Diary Dates

Friday 5th February
Assembly – 12.00pm. – SRC

Tuesday 9th February
Student Banking Hume Bank commences
P & C Meeting – 7.00pm

Friday 12th February
Assembly – 12.00pm – 5/6B

Wednesday 17th February
Swimming Carnival – Yrs 3-6

Friday 19th February
Assembly – 12.00pm – Leader Induction & luncheon

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

Welcome Back
Welcome to AWPS 2016. We’re off to an exceptional start for the year with both new and established students settling in easily and coping well with work and play, doing all the right things as expected. The tone of the school is really positive and comfortable.

Our new Kindergarten students were welcomed by their buddies last Friday and were so excited starting ‘real school’. The 2015 transition program certainly made their start easy with the buddies in action supporting students each morning in the Kindergarten classrooms. We are very proud of this leadership group.

Our student numbers and additional funding have entitled us to 6 classes. Classes for 2016 are:

K/1B  Mrs Lisa Bradshaw (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday) and Mrs Lynne Wheeler (on every second Friday)
K/1RB Mrs Rebecca Bourke (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri) and Mrs Lynne Wheeler (Thursday)
1/2K   Mr Jacob King
2/3M   Mrs Nicole Morrison
4/5K   Mrs Christina Klein
5/6B   Mr John Beattie

Miss Narelle Lawrence will be running Reading Recovery.
Mrs Leisa Grantham will be carrying out the Last and Support Teacher role.
Mrs Jenny Boyd will continue in her role as the Librarian / RFF teacher.
Miss Paula Innes will continue in her role as the Instructional Leader.

Mr John Beattie will be the relieving Assistant Principal for the year.

We do especially welcome all of our new families. Make yourselves known to the staff and other parents and take the opportunity to become involved in your child’s education through one of the many avenues as a parent helper in the classroom, canteen or assisting with sport. Your help will be much appreciated, so keep an eye out for these invitations.

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 first P&C meeting will be held next week – please find attached an information sheet about the P&C.
There is an open door approach at AWPS and we appreciate any concerns or issues being nipped in the bud. Do not let any matter brew. It is always better to attain a quick solution and this is done with your child’s best interests in mind. Teachers are happy to meet with you, but it is best to organise an appointment as they cannot discuss matters whilst on class or entering the classroom ready to start the day with students.

If the matter can’t wait please call into the front office and I will help you. Mrs Bradley, the School Counsellor is also available every second Wednesday to consult with students and /or parents.

**Bring Back Blue**

To assist the return of notes is ‘**BRING BACK BLUE’**. These obvious blue notes mean they have to be returned with completed details, including money if specified, to the school by the stated due date. They should stand out on the kitchen bench, on the fridge and in school bags. It is easy to know that all blue notes must be returned. Notes are to be placed in the black box located in the front office upon arrival at school.

**Media Consent**

Throughout the year, our school engages in promoting itself and the achievements of our students in the newspapers, on radio, TV, video, web page and of course, in our newsletter. We are aware that some parents may **NOT** wish for their child’s photo, name or achievement to be made public. Please complete the note attached and return it to the office as soon as possible.

**Internet Code of Conduct**

Throughout the year, our students have access to the internet. We are aware that some parents may **NOT** wish for their child to access the internet. Please complete the note attached and return it to the office as soon as possible indicating if your child has permission to access the Internet – all students who are able to use the Internet must sign the attached Code of Conduct.

**Health Care Plans**

If there are any students who require a specific Health Care Plan please let us know so our records are updated. We post photos and details of all students who have allergies, asthma or other medical conditions in the office and staffroom and we need correct details on file.

**Allergy and Anaphylaxis**

We are asking for your help to support the children in our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis. Attached is a letter explaining how best to support students with allergies – we thank you for your support.

Please note that in an effort to maintain nutritious eating habits, like many other schools, we ask that no cakes or celebratory treats be supplied for birthdays. Teachers will not be providing food rewards – rewards will include stickers, stamps, pick a box etc.

**Late to school and early pick up**

All students are asked to arrive at school by 9.00am. Students arriving late disrupt classes when they enter the room late and are also missing out on vital learning time and instructions.

Parents must accompany their children into the office to complete the paper work regarding reasons for arriving late to school. Please do not drop your child off in the street and send them by themselves to the office.

If for some reason you need to pick up your child before the end of the school day, your child must be signed out from the front office beforehand. No child will be able to leave the school grounds without a white slip. We appreciate your support in ensuring our students are at school on time and safe.

**School Hats**

Another reminder that broad-brimmed school hats are a must every day this term. Caps will not be accepted as hats as they are not protective and are not part of our school uniform. In this hot weather any student without a hat will be supervised under the COLA.

**Swimming Carnival**

Our school swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 17th February. Please ensure all notes and money are returned before then. The carnival is for students in Years 3-6 and any student in Year 2 who is turning 8 this year. Please note students
who are turning 8 in Year 2 do not have to attend – it is up to parents to make the decision as to whether they feel their child is able to swim the correct stroke and for 50m.

PLEASE NOTE - it is recommended that children who have had diarrhea in the previous 2 weeks should avoid swimming pools and as such it is requested that they do not attend the swimming carnival.

Leadership 2016
We will, once again, include students from 2/3M, 4/5K and 5/6B on the SRC. These positions will change at the start of each term. This will allow several of our younger students the opportunity to learn more about leadership and meeting procedure. We hope that by creating these new positions and responsibilities students will feel more empowered and involved in the decision making processes that take place within the school.

Newly elected members include: Bella Bradshaw, Jacob Horn, Angelo Zamudio, Charlie Banks, Mia Chandler and Baylee Morton.

They will join Searn Mahers, Praveen Pathmanathan, Meg Kirkwood, Jaxon Charles and Zharlia Parker who were elected as leaders at the end of last year.

Students in Years 4 – 6 have been asked to apply for positions as a Library Assistant or Technowizz. These roles will be vital in helping students and staff with the organisation of the library and computer trouble shooting. The names of the Library Assistants and Technowizz’s are detailed in the Library News below.

Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in being elected as house leaders:-

**Banksia Captains** are Praveen Pathmanathan and Bella Bradshaw

**Banksia Vice Captains** are Jaxon Charles and Meg Kirkwood

**Boronia Captains** are William Eden-Leet and Charli Nugent

**Boronia Vice Captains** are Lachlan Lambert and Searn Maher

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**Induction Ceremony**
Mr Ellis, Deputy Principal of Albury High School, will be attending this very important ceremony for our student leaders on Friday 19th February. AWPS has a proud history of leadership development opportunities through a wide range of activities. Already Praveen and Searn have proven their worth as Captains, and they are well supported by Jaxon, Meg and Zharlia as vice captains. Also inducted at this ceremony will be the new SRC members, house leaders, Library Assistants and Technowizz’s.

We are very excited this year as our school captain in 2010 will be attending this year’s induction assembly, as the Captain of Albury High School. We are all looking forward to catching up with Milla Reid on the Friday and feel very proud that we helped her get started in her leadership capacity.

**What is PBL?**
PBL stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning. It is an approach for creating safer and more effective schools. PBL helps schools to set up a consistent discipline system, while focusing on rewarding positive behaviour for all students. PBL has been implemented in our school playground for some time now, with great success. Attached to the newsletter is a matrix that can be used at home – we hope that this may be useful in reinforcing school expectations regarding behaviours in and around the school.

**Picnic with the Principal**
Picnic with the principal will continue again this year. Teachers are asked to choose a student at the end of each month to receive this award. This is a reward that recognises students who show respect, responsibility and care. Students in Kindergarten to Year 6, who are named as recipients get a chance to enjoy lunch with me on a Thursday. During this private lunch, students can discuss what is happening at the school and we can speak about the fun and exciting things going on at the school. This is a great

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opportunity for students to voice their opinions and let’s not forget the lunch is DELICIOUS!!

**Water**

Pack a water bottle for your child each day and remind them that they can also get water from the taps or bubblers throughout the day.

**Forgotten Lunch Reminder**

We recognise that at times students may forget to bring in their recess or lunch and as such we always have nutritional food available on these occasions. We do ask though that if your child has forgotten their recess or lunch that they inform the ladies in the office as soon as possible as often the office can get quite busy at these times. We thank you for your support.

Please note that as the canteen is closed on a Monday and a Tuesday – the SRC sell sausage rolls at lunch time. They are $2.00 and need to be pre-ordered at the office first thing in the morning.

**Mobile phones**

Students are not permitted to have a mobile phone at school. Students at Albury West Public School may only bring mobile phones to school if there is a need for them to be able to contact their parents either before arriving at school or in the afternoon after leaving school.

A student with a mobile phone at school must check it in at the school office upon arrival at school. It is to be turned off and kept secure in the front office. It is the student’s responsibility to collect the phone at the end of the school day.

The above procedures applying to the use and security of mobile phones, apply equally to the use of portable computer games, software, MP3 players, IPods and similar devices. We appreciate your support in this matter.

**Crossing**

A very special reminder to our parents and students that our school crossing is manned in the morning and the afternoon by an employee of the RMS to keep our children safe when they are crossing the road before and after school.

Please make sure that everyone crosses the road at the right spot and that you are never in so big a hurry either driving past the crossing or walking your children to the crossing that someone is injured. We would ask that parents do not call their child to cross the road further along Mott Street.

**Bus Travel**

Students from K-2 are eligible for free bus travel. Students in Years 3-6 must fit distance criteria to have free travel. Students going from Year 2 to 3, who still meet the distance criteria, will need to apply. If you are not sure, please contact our office staff for some help. Normally, students have a 2 week ‘grace period’ to lodge new applications before being asked to show a pass or pay a fare.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BUS FARE HAS INCREASED THIS YEAR – it is now $1.20 per trip. Application forms can be found at school.

**Book Packs**

Book packs are available for all students from the front office. Our book packs offer extremely good value and are a one off cost to ensure that all students have resources needed for the school year. These packs are available from the office at a cost of $25 per student or $50 for a family of 3 or more.

2016 promises to be a very exciting and rewarding year for Albury West Public School. Welcome back and thank you for being part of our great school community.

**Sharon Julien**

Principal

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Look at some of the resources that we received from the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion!! Thank you to everyone who brought in the stickers.
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Scholastic Book Club
The first Scholastic book club brochure has been sent home, filled with great books to order. Orders are due back at school by Tuesday 16th February.

Canteen News
The AWPS canteen staff and sub-committee welcome everyone back to school for 2016. Our canteen is run by the school P&C Association and follows the state Healthy Canteen Guidelines and we offer a range of hot foods, sandwiches, snacks and drinks.

We are open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Students who wish to place a lunch order can place their order and money, before 9.00am, in the box provided at the canteen. Counter sales of drinks, cupcakes, popcorn, milkshakes, etc are available at both recess and lunchtime.

We will continue to run the very popular Wednesday Warmer Specials program in which a discounted meal deal will be available. Every Tuesday a note will go home with each student detailing the next day’s special lunch order - no other lunch orders are available that day though counter sales will be as normal. (Please note that because the school Swimming Carnival is being held on Wednesday February 17 the Special on that day will be held over until Thursday.)

Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the new menu. There have been a small number of price rises this year but overall we have still tried to keep prices as low as possible. Note that there has been a decrease in the price of dim sims and Zings (fruit-yoghurt ice bars).

The canteen is managed by a sub-committee of the P&C which meets periodically and reports to the P&C every month. Even if you cannot get to the monthly P&C meetings please consider joining the canteen sub-committee and have your say regarding the management of the canteen. It is not a difficult job, but it is important for the proper functioning of the canteen and your input and interest will be greatly appreciated. Talk to the office staff or current Canteen Supervisor, Alison Mildenhall, for further information.

And lastly, a form will be sent home in a few weeks asking for volunteer helpers. Please give some thought as to whether you would be willing to help out in the canteen, with tasks such as serving students, helping with orders, preparing lunches and tidying up. The canteen depends on its volunteer helpers to keep everything running smoothly.

Thank you in advance for supporting our canteen.

AWPS P&C Canteen sub-Committee

The next Canteen Wednesday Specials will be:-

February 10 – Chicken Pattie Burger & Juice Box - $4.00

Thursday February 18 (changes from Wednesday due to swimming carnival) – Ham & cheese Toasted sandwich & quench $4.50
Are you looking at playing AFL football in 2016? If the answer is yes then we are looking for you!

With our new club rooms ready for the 2016 season our family club is moving ahead in leaps and bounds in the family league, the Hume League.

If you are seriously interested then see below for all the information you require.

Under 14 & Under 17 Training at Urana Rd Oval from 5pm till 6pm on Tuesday & Thursday evenings starting from 9/2/16

Cost for juniors $110 inc Club polo shirt

Under 14 Coach: Andrew Wilson - 0427585784

Under 17 Coach: Jarman Teesdale - 0408673157

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The simplest way...to be SunSmart!

Showing children that you wear sunscreen is the best way to teach them about our harmful UV rays.

Children imitate adult behavior – both good and bad. When it comes to sun protection, setting the best example is important for teachers and parents

What should you do?

- Wear a sun safe hat.
- Wear a shirt with a collar and sleeves.
- Apply sunscreen before going outside, and then at regular two hour intervals throughout the day.

Be SunSmart and your children will follow your lead. Enjoy the holidays!

For more information visit www.sunsmart.org.au or call 9334 1761

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West Albury Touch Football

Looking for something to do? Get in touch with Touch Football!

When: Wednesday 13th April 4.30pm - 6.00pm

Training Sessions: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March 6th April

Where: Haydon Park Next Basketball Park

Who can come: Boys and girls aged between 9 -13yrs

What to Bring: Drink bottle with plenty of water

Further info: Mandy Wilson on 6023 8295 or 0409 488 848

Cost: FREE

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The simplest way

to add a healthy lunch box meal.

Pizza muffins are super easy to make and, even better, kids think they’re a real treat!

What you need:

- Multigrain English Muffins
- Diced lean meat (ham/chicken breast)
- Tomato paste
- Diced veggies, whatever is in your fridge or:
  - Diced mushroom
  - Diced tomato
  - Diced capsicum
  - Pineapple pieces
- Low fat grated cheese

Method:

- Spread tomato paste on muffin
- Place veggies, ham and pineapple on top
- Sprinkle with cheese
- Bake in oven/under grill until cheese melts.

For more information visit www.wattutobeauti.com.au or join us at facebook.com/essittubeauti.
# Canteen Menu - 2016

## Sandwiches

(White or Multigrain Bread)

**WHITE ROLLS** - add an extra 40c

- Meat & Salad (Ham, Chicken, Roast Beef) $3.50
- Meat only $3.00
- Ham & Cheese $3.00
- BLT - Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato $4.00
- Salad only (Mayo optional) $3.00
- Cheese & Tomato $2.80
- Cheese $2.50
- Tomato $2.50
- Vegemite $2.00

## Toasted Sandwiches

- Chicken & Cheese $3.80
- Ham & Cheese $3.50
- Ham, Cheese & Tomato $3.80
- Cheese & Tomato $3.00
- Cheese $2.80

## Snack Foods

- Chips (Honey Soy) $1.50
- Popcorn $0.20
- Noodle Packet $0.50
- Ovaltines $1.30
- Choc Chip Cookies (6 for $1.00) or $0.20 ea
- Cupcake $1.00
- Chocolate Mousse $1.50
- Custard Cup $0.50
- Icy Pole Tube (Quelch) $0.50
- Zing (Yoghurt Tube) 1/2 for $0.50 $1.00
- Frozen Juice Cup $0.50
- Other Icecreams $1.00

## Hot Food

- Meat Pie (Beef, Chicken & Veg) $3.00
- Party Pie $1.00
- Sausage Roll $2.00
- Pizza (Ham & Pineapple) $2.80
- Chicken Nuggets $0.50 ea
- Chicken Crackles - Breast Chicken (4 for $2.00) or $0.60 ea
- Hash Browns (3 for $1.50) or $0.60 ea
- Steamed Dim Sims $0.50
- Seasoned Potato Wedges $1.50
- Chicken Schnitzel Burger (w. Lettuce & Mayo) $4.00
- Chicken Pattie Burger (w. Lettuce & Mayo) $3.50
- Cheese Burger (100% Beef Burger with Cheese) $4.00
- Roast Roll with Gravy (Chicken) $3.50
- Roast Roll with Gravy (Beef) $4.00
- Pizza Wheels $0.50
- Nachos $1.80
- Noodle Cups $2.00
- Chicken Noodle Cup-a-Soup $2.50

## Drinks

- Warm Milo $1.50
- Spring Water $1.00
- Flavoured Milk 200ml (Choc/Straw) $1.50
- Juice Box $1.00
- Quench (Flavoured Mineral Water) $2.00
- Milkshake $1.50

## Sweets

- Fruit or Yoghurt Based Sweets (6 for $1.00) or $0.20 ea

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**Healthy Foods Canteen Policy**

- Foods that should be eaten regularly
- Foods that should be eaten only sometimes
- Foods that should be eaten rarely

Lunch orders to be placed in order box at canteen by 9am.

DEFINITELY NO CREDIT