

Assembly : Assemblies will commence in Term 3 on July 18th

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 24th June	Casual Dress Day - \$2 coin donation sponsoring Albury Wodonga Children's Ward
Friday 24th June	Last day of Term 1 - School will finish at 2:30pm
Monday 11th June	School returns on Monday 11th June at 9.00am
Due Now!!	Please contact the front office if you haven't already paid your school fees as this is a necessity. Payment arrangements can be discussed if required.

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be A Learner

Enrolments for 3 and 4 year old Kinder and Foundation are now open at the front office. Please come and collect an enrolment form.



Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Student Learning Awards

On Monday we held a fabulous assembly where each class teacher and specialists nominated a student to receive a High Achiever award for semester one. Teachers spoke of the qualities that their chosen student had displayed as a learner and why they had made the difficult decision of choosing just the one student. There were a number of proud parents here to see their child presented with the awards and I look forward to seeing these students proudly wearing their high achiever badge on their sleeve next term. On Wednesday the students had a special lunch of chicken nuggets and party pies.

The list of students who received the awards are as follows:

*Ms Beasley: Juliette Matthias
Ms Gonzalez: Justin Matthias
Mrs Pearl: Maxine Velasco
Mrs. Nicol: Kirra Shepherdson
Ms Simboras: Teija Baker*

*Ms McInnes: Hailey Waite
Ms Chenoweth: Chloe Piazza
Mr. Forster: Lochlan Inglis
Mrs Macdonald: Belle Marcuzzi
Mrs Watson: Montana Castro*



Well done to all these students. You deserve to be High Achievers. No doubt there will be many other students keen to achieve similar success next semester.

Last day of term 2:

On Friday June 24th school will dismiss at 2:30. It is also a casual wear day on Friday for a donation of \$2. Our SLC are conducting a fundraiser for the Albury Base Hospital "Give me 5 for Kids" campaign. Friday is also the day where our Houses will be celebrating their points for the term with Fire enjoying a Dance Party, Blue, Tabloid sports and Green drawing. Lots of reasons to come to school on the last day of term and like any other day I expect 100% attendance.



School resumes for term 3 on Monday July 11th at 9am

Please note that our last Curriculum (pupil free day) for the school year will be held on Tuesday August 2 when our staff will be attending Professional Development on improving students' writing.

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Thank you to all our families who have supported the school and your children with their learning and engagement in school this term. We truly value this partnership. I wish all our school community a restful and safe holiday and hope you can all stay warm and dry!

Retirement of Mrs Marg Brown

After a period of utilising well – deserved Long Service Leave, Mrs Marg Brown has decided to officially retire from a long career in the Education Department. Much of this time has been spent teaching at Wodonga West P.S. in a range of diverse roles including P.E. Specialist, Reading Recovery Tutor and classroom teacher. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Marg a very happy, long retirement and time to engage in a range of personal and family activities. On behalf of the entire school community, we thank Marg for her wonderful contribution to State Education for so many years.



Regards,
Jocelyn Owen

Term 2 in Review:

It is amazing how many things happen in our school across the term and the opportunities provided to our students to experience Learning for Living. There are also a large number of events provided which engage our parent and wider community.

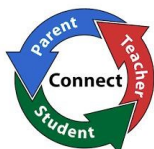
Here are just some of the things that have occurred during this term ADDITIONAL to the daily learning program;

Our School Shines!

- Participation in the ANZAC parade on April 25th
- Education week –tours for prospective enrolments
- AVID showcase during Education week
- Student Led conferences for Semester one
- National Simultaneous Reading day with community readers
- Launching our new House system across the school

Opportunities for parent involvement:

- PFF Mother's Day stall
- PFF Sausage Sizzle
- Assisting and watching the Cross Country at Willow Park
- Beechworth Year 5/6 excursion
- Sporting trials and Hoop time
- Walkathon
- Working Bee in Stephanie Alexander Garden
- Sausage Sizzle at Aldi
- Parent session about Blueearth during Education week
- Assistance and support at Winter Sports days
- School Council and PFF meetings
- Attending student led conferences with their child
- Participating in our Houses launch session



AND.... All these things have occurred on top of the normal learning program and whilst our builders work diligently to prepare our new facilities to open in term four.

HOOP TIME BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our 9 students who participated in the Hoop time Basketball Round Robin last Wednesday at the Wodonga Leisure Centre. It is the first time we have entered the 'Future Stars' Year 5/6 Division and all players were very keen, especially since we have both girls and boys from years 3-6!. Under the expert coaching of *Kerri-anne Shepherdson*, with assistance from *Dale Gavrilovic*, the Wodonga West team did very well. They entered the Semi-finals undefeated, only losing that game to the eventual winners by 6 points. They showed good teamwork and great sportsmanship. Well done and a special thank you to the parents who helped on the day.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

A frosty start and big rolling hills did not dampen the enthusiasm of our Wodonga West runners at last Tuesday's Regional Cross Country at Broadford. With approximately 80 students in each race, both students did well to finish in the very top of the field. Congratulations to *Giaan Beard* who came 14th, and *Josh Ivic*, who came 27th in their race. Giaan is anxiously waiting to see if she is needed as emergency for the State Cross Country.

Susan Macdonald
P.E. Co-ordinator

Student Wellbeing Report

House rewards

Fire house were this terms Gold winners and have decided to celebrate with a 'Dance Party' in the gym.

Water house were hot on their tails taking out the Silver prize and will be enjoying 'Tabloid Sports' under the Gunya.

Earth took the Bronze prize and is yet to decide on a movie or board games and drawing. Rewards will be taken tomorrow before recess. It is also wonderful to see House captains proudly wearing their badges. House tallies will reset for next term.



Naidoc Week

Naidoc week falls in the school holidays and there are lots of wonderful events you can be a part of. Please see separate article on Compass which lists activities in the Albury/Wodonga area.



Compass Award

Congratulations to Vivian Viney on completing Level 1 in the Compass program. Vivian has done extra physical activity, volunteering, hobbies and exploration to achieve this award. Well done.

School holiday activities

There are many wonderful holiday activities offered by Albury and Wodonga Libraries. The majority of these activities are free. Please visit the council websites or the library websites or just drop into the library to find out more details.

Melissa Potter
Wellbeing