Diary Dates

Friday 7 August
Assembly – 11.50am – K/1C

Monday 10 August
2M Yummy Day

Tuesday 11 August
P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Friday 14 August
Assembly – 11.50am – 3/4GW

Monday 17 August
Book Week
Rewards Day

Thursday 20 August
Book Week Parade

Tuesday 1 September
Lapathon held

Thursday 10 September
School Photo Day

Education Week Success / Wrap Up
Staff and students would like to thank all parents who visited the school during Education Week. There were a number of highlights including:

Learning Journeys
A great turn out on Wednesday for our second Learning Journey. Learning Journeys provide an allocated time for students to take their parents/carers through the learning they have been involved in. Thank you to all of our families who came in to take such an active role in the learning and development of our students. Strong learning requires a strong relationship between all stakeholders. We realise that it is often difficult for parents to take time away from work on these occasions. As a consequence the effort made by parents who could attend is much appreciated – our boys and girls were delighted to see you, as were the staff during the morning tea.

Assembly
This assembly gave us the opportunity to celebrate the efforts of students who embrace the many opportunities made available to our students. Thank you to 3/4K who led the assembly and proudly displayed their wonderful efforts during their learning. Thank you to the members of the band who entertained us as well.

Art Exhibition
I hope that many of you have popped into the Albury Library Museum to see the wonderful art work, created by the students in the Crossing Point Learning Community, on display. The display is certainly a great testament to public education and the amazing talent that we have in our schools.

Congratulations are extended to Aidan Hillier, Chantelle Stevens and Brock Loney for receiving highly commended nominations for their artworks. Brock was so lucky he had 2 artworks selected. The artwork will remain on display until 28th August.

Rewards Day
Our next Rewards Day, which will be a trip to Major League Indoor Sports Stadium, will be held on Monday 17th August. Well done to all of the students who have displayed respect, responsibility and care in the first 5 weeks of the term – we are very proud of you.
At present we have 92% of our students attending the Rewards Day - a brilliant way to start the term!

Book Parade
Literally book Thursday 20th August into your diaries. We are all looking forward to the fun and excitement of the Book Parade. Preschoolers, new students and their families attending kindergarten in 2015 are also invited.

Assistance Required
Overall the standard of the uniform at Albury West is very good. One area we need assistance with is jumpers. Either the grey or gold jumper needs to be worn. Please check uniform as students leave home.

Jumpers that are not the correct colour, have hoods, or that include insignias on them are NOT acceptable. Students out of uniform may not be able to represent the school on school excursions or at PSSA.

A note from parents when students are out of uniform is acceptable for short periods of time. Anyone who requires assistance with uniforms can contact the front office.

Our uniform fulfils many important roles. It allows and encourages equality as all students look alike. The uniform also helps identify Albury West students, which is important when in a large group. Perhaps most importantly, wearing the full uniform is a sign of respect for the school which is often how the school is judged by the community.

Major Excursions
Please keep payments coming in for the planned major excursions.

Great Aussie Holiday Park
For the 3/4 students, attending the excursion, full payment is due by 18th September. The full payment is $125.

Borambola
Full payment for the 5/6 excursion to Canberra is due by Friday 18th September. The full cost of the excursion is $271 per student.

Don’t forget that Eftpos is available at the front office.

Kindergarten 2016
We are now taking enrolments for students who will start Kindergarten in 2016. Spread the word to any families you know that have children ready for school next year. Please drop into the office for an enrolment pack to secure your spot.

Save the date:
The 2016 Kindergarten parent/carer information day will be held on Friday 16th October in the library, commencing at 9:00am.

Sharon Julien
Principal

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following award winners:-

Gotcha Awards
Jaxon Charles
Tyler Harding
Eli Chalmers
Tahlia Cannon

Merit Certificates
K/1B
Kristen Mundy
Cheylah Williams-Bihler

K/1C
Tyler Harding

2M
Lulu Johnson
Callum Hillier

3/4GW
Thomas Stevens
Tahleah Carter

3/4K
Rory Manley
Lachlan Lambert

5/6B
Ashleigh Harman
Brandon Fitzgerald

Citizen Awards
K/1B
Izaak Loney
Kia Willis

K/1C
Kaylee Nugent
Bodhi Bradshaw
Respect, Responsibility, Care

2M
Callum Smith

3/4GW
Angelo Zamudio
Chloe Kettle

3/4K
Allirah Whybrow
Billy Taylor

5/6B
Evy Brew

Tidy Bee
Aussie of the Month
5/6B
Angus Bell

Class of the Week
3/4GW

How to Learn Awards
Tahlia Cannon, Haidan O’Byrne-Chapman, Logan Harman, Chantelle Stevens, Taralee Bottrell.

PEER SUPPORT
During Peer Support last week the children looked at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They also explored the skills of friendship, specifically those of cooperating and listening.

During this week encourage your child to show they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.

SOCcer NEWS
Juniors – AWPS 4 d Hume 0.
Big defensive effort in the first half as Hume PS constantly attacked the goal. Lachlan had 6 great saves.
In the second half we had two early goals by Billy and Rory then two more goals by Billy and Rory.
Unlike the first half, the second half was dominated by AWPS. Great game, great kicks and a top game by the entire team!!

Seniors - AWPS 5 d Hume 2
A 3 to nil lead to us in the first half was dwindled down to 3-2 midway through the second half.
Fortunately Pacey and Iziaha were able to score late in the half making the result 5-2. Other scorers were Jake, Jaxon and Praveen. The whole team played consistently throughout the match, resulting in an impressive win.

Canteen News
The next Wednesday Warmers will be:

August 12 – Ham & Cheese Toastie & Juicebox
$4.00

August 19 – Mini Pizza & Juicebox - $3.00

Welcome to new canteen manager –
A new Manager has been appointed to the canteen! The P&C and its canteen sub-committee welcome Trish Taylor to AWPS and wish her well in her new role. Trish commenced work on Wednesday and will now run the canteen every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. (Remember that the canteen is closed every Monday and Tuesday.) Wendy Kelly finished up this week after two years of great service to the students of the school and we wish her well in her new endeavours. Alison Mildenhall will remain on the canteen sub-committee in a volunteer role only.

Community News
“Real humanity is shown when we care for others” - Professor Fred Hollows

The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred’s vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who follow in his footsteps by showing care and compassion for others.

After three successful years in the ACT the Award is expanding into NSW with the support of NSW Premier Mike Baird.

Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate a compassionate Year 6 student through the online nomination form. It’s a great opportunity for students to be recognised outside the sporting and academic realm.

All nominees and their parents will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Sydney to announce the NSW winner.

To nominate a student and learn more about the award go to www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward

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Albury Thunder Junior Rugby League Presents a Disco – Children 5 years to 13 years (school Age)
At The Waratah Room, Commercial Club
Friday 14 August 2015, 7.30pm to 9.00pm
Entry $5 – Adult Supervision Provided
Food & Drink at Subsidised Club Prices
Glow Products for sale
Children to be dropped off and picked up by a responsible adult

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Tips for Parents

Absentee information
When children miss out on school they miss out on vital information, their learning routine is broken, they can lose confidence and they miss out on building up friendships.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child’s teacher or the office at the school, or explain the reason by phone, email, SMS or written note as soon as possible, or within seven days.

Once children are enrolled parents are legally required to send them to school every day that the school is open for instruction or participation in school activities, such as sports days. A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- has to go to special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school, or has an infectious illness.

Failure to explain an absence within 7 days will be recorded as an unjustified absence on a student’s record. Schools will inform parents if a student is absent from school without explanation.
Respect, Responsibility, Care.
Works on display at the library museum from some of our budding young artists!!