Big Assembly
One of the highlights of a student’s cultural experience at Albury West Public School is the Big Assembly, which was held today. The Big Assembly involves all of our students in the school having the opportunity to get up on stage and sing or dance during the two fantastic performances held throughout the day.

Congratulations go to all students for the hours of rehearsals resulting in outstanding performances. These charming short acts were directed by the dedicated staff of Albury West Public School and brought to life by our amazingly talented students. Thanks are extended to the many families who have assisted us by ensuring children have costumes needed for the day – this helps make the entire show that little bit more of a show stopper for all.

We need to say a very big thank you Vicki Rowe for the countless hours that she spent making sure that today was success for all – THANK YOU!

Father’s Day Stall
To all Dads we hope you had a Happy Father’s Day last Sunday and that you were spoilt from your much-loved children. The support from parents in getting all the presents ready for our Dads was great, and in particular special thanks to Jenny Squire, Belinda Horn, Sharon McNair and Brenda Kausche for their coordination of this fundraiser.

School Surveys
Attached are three school surveys. I would appreciate it if you could complete the surveys and return them to school. Your input is valued and will be used to assist in the completion of the Annual School Report and will also assist us in future school planning.

Creative Catchment Kids
Our Creative Catchment Kids (Jaden, Tara, Corbin and Olivia) had a very informative day last week when they visited Table Top Mountain. They enjoyed a two hour walk taking in the spectacular views and gained a valuable insight into the geology, flora and fauna and indigenous connections to the area. They also visited a cave believed to be used by the bushranger, Dan Morgan.

Science Day at AHS
Jaden, Tara, Jazmin, Maddison, Ethan, Tara and Jonathan all enjoyed a great day at Albury High recently. They had the opportunity to work in
groups with students from Albury Public and Howlong Public doing science based activities during the day. They were also treated to a lovely BBQ lunch. A big thank you is extended to Mark Ellis at Albury High School for planning the day for our students.

School Photo Day
Don’t forget that our school photos will be taken on Monday—remember to wear your full summer uniform and best smile.

Head lice
A special request as we have had several cases of head lice reported—please check your child’s hair for head lice.

Anyone can get head lice and it is common for school children to get head lice at some time. Head lice can spread when children’s hair comes into contact with one another. To prevent getting head lice, tie your child’s hair back, tell your child not to share hats or clothes and check your child’s hair regularly. For tips on treating head lice please go to www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice

Lap-a-thon
Thank you to all the students who participated in the lap-a-thon. Many students have already returned their money raised, so far we have raised $259.00

A reminder that we would appreciate it if all money could be returned by September 20th. We hope to raise $3000— all money raised will go towards purchasing new play equipment for the playground.

There will be a prize awarded to the student who raises the most amount of money and the class who raises the most amount of money will be given a pizza lunch.

Riverina Athletics Carnival
Chloe Shoemark (high jump) and Kashaya Ambrym (800m) represented Albury at the Riverina Athletics Carnival last Friday. Both girls had a great day. Well done girls!

Jenny Boyd LSL
Jenny Boyd has taken 6 weeks long service leave— she will return next term in Week 4. We wish her safe travels. Amanda Rapsey will be taking her classes during the remaining weeks of this term and Joel Border will take her classes at the start of Term 4.

NAPLAN Results
Students in Years 3 and 5 will receive their NAPLAN results shortly. The NAPLAN results provide information useful to both parents and teachers. The report helps you identify the strengths and weaknesses of your child in literacy and numeracy. Your child’s teachers will use this information to address their child’s literacy and numeracy needs across all subjects. Please remember that it is only one form of testing that assesses your child’s learning.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, which oversees the delivery and reporting of the NAPLAN tests, introduced a persuasive writing task in 2011, replacing the narrative writing task which was tested from 2008 to 2010.

Because students perform differently on the two types of writing tasks the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority has introduced a new and additional reporting scale for writing. This means that it will not be possible to compare the writing performance of students who completed the narrative task in 2009 with their performance in the persuasive task in 2011.

You will still be able to measure your child’s growth in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Numeracy from 2009 to 2011, by comparing their 2009 NAPLAN student report with the 2011 NAPLAN student report.

For further information on understanding the NAPLAN student reports please go to www.nap.edu.au/Test+Results/Student+reports/index.html.

NRL Day
We are asking that you keep the morning of Friday 23rd September free as we will be hosting a very exciting NRL session at our school.

This program will involve students in Years 2 – 6 participating in drills and skills in rugby league with past NRL players. All students will enjoy a BBQ sponsored by the NRL and they will be entertained by Steve Bowen.
Parents are more than welcome to come along as activities are planned for you as well – you too will be treated to a BBQ and I know that Steve will play a few older songs that we oldies can relate to.

More information will be sent out closer to the date. For catering purposes, if you know that you will be able to attend this wonderful session would you please complete the reply slip below and return it to the school.

Albury West Public School

Please note that

______     adults and

______    additional children

from the ___________________ family

will be attending the
National Rugby League session on
the morning of Friday 23rd September.

Weekly Behaviour Focus
Our weekly behaviour focus next week will be ‘lining up quickly and sensibly’, with discussions and actions focussed on listening to and responding to the school bell, especially when playing on the playground.

Attendance
Our weekly attendance competition is continuing. Last week’s attendance percentages were as follows:

K/1B    94%    K/1J   93%
1/2G   81%    3/4R  89%
4/5K   73%    5/6B  77%

Well done to K/1B. Let’s all keep up the great work. Please remember that it’s cool to be in school!

Sharon Julien
Principal.

"GOTCHA AWARDS"

Week 6
Nichetha Pathmanathan
Harris Riddell

Week 7
Tate Ford
Tiarna Whybrow

Students of the Week

Jaden Dewan, Mikaela Morgan,
Taralee Bottrell

Class Merit Certificates

Week 6
K/1B - Glen Dutton, Ashton Matthews
K/1J - Riley Hetherton, Sebastian Curley
1/2G - Ashleigh Harman, Whittaker Polkinghorne
3/4R - Jade Priestly, Justine Walsh
4/5K - Jye Gilbert, Blade Parker
5/6B - Tara Foster, Robert Campbell-Betts

Week 7
K/1B - Samson Delaveris, Buddy Bottrell
K/1J - Tobee Blockley, Thomas Stevens
1/2G - Kenny Deal, Angelina Dunbar
3/4R - Rosanna Sadowsky, Bailey Deal
4/5K - Chris Manley, Madeline Deal
5/6B - Harley Hone, Seth Wilson

Citizen Award

Week 6
K/1B - Tahlia Evans
K/1J - Troy Chaplin
1/2G - Claire Williams
3/4R - Blake Gould
4/5K - Blade Parker
5/6B - Maddy Hayes

Week 7
K/1B - Searn Maher
K/1J - Charli Nugent
3/4R - Chevy Parker
4/5K - Tyrone Whybrow
5/6B - Tabitha Little

INSTANT MERITS

4/5K    Harris Riddell x 40
Alishia Theunissen x 50
Albury Tennis Association - Tuesday ladies pennant during the school term in both winter and summer. We will be taking names until 19th September for our coming Summer Pennant to commence the morning of Tuesday 11th October. Matches will be played at grass courts in South Albury. The courts are enclosed so it is safe for young children to be present. Nominate as a team or just yourself. Contact the courts on 60213514, Sandra on 60216595 AH or via email on alburytennis1@bigpond.com
Names are also been taken for Saturday afternoon pennant until 10th September for both men and women. Pennant commences on 8th October. Junior pennant commences on Saturday 15th October, from 9.30am. Players aged from 7 to 14 of all standards are catered for. The cost is $7.00

Community News
East Albury Cricket Club – registration days – Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th & Saturday 17th September from 10am to 12 noon at Alexandra Park- enter Keene St, East Albury. Under 11’s, 13’s, 15’s & 17’s. Contact 0407 261 386 www.eastalbury.cricketvictoria.com.au

North Albury Junior Cricket Club Registration

Days - Bunton Park, North Albury between 10 and 12 noon - Saturday 10th, Saturday 17th September for under 11, 13, 15 and 17 year olds. Milo cricket ages 4-10 yo registrations also. Contact Rod Barton 0417287793 or website www.northalbury.nsw.cricket.com.au

Parent Tips
Check out the new website for parents - http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/
Free app for homework and study
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practice their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? The free School A to Z app is an essential tool for every parent of school-aged children. Containing a range of fun applications including English, Maths, a spelling bee, times tables, technology A-Z and assignment starters, it’s great for parents and students. Download for free - www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications

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The Book Week Parade is fun. My favourite costume was Bubblebee. We went around and around. Sebastian

I am a doctor. Troy

I am playing in the Book Week Parade. Iziha

In the Book Week Parade I was a princess. Vika

I like my costume. Maverick

I like Batman. Jake

We went around and showed our costumes. Thomas

Dressing up is fun. So are knights and going around the stage. Harrison

The Book Week Parade is fun. Dressing up is fun. We like dressing up. Taralee

The Book Week Parade was fun for me. I was dressed as a mermaid. Everyone dressed up. Lilly
Everyone needs a friend

"Those kids at school are mean. I told them about this great game but they wouldn't play it. They said I couldn't play with them." Rebecca, who is seven, plays happily at home with her four year-old sister Samantha. Samantha adores her big sister and will do anything she says. But with school friends it's not so easy. Rebecca's mother wonders whether the other children really are mean or whether Rebecca may be too pushy. When children come over to visit it seems to go well as long as they are doing what Rebecca wants. But if the other child wants to do something different, Rebecca often sulks or goes off in a huff.

Children's friendships often have their ups and downs. When friendships are going well they support children's emotional wellbeing and confidence, as well as providing someone to play with. Positive friendships help children have fun, and also help them cope during periods of stress and change. This is why having friends at school is so important for children.

Helping kids with the ups and downs of friendships

It is not always easy for children to know how to manage friendships. Problems with friends can affect how children feel about themselves and their enthusiasm for activities that involve others. Parents and carers can help children learn the kinds of friendship skills they will need as they grow and develop.

Learning how to make and keep friends involves a number of skills. Children learn more and more complex social skills from those around them as they develop.

Home life has an effect on the development of social skills. A child who has an adoring little sister is likely to have more skills of leadership. A child who is the little sister may be more used to fitting in with what others want to do. These children are likely to react differently when they go to school and meet other children with different life experiences and different social skills.

Friendship skills for children include:

Cooperation
- how to share, how to take turns, how to work together towards a common goal

Communication
- using words to explain what you want and listening to others respectfully
- paying attention to body language, e.g., making eye contact, smiling and being able to read others' nonverbal reactions

Understanding and managing feelings
- being able to express feelings in ways that help others understand you
- recognising and responding to others' feelings

Accepting and including others
- recognising others' needs for respect and friendship

Respect, Responsibility, Care.