With only three more weeks left of Term 2 we are nearly on holidays again. I hope that everyone found some time to relax over the long weekend or share the beautiful weather on Monday, certainly a far cry from the fog and cold we have been experiencing over the last few weeks.

This term ends of Friday, 26 June. Students return on Tuesday, 14 July for Term 3. This newsletter contains a lot of information about the many things happening at the school. Please also refer to our FaceBook page for further information and updates on events.

The following students were drawn out of the star award box and received a small prize this fortnight: Hunter Lake (K); Ace Kohlhagen, Jed Callanan, Jye Van Deventer (Year 1); Lilly Dougherty, Brayden Creek (Year 2); Digby Howlett (Year 4); Tiahna Delaney (Year 5).

Congratulations to our winners.

Cameron Howard received a silver award at this week’s assembly. A fine effort, Cameron.

Athletics carnival – Thursday 28 May

With Alexandra Park under renovation for most of this year, the school athletics carnival was scheduled for Thursday 28 May and despite some early reservations and alternate plans considered, the carnival went ahead and ran very successfully. Congratulations to our age champions:

Seniors: Seth Ross & Sophie O’Connor
11 years: Alistair Brooksby & Loni Moss
Juniors: Ashton Talbot & Monique Pecinovic

Thanks to Mr Clayton for his fine organisation of the day and to all the parents/carers who assisted with time keeping and events. Thirty eight students represented us at the Southern Riverina carnival last week. Once again, our relay teams performed well and individual champions, yet to be confirmed, will be heading to the Riverina carnival.

Sporting schools

The school will again be able to offer afternoon activities throughout Term 3 and 4 under new federal government funding Sporting Schools. Sporting Schools replaces the funding we accessed last year for Active After School Communities.

At this stage, we are looking at offering 4 sports: golf, athletics, basketball and AFL. Negotiations with coaches are still occurring and notes will be sent home next week for the sports to begin in Week 2 of Term 3.

Student leave

An adjustment to the legislation for school attendance in NSW means that the following now applies if you are thinking of taking a family holiday during school time and/or your child has a history of unsatisfactory attendance.

As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.

Families are encouraged to travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation is necessary, the following applies:

- If the principal accepts the reason for the absence as an essential reason, that is the travel could not be done at any other time, the absence will be marked as leave and a Certificate of Extended Leave – holiday will be issued. It is at the principal’s discretion to accept or not accept the explanation provided.
- If the principal does not believe the absence is in the student’s best interests and does not accept the reason, the absence will be recorded and no certificate will be issued.
- If a student’s absence is due to sickness a medical certificate may be requested to justify the absence particularly where the student has a history of unsatisfactory attendance.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Fri 12th June – Murray Con Performance and workshop
- Tues 16th June – ICAS Spelling Test
- Wed 17th June – ICAS Writing Test
- Thurs 18th June – Parent Meeting (major excursion options)
If you require any further clarification of the changes, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

**Week 8, Term 2**

**Parent meeting – Thursday 18 June**

Due to the rising costs for school excursions, a meeting is planned to discuss the Years 5/6 major excursion for 2016. The nominated major excursion for 2016 is currently Broken Bay and Sydney CBD but costs are expected to be approximately $450.00 (excluding any P&C or other significant grants). Parents/carers are invited to attend a meeting on Thursday 18 June to discuss possible options for the 2016 major excursion. The meeting will commence at 4:00pm in the staff room.

**PSSA winter competition**

The winter sporting competition began last Friday Week 7. Students in Years 3 – 6 have the opportunity to participate in a sporting team in the interschool competition of soccer, netball and hockey. Students who remain at school will participate in alternative sporting activities. This year, we are reinforcing the How 2 Learn learning habit of responsibility and asking students to be more responsible for themselves. If a student forgets their sporting equipment or money we will not be ringing parents to bring these things to the school. If a student is on detention that week, they will not be allowed to attend the PSSA competition for that week. If they demonstrate poor sportsmanship or poor detention in the term then they will be withdrawn from the competition for the remainder of the season. All students who remain at school will participate in alternative sporting activities.

**Friday afternoon music**

For all K – 2 students and those students not involved in PSSA on Friday afternoons we have organised a formal music program to be conducted at school. Peek – a – boo Beats is a specially written and conducted music program for younger students. This will be delivered to all K and 1 students. ConunDRUM is a percussion and performance music program for older students and will be delivered to all Year 2 students and those students who are not part of a PSSA team (or the soccer boys who are rostered off). Both music programs will be delivered by qualified music teachers from the Murray Conservatorium of Music for 10 weeks commencing this week.

**Jindera fun run**

The Jindera fun run was a great success on Sunday 31 May with many of our students competing. Jindera also managed to retain the interschool challenge trophy. Well done to all the adults and students who participated in this terrific community activity. It was a very pleasant way to spend a Sunday morning.

**Murray Conservatorium performance – Friday 12 June**

As part of the funding agreement with DEC schools, the Murray Conservatorium of Music is offering another free workshop for all students at Jindera PS. Student teachers of music are offering a half hour performance of drums and jazz saxophone at school on Friday 12 June. A half hour workshop will also be offered for thirty students who wish to participate and have written a letter of application. I know this will be another fabulous music experience for our students.

**Multicategorical class 2016**

Rick O’Connell, Learning and Engagement Officer and I spoke to the P&C last week about the possible establishment of a multicategorical (MC) class next year. The establishment of a class of this nature is in response to the number of students we have and are continuing to enrol in the years to come with mental health/autism additional needs. The class will allow us to provide even further support for our students with additional needs whilst still being a mainstream school. Initial discussions with staff and the P&C have been very positive so we will consult more widely with parents and work towards the class being ready for the 2016 school year. If you have any questions or would like further information about the MC class, please don’t hesitate to contact the school. An MC class would be a terrific resource for our school community.

**University testing**

The university of NSW 2015 International Competitions and Assessment for School have commenced with the Digital Technology and Science papers. We have a number of our students participating in the following tests:

- **Spelling:** 16 June
- **Writing:** 15 – 19 June
- **English:** 28 July
- **Maths:** 11 August

If you would like your child to be involved (and have not already indicated and paid the fees) please contact the school office before the sitting dates. All students who participate will receive a certificate.

**Reporting to parents**

End of semester reports are currently being completed by class teachers and will be sent home in the last week of this term, Monday, 22 June. Parents or teachers may request an interview, to follow up or clarify aspects of the report, during the last week of school, or anytime following in Term 3. Please contact the class teacher for further details.

**Principal**

Lianne Singleton

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**Canteen Supervisor**

**Applications, including two references, to:**

Albury West Public School

Canteen Supervisor Committee

PO Box 3245

ALBURY NSW 2640

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**Canteen News**

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**Friday 26th June**

| CANTEEN TO BE CLEANED | Special Lunch deals…. |

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**Canteen Supervisor**

**Albury West Public School**

Canteen requires a Canteen Supervisor to work in our canteen, in a job-share capacity. We seek an honest, trustworthy and reliable person with a friendly manner and enthusiasm for the role. Applicant must have own vehicle for weekly shopping.

- 3½ hours per day from 10.15am – 1:45pm, 2-4 days per week
- Award rates are paid including superannuation

A Police check is mandatory for all workers in NSW schools.

A more detailed job description is available by calling AWPS on 6021 2288.

Applications, including two references, to:-

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AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

TULLEY MIDDLETON

FOR

BEING A GREAT SPORT AT THE
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

KC
Xander Clark, River Manwaring, Keira Gordon

K/1R
Ryan Twyford

1/2K
Chase Smith-Wood, Ashton Kilmartin

2/3E
Brock Powell, Brayden Creek, Chloe Koch, Adam Jones

3/4H
Tyler Jones, Olivia Hounsell, Corey Brown, Thomas Brooksby

4/5B
Monique Pecenicic, Grace Fitzpatrick, Daniel Carabott, Brett Raymond, Emma Reid, Lara Heather

5/6K
Aaleyah Dougherty, Katie McMillan, Mykayla Fenn, Caleb Jones, Skye Lezius, Llona Moss

6S
Ethan Davies, Chelsea Hansen, Sophie O’Connor, Matthew Keating, Braiden Reeves, Seth Ross

MERIT AWARDS

Students develop understanding and fluency in mathematics through inquiry, exploring and connecting mathematical concepts, choosing and applying problem-solving skills and mathematical techniques, communication and reasoning.

As an essential part of the learning process, Working Mathematically provides students with the opportunity to engage in genuine mathematical activity and develop the skills to become flexible and creative users of mathematics.

JINDERA PUBLIC SCHOOL WON THE SCHOOL CHALLENGE. WELL DONE TO ALL THOSE WHO REPRESENTED OUR SCHOOL.

Competitors and winners of the Jindera Fun Run held on 31st May 2015.
The H2O Challenge

Congratulations to all students and their families for participating in the H2O challenge!!! Classes have been discussing things they have noticed or have learnt from participating in the challenge.

Here are some of the comments:

From 6S:
I learnt that.....
I don’t drink enough water. Maddie
I drink more water than I need to sometimes. Nick
I drink a bit too much sugary drinks. Luke
It made me drink more water but I still felt thirsty. Matt
I wasn’t drinking enough water and I was drinking too much fizzy. Now I drink a lot of water. Claire

I noticed I drank more water during the week but not enough on the weekend. Harry

I drink soft drink at Dads, and more water at Mum’s. I’ll ask Dad not to buy soft drink. Daisy

I drink too much juice, but I also drink a lot of water. Zahlia

From 5/6K:
I learnt that...
I need to drink more milk. Chloe
I drink the recommended amount of water each day, although, I should drink more milk for the calcium. Tom
I don’t drink much soft drink. Lily
When I’m more active I drink more water. Tiahna
I don’t drink as much soft drink as I thought I did. Amani
I drink too much soft drink. Toby

VEGETABLE /FRUIT OF THE WEEK

POMEGRANATE

5/6K tried pomegranate. Pomegranates have seeds that you can eat. unlike oranges. Pomegranates have amazing health benefits but you cannot eat the skin. Pomegranates are full of nutrients and the seeds act a lot like aspirin. You should eat the seeds when it is really fresh, also the pomegranates can help cancer because all the antioxidants they have in them. The juice is just as good as the fruit itself and research has shown that eating pomegranate seeds and drinking it’s juice can increase oxygen to the heart. We thought it tasted like grape and cranberry combined.