

Albury West Public School

Widening Horizons



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Term 1 Week 4

18th February 2021

To endeavour to keep everyone well, please remember that if your child is unwell or has flu like symptoms then they (and you) should not attend school and will require a COVID test before resuming school.

**Have you seen our AWPS website? –
<https://alburywest-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>**

It's pretty busy – don't miss out!

Please keep an eye out for notes that come home on blue paper - remember it is 'bring back blue'.

Below is a list of notes that have gone home and due dates. You might like to check this list and make sure you have returned the notes if needed.

Notes OVERDUE:

Book packs - \$30 per student or \$65 per family

For Kindergarten families and new families

- Participation in non-denominational scripture
- Internet Permission
- Student Internet Code of Behaviour
- Permission to Publish (media consent)

For identified students

- Leadership Code of Conduct for identified students
- Learning and Support permission note for identified students

Year 6 Polo-Shirt order – \$41 due Friday 5th March

Notes due in the coming weeks:

Year 6 Taste of High School - \$5.00 and note due 10th March

We ask that all notes and money be handed in to the office.

Golden Rules OF PARENT PARKING

We appreciate that at the end of the day parking space is limited. We ask that drivers be courteous to our surrounding residents and each other, when parking, dropping or collecting students from school - obey parking signs and do not park in or over driveways. We ask that you leave enough time to drop off and pick up children in a safe and legal manner.

Please give particular attention to how children alight from cars and come to meet you. If both the home and school emphasise obeying road rules and safety procedures, our children will make a habit of responsible behaviour.

DO

- Be aware
- Be courteous
- Be responsible
- Be a "perfect parker"
- Observe parking signs

DON'T

- Block driveways
- Park on nature strips (verges)
- Obstruct children's crossings

PENALTIES MAY APPLY FOR:

- Parking in a NO STOPPING area (stopping on a road during the prohibited period);
- Parking in a NO PARKING area;
- Double parking;
- Parking on a nature strip (verge) without the owner's consent;
- Parking such that the vehicle causes obstruction in a public place;
- Parking facing the wrong way (against traffic flow); and

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO STOP OR PARK A VEHICLE:

- Stopping or parking within 10 metres of the departure side of bus stop, pedestrian or children's crossings;
- Stopping or parking within 20 metres of the approach side of bus stop, pedestrian or children's crossing;
- and
- Within 10 metres of an intersection

In the interest of safety, parents and students are NOT permitted to access the school through the staff car park before or after school. The staff car park is out of bounds to all pedestrians and motor traffic other than staff themselves.

Pedestrian paths/access points are near the bus stop and the front office in order to facilitate SAFE entry to our school.

Please do not leave children in cars unsupervised, particularly on a warm day. The inside of a car is much hotter than the ambient temperature of the day outside and can heat up very quickly, causing dehydration.

Induction of School Leaders

AWPS has a proud history of leadership development opportunities through a wide range of activities. We are certainly very pleased that we are able to recognise our leaders for 2021 tomorrow.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival was held last week in perfect swimming conditions. It was great to see our students join in the spirit of the day and behaving in such a positive manner. The house leaders were particularly impressive in the way they participated in events and encouraged others in their house groups to contribute. Once again our children were praised by pool staff for their excellent behaviour and lovely manners.

Congratulations to all participants who 'had a go' and special congratulations to our champions. Many students have made it into the Albury Zone Carnival which will be held in the coming weeks.

The champion house was Banksia and our champions on the day were – Eli Strang, Roxy Chalmers, Siena Gay, Mackenzie Rose, Eli Chalmers and Remy Miller. Eli Chalmers was the dugong champ for 2021. Once again a special thank you to Stuart Beveridge for all his hard work in organising the carnival.

What to do when things change at home?

Our staff is certainly aware of the impact that changes to the home situation can have on children. Whilst some of these changes can be exciting, like moving into a new house with a pool, we appreciate that some changes can be traumatic for kids. So that we are able to better respond to your child, please consider letting your child's teacher know if you feel that your child may be struggling with current home life changes.

Albury Gold Cup – advance warning

Once again schools will be given a half day public holiday for the Albury Gold Cup which will be held on **Friday 19th March**. PLEASE NOTE that bus companies are also entitled to the half day public holiday and as such earlier picks up will not be available. I am asking that you make alternative arrangements to pick children up at 12pm on that Friday.

At this stage we are unable to host Grand Friends Day on this day, as COVID guidelines are asking that vulnerable members of the community, such as the elderly, are not on school premises.

We are learners too

Our staff is committed to providing valuable learning opportunities for our students and to support this we have set aside every Tuesday from 3.15pm – 4.30pm as the time that we will participate in training and development. We understand that at times you will have questions about what is happening in your child's class, but to ensure that your child's teacher does not miss out on learning new things, we ask that you make appointments with them on other days. All staff, except those on duty, also attend a weekly briefing on Thursday from 8.30am – 9.00am. We thank you for your cooperation.

There is an open-door approach at AWPS and we appreciate any concerns or issues being nipped in the bud. Teachers are happy to meet with you, but we ask that you phone to organise an appointment through the front office.

*Principal
Sharon Julien*

IMPORTANT DATES

Induction Ceremony (Only invited parent to attend)	Friday 19 th February
Zone Swimming Carnival (No spectators)	Tuesday 23 rd February
Celebrate Attendance Month Begins	Monday 1 st March

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners:-

Gotcha Awards

Merit Certificates

Sadie Butt, Indianna Stevens, Mason Malin, Max McLaws, Harry Merritt, Tahlia Cannon, Ryan Williams, Finn McLeod, Emmerson Lovatt, Jasmine McNair-Eade, Violet Stevens-Murphy, Amyera Fitzgerald

Citizen Awards

Ruby Allen, Paul Smith, Harvey Gay, Ashton Ernst, Allira Allen, Madison Dean, Douglas Baxter, Brooklyn Jeffery, Joseph Carlo, Corey Murray, Jobe Boulton, Joseph Bain, Georgia Hines, Jayzha Carola

How2Learn Awards

Brooke Hanby, Xander Bolonis, Melody Delabertauche, Nicholas Willis, Xavier Gay, Alexis Stevens, Eli Chalmers, Nikita Rogalski, Katia Gadis, Oliver Baudinette, Lincoln Hall, Sarah Hall, Erin McNab, Miley Mundy

Student of the Week

Cruz Arnaez

Clean Kangaroo

5/6B, 2/3R

Class of the Week

2/3R, 4/5J

Aussie of the Week

P&C NEWS – UNIFORM SHOP

Payment for uniform items can now be made by Eftpos or cash.

Purchases can still be made at the front office.

P&C NEWS - CANTEEN

THRIFTY THURSDAY SPECIALS

25 th February -	Alfredo Pasta plus Slushy	\$5.50
	Toasted Ham & Cheese plus Slushy	\$5.50
	Ham & Cheese Sandwich plus Slushy	\$5.00
	2 X Pizza Muffin plus Slushy	\$3.50
	Small Salad Tub plus Slushy	\$3.50
4 th March -	Small Chicken Salad Tub plus TNT	\$5.50
	Nacho's plus TNT	\$5.00
	2 X Salada's (Cheese & Vegemite) plus TNT	\$3.00
	2 X Volcanoes plus TNT	\$2.50

COMMUNITY NEWS



**Players Wanted
who love soccer!**

Are you keen to play football,
we need players to fill our -
U/6, U/7, U/8, U/9, U/10, U11,
U12 mixed teams.

If you or someone you know would
like to join our football family for
season 2021 please contact Club
Registrar Tracy Walsh on
registrar@stpatsfc.com.au or visit
www.stpatsfc.com.au



Playgroup

Playgroup Aims
Practical strategies to implement with children
An opportunity for parents to connect with other families
An opportunity for children to play and engage with each other
The playgroup is a family-centered playgroup, delivered by professionals with knowledge in early intervention and ASD.

Who can attend?
Anyone with a child aged 2-4 years who is not yet attending an early childhood education setting

Where is the playgroup?
Glenecho Neighbourhood House
949 Burrows Road Glenroy NSW

When is the playgroup?
The playgroup runs from 10am to 11am each Thursday.
Term 1 24th Feb – 31st March
Term 2 28th April – 2nd June

What do I bring?
A healthy morning tea snack (please note – do not bring any nut products)
A drink bottle of water and a sun hat
Any change of clothes or nappies you may need during this time.

Who do I contact?
Jessica Glass
Email: glassj@autismspectrum.org.au
Phone: 0466 499 006

COVID SAFE

When you or your children are unwell we ask that you kindly refrain from attending to ensure the health of other children, their families and support staff. Please notify us of any illness or infections.

Guided by Government advice and directives, Aspect are taking all necessary precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of participants and staff.

+ 61 1800 ASPECT (277 326) | www.aspect.org.au

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Got symptoms? Get tested.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.

Symptoms include:



fever



cough



sore throat



difficulty breathing



loss of smell



loss of taste

Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include:

fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, loss of appetite or other flu symptoms.



Testing is free, quick and easy
for coronavirus



NSW Department of Education

An important message about our response to COVID-19

The health and safety of our staff and students is of the utmost importance to our school.

We have implemented a range of measures to help keep our school community healthy and reduce the spread of infection and illness. Some simple measures we ask that you adopt include:



Stay home if you're sick

If you have been unwell - with symptoms such as high temperature, cough, sore throat, and/or shortness of breath - please don't visit our school. Contact our office to speak to one of our staff.

Ph: 6025 1157



Increase hygiene practices

Clean your hands regularly and thoroughly. Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue. Dispose of tissues properly.



Maintain a healthy distance

For the health and wellbeing of our staff and students, please stand at least 1.5 metres apart while waiting in our office. Our visitors are encouraged to wait outside for their turn to speak with our office staff. We are also applying distancing requirements across all areas of the school as is reasonable and practicable.



Thank you for your patience

We know this is a difficult time, but we are doing all we can to support our staff and students.

We appreciate your patience and support while we work together to minimise the impact of COVID-19 in our community.



Please use hand sanitiser

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CANTEEN ORDER FORM**

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Lunch order		
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COVID-19

Keep yourself and your loved ones safe



Stay 1.5 metres or two big steps away from other people



Follow NSW rules for gatherings and activities (individuals and businesses). Follow advice to avoid COVID-19 hotspots



Don't attend big family gatherings. Catch up with a small group instead



Stay safe when out and about. Take hand sanitiser with you. Clean your hands often



No shaking hands, hugging or kissing other people who don't live with you



Stay in if you feel unwell. Get tested if you have any symptoms. Avoid contact with others until you are well

COVID-19 symptoms



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Loss of smell



Loss of taste

Stay Safe



Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser



Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow. Put the tissue in the bin and wash your hands



For more information call the National Coronavirus helpline on **1800 020 080** (available 24/7). For free help in your language call **13 14 50**.

www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

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