



ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 1 Term 4

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Dates for the Diary

Thurs 13

10:20am NO K-2 Assembly

12:00noon NO 3-6 Assembly

Friday 14 PSSA starts

Thurs 20

10:20am K-2 Assembly KWMC

12:00noon 3-6 Assembly 4CC

Dear All

Well we are back at school, ready for a busy Term 4, which is always very hectic. The students have settled back into routines extremely well and I have been very impressed with the engagement of all students as I walk around the classrooms. I hope everyone has had time to recharge the batteries and spend quality time with their families.

During the holidays I read a book written by **Andrew Fuller**. As a clinical psychologist he works with many schools and communities

specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. Over the next few weeks I would like to share ten of Andrew's hints about being resilient families.

To quote Andrew "**Resilience is the fine art of being able to bungy jump through life. The pitfalls are still there but it is as if you have an elasticised rope around your middle that helps you to bounce back from hard times**".

No. 1 Hint- Promote Belonging

Resilience is the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life. It is the strongest antidote we know for harmful behaviours and is built on our sense of belonging.

No. 2 Hint- Have some mooch time

We live in a world that suffers from attention deficit disorder. We rush children from activity to activity, from lesson to lesson and from one organised event to another. Then we wonder why, when there is a lull that they say "I'm bored". Be a counter-revolutionary. Find some time each week just to be at home without anything structured happening. www.andrewfuller.com.au

Our **Sun Safe policy** comes into operation this term. A reminder that all students are required to **wear a school hat**. If they do not have a hat they will need to play in the shade. Please ensure your child has their hat each day and that it is labelled with their name.



Have you walked through our playground lately? It is looking wonderful with the green grass and fresh green leaves on the trees. Also the new playground markings outside the West building look fantastic and the students are enjoying using the different activities, eg the hopscotch and number line. Many thanks to the parents who assisted with this project in the holidays and we look forward to further work being done to improve the environment for our students.

Our **2012 Kindergarten Orientation** visits commence in Week 3. If there are families who have not enrolled their children for next year, it is really important that they contact the school as soon as possible, so that their child does not miss out on the chance to have these valuable introductory visits to school.

Throughout the year we revise our school policies and procedures and conduct **Occupational Health and Safety** reviews to ensure we provide the most safe and secure environment possible. After a recent review we are making several changes to ensure the safety of both the students and staff, before, during and after school hours. Some of these changes are outlined on the back page. Please discuss these with your children so they know what their responsibilities are.



Attached to this newsletter is the new **Spring/Summer menu** from the canteen. Please check prices and be aware of the changes. Please make sure lunch orders are written on paper bags.

Also this week we are sending out the **Term 4 calendar**. Please pop it on the fridge so you are aware of all the events happening in this busy term.

Carolyn Howard, Relieving Principal.

STAFF CHANGES

This term sees some staff changes:-

- Ms Lisa Halliday has returned full time and will take over Reading Recovery and teach Computer Skills to Stage 2 and 3 classes.
- Many thanks to Mrs Comitti for her great efforts with the Reading Recovery program
- Mrs Rebbechi will continue teaching 5AZ with Mrs Golshan teaching the class on Wednesdays.
- 3/4CB will be taught by Mrs Gabriel until Week 4 when Mr Boyd returns from leave.

PLAYGROUND CHANGES

We are making some changes in the playground, as last term we seemed to have many balls etc flying across the playground and it was causing some safety concerns. The changes are:



- The Meadow to be used by Kindergarten children only
- The Block to be used by Years 1 to 6 each day on a fixed rotation
- The Jellybean to become a quiet, sitting area for use by all students-seating has been placed in this area
- Children are not permitted to bring footballs or soccer balls to school. The school will supply the balls
- Cricket games in Terms 1 and 4 only
- Australian Football games only in Terms 2 and 3
- No running games around or through the fixed equipment



PSSA SPORT NEWS

PSSA SPORT begins this Friday. The routine for Summer PSSA SPORT is as follows:-

- To avoid the heat of the day, summer PSSA is played in the mornings.
- The bus fare for all PSSA players is \$3.00 per week. This must be paid every Friday morning before school starts. Desks are set up outside the Annexe to collect money and mark off names.
- Students will leave on buses just after 9:00am and should return to school by recess, at 11:00am.
- Students must wear a hat and bring a water bottle with them. It is advisable that students wear sunscreen as there is very little shade at most of the venues.
- Softball and T-ball will be played at Jelbart Park and Touch Footy will be played at Alexandra Park every week. The venue for cricket will change each week.
- Results of the previous week's games will be published in the newsletter. Congratulations to all students selected to represent our school at PSSA sport and good luck!

PSSA PARENT HELPERS- The coaches of the PSSA sport teams are looking for parent helpers to help coach a team or umpire games on Friday mornings. It doesn't matter whether you have had any formal experience of training in these areas, any help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the relevant team's coach (Softball- Melinda Martin, T-Ball- Dylan Clift, Cricket- Christel Pargeter, Touch Footy- Cathryn Humphrey) as soon as possible if you would be able to help out. Thank you in anticipation.
Dylan Clift, Sport Coordinator.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Book Fair held at the end of last term was very successful. Thank you for the fabulous support. In particular I extend a special thank you to those families who generously donated books to the library. As a result of the funds raised from the Fair I have been able to purchase a selection of popular titles. These include Horrible Science, Horrible Histories, Horrible Geography and Zac Power books. Once again thank you for the support.
Alison Griffith, Teacher Librarian.



FOOTY COLOURS FUNDRAISING DAY

On the last day of term we raised
\$552.50 for the Albury/Wodonga
Carers Association Appeal. Thanks to
Miss Payne and the student councillors
for organising this successful Footy
Colours Day!!

LAPATHON TOTAL

So far you have raised

\$13,100.30

Fantastic effort!

Keep up the good work!





Gold Certificates

Congratulations to:

**Will Clarke, Sam Wotherspoon, Cyrus Andrews, Lucy Mack
and Julia Farrah.**

Canteen News



CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday 13 9:00-1:30 Lou Harper, Rob Stocker
 Friday 14 9:00-1:30 Kylie Hruz, 11:00-1:30 **ONE HELPER NEEDED**
 Monday 17 11:00-1:30 Suzannah Hobbs
 Tuesday 18 11:00-1:30 **ONE HELPER NEEDED**
 Wednesday 19 11:00-1:30 **ONE HELPER NEEDED**
 Thursday 20 9:30-1:30 Marie Bucher

HELPERS NEEDED EVERYDAY FOLLOWING!



Welcome back to Term 4! Our roster has lots of gaps. **"PLEASE" come in and put your name down.**
 Even if you can only manage an hour or two, it would be much appreciated.
 Thank you, Ali and Rachael 60212370.

P & C NEWS

The next P & C Meeting is on Tuesday 25 October at 7:30pm in the Staff Room—all welcome!

THE ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR for 2012 is available for pre-order at the front office - \$20.00 per copy.



Many thanks to all the mums, dads, grandmas and children who were past, present and future students of Albury Public for their help in freshening up the Kindergarten play area during the holidays. A very special thank you goes to Troy Frichot for donating all the paint that we used for this project.

Kate Preston, Coordinator.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR GALLERY ART CLASSES WITH HELEN BISHOP. Private art classes for enthusiastic and/or gifted children in art, held at Albury Public School. Phone 02 6040 1730 or 0414 392 459. Visit the webpage for further information www.juniorgalleryartclasses.com.au

ALBURY HIGH SCHOOL SLICE OF LIFE will be held at the AHS Hall and Performing Arts Centre. Visual displays, HSC design and technology works, artworks, music and drama performances, English debating, dance and SRC & Slices Café. Opening night Wednesday 26 October—5:30pm-8:30pm and Thursday 27 October 9:00am—12:00noon.

APPLAUSE FESTIVAL. Saturday 15 October 11:00am-6:00pm— 10th birthday celebrations.

A great opportunity for people of all ages to join in the **PLAYING OUR SONG** project featuring our song - This is Albury. There will be **DANCING, SINGING and PLAYING INSTRUMENTS.** All intended performers should register through www.applausefestival.com or phone 60217775.

ALBURY DIVING CLUB. Come and try days Fridays 14, 21 and 28 October from 4:30pm—6:00pm at the North Albury Pool, Lavington. Everyone welcome! For more information contact Pam on mobile 0407 794 841.

ART EXHIBITION 2011. Albury High School Performing Arts Centre are holding their Spring Art exhibition on 11,12,13 November, 2011. Exhibition Opening and Cocktail Party Friday 11 November

After School Procedures

The following information is for all parents and students.

At 2:55 pm: The first bell rings. Children who catch Dyson buses (white bus pass) leave their class and go straight to bus lines. There is one teacher supervising these children. The children sit in their lines and wait for the teacher to send them to their bus. These children are not to go to the toilet or play games on the way as they may miss their bus.

At 3:00 pm: The second bell rings. All remaining children are dismissed from class. There are to be no games of any kind to be played. No children are permitted to use the fixed equipment.

- Children who are waiting to be picked up by their parents must walk around the outside of the Administration building and sit quietly on the grass (if dry) or under the verandah (if wet). There will be a teacher supervising this area from 3:00 pm until 3:15 pm. At 3:15 pm the remaining children will move into the office foyer and wait for their parents.
- Children who are met by their parents must remain with their parents and not play games or use the fixed equipment.
- Children who walk home are to leave the school immediately using either the Olive Street gate or the main gate in front of the Admin building. Children and parents should not use the driveway gates in David or Smollett Street.
- Walking Bus children will assemble on the Olive Street side of The Meadow, put on their vests and accompany their coordinators as they leave the school.
- Children who attend OOSH will walk straight to OOSH and report to the OOSH coordinator. These children are supervised by OOSH staff on Manor Quad, Fixed Equipment and the Block.
- Children who catch the later buses go straight to their bus line and sit. They do not play or go to the toilet on the way. A second teacher assists with bus supervision at this time. Once they are seated the children may ask to go to the toilet or to place rubbish in the bins. All children remain seated until they are instructed to stand and move on to their bus. Once all the main buses have left (approximately 3:15 pm) the first teacher's duty ends and the remaining children are supervised by the second teacher. The remaining children are permitted to play on the covered court under the supervision of this teacher.
- Children who are waiting for community activities, such as Netball/Basketball practice, are to sit and wait on the assembly hall steps until their coach has arrived. This area is not supervised by bus duty teachers. Once the coach has arrived these children may move off to an appropriate area to begin instruction.
- No practising can occur on the covered court until 3:30 pm and must not interfere with the children waiting for the last bus.