**Term 3 happenings**
I will be taking long service next week. I will be away from 30th July through to 4th September. Mr John Beattie will be the relieving principal in my
absence. Mr John Boyd will take 5/6B during this time.

Sharon Julien
Principal

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following award winners:

Gotcha Awards
Logan Harman
Bella Bradshaw
Iziaha Johnson
Bodhi Bradshaw

Merit Certificates
K/1B
Blake Heeman
Stella Murphy

K/1C
Neil Johnson

2M
Amelia Stevens
Charlotte Horn

3/4GW
Kobie Maher
Stephanie McNair-Eade

3/4K
Jacob Horn
Samson Delaveris

5/6B
Angus Bell
Jaxon Charles

Citizen Awards
K/1B
Izaak Loney
Rhiannon Smith

K/1C
Alex Rainsford
Douglas Baxter

2M
Mia Chandler
Baylee Morton

3/4GW
Logan Harman
Damon Sinclair

3/4K
Alex Walsh
Charlie Banks

5/6B
Searn Maher
Logan Junek-Halligan

Tidy Bee
5/6B & 3/4GW

How to Learn Awards

PEER SUPPORT
We are commencing our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom.

We are working on a module called Keeping Friends helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in their group, agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about the meaning of friendship.

We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Scholastic Book Club
Just a reminder that Scholastic Book Club orders are due back by Tuesday 28th July.

SOCCER NEWS
Round Three 26th June
The junior team played a thrilling draw against Hume with the final score being 2 all. We were behind on several occasions but never gave up and kept making strong comebacks.

Billy played an excellent game. He ran hard throughout the game and provided spark in attack and reliability in defence. Jacob played well in the mid-field and Damon and Mav cleared the ball well in defence. Aote and Michael didn’t stop trying. Reilly played well as goal-keeper.

Our positional play and team work were vastly improved.

The senior team had a strong win, defeating Hume by a score of 8 – 1. Jordyn, Praveen and Iziaha scored two goals each and Aidan and Hamish scored one each. The whole team played very well.

The most pleasing aspect of this performance was that the referee (a Hume school teacher) highly
commend our boys on their excellent sportsmanship, behaviour and spirit in which they played the game. Developing these qualities in our students is one of the great benefits of playing sport. Well done boys!

**Round Four**
The junior team enjoyed a 2 -1 victory over LEPS. Damon played strongly in defence and sparked many attacking raids. A feature of our play in recent weeks has been improved teamwork and improved sportsmanship.

**Canteen News**
The next Wednesday Warmers will be:-

**July 29** – Oven Baked Fish and Chips and Juice Box $4.00  
**August 5** - Sausage Sizzle and Quench $3.00

Don’t forget that the Canteen is now only open on **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**. The Wednesday Specials are continuing, as are the Ripper Recess Specials on Thursdays.  
**Thank you - Canteen sub-Committee**

**Fundraising Report**

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**  
It is now time to return your money and any unsold chocolates to the office. Thank you to all the families who have sold chocolates. Funds raised are going towards upgrades to the computer lab this year. Thank you to Dharsini Pathmanathan and Karena Leet for coordinating this fundraiser.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**  
We are participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion. Leave completed sticker sheets in the box in the office. You can get extra sheets online - [www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn) or in stores, or we have a small number in the office. We also have a collection box out the front of the Albury Central store so encourage your family and friends to drop their stickers in the box!

**5 CENT FUNDRAISER**  
The 5 cent fundraiser will be starting soon, so start collecting your 5 cent pieces. Which class will win the prize this year???
NAIDOC DAY

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“ARE YOU EVEN SIBLINGS?” – BIRTH ORDER AND TEMPERAMENT

Birth order, temperament, genetics, environment, intelligence, relationships, and life experiences all affect our children’s personalities. But isn’t it weird that children born to the same family, with the same love, and the same parenting approach, can be SO DIFFERENT?! More and research is appearing to support the theory that BIRTH ORDER + PARENTING APPROACH = BEHAVIOUR.

Understanding the effects of birth order on a child’s personality:

FIRSTBORN’S
As the leader of the pack, firstborns often tend to be:

- Reliable
- Conscientious
- Structured
- Cautious
- Controlling
- Achievers

More likely to be motivated by pocket money, awards, praise. Like to be successful, might be easily disappointed. High expectations from self and parents.

MIDDLE’S
In general, middle children tend to possess the following characteristics:

- People-pleasers
- Somewhat rebellious
- Thrives on friendships
- Has large social circle
- Peacemaker

The middle child often feels left out and a sense of, ‘Well, I’m not the oldest. I’m not the youngest. Who am I? Notoriously tricky to parent!

THE BABIES
Youngest children tend to be the most free-spirited due to their parents’ increasingly laissez-faire attitude towards parenting the second (or third, or fourth, or fifth...) time around. The baby of the family tends to be:

- Fun-loving
- Uncomplicated
- Manipulative
- Outgoing
- Attention-seeker
- Self-centered

Often love the spotlight, performances, creative arts – partly because the academic/sporty/high-achieving positions have already been taken by older siblings.

How do your children stack up?
Evie Bradley – School Counsellor/Psychologist

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Helping your child to have fun with letters and sounds

- Read with your child every day – read to them, read with them and let them read to you.
- Help your child learn letter names and say the sounds they make, e.g. play letter/sound games, say rhymes, use alphabet cards and charts.
- Help your child identify letters and words in signs, posters, etc., and talk about the sounds that different letters make.
- Encourage your child to hear and say the sounds in words. Help them to listen for the individual sounds in words, pull them apart and put them together.
- Ask your child to find letters that they can name, e.g. in their own name and in the names of family members and friends, or while shopping at the supermarket.
- Play word games such as Junior Scrabble or Boggle or give them a baking tray with some magnetic letters.
- Try writing cards to family and friends and lists of different events (birthdays) or items (shopping) together.