

Thurgoona News



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Term 1 Week 4

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24,25,26 February	Stage 3 Ballarat/ Melbourne excursion
Friday 4 March	K-2 Responsible Pet Education Program ASSEMBLIES: K/Stage 1 Kangaroo Paw - 1.50pm to 2.20pm Stage 2/3 Fern - 2.25pm to 2.55pm
Monday 14 March	P & C AGM – 7.00 pm – Library – All welcome
Friday 18 March	Albury Gold Cup – ½ day holiday
Thursday 24 March	Easter Hat Parade
Friday 25 March	Good Friday holiday
Monday 28 March	Easter Monday holiday
Wednesday 30 March	Athletics Carnival – Yrs 3-6
Friday 1 April	ASSEMBLIES: K/Stage 1 Lomandra - 1.50pm to 2.20pm Stage 2/3 Acacia - 2.25pm to 2.55pm
Tuesday 5 April	K/Stage 1 Fun Sports Day
Wednesday 6 April	School photos
Friday 8 April	Last day Term 1



Today was the induction ceremony for our 2016 Student Leaders.



Thank you

- › To all the parents who attended our **Parent Information sessions** last week. It was rewarding to see so many interested parents at each session. If you wish to have time to talk with your child's teacher about your child please make a time for an interview. We want to know as much as we can about your child and how best to help them with their learning.
- › Parents, grandparents and family friends who attended our Student Leader Induction this morning.
- › Amanda and helpers who prepared a wonderful morning tea for our guests.
- › Blake Beyer, Lucy McKenzie and Dan Hyden, past students of Thurgoona Public and now leaders at James Fallon High School who assisted with Mrs Jenny Parrett in the presentation of our badges to our leaders.

Welcome to Mrs Lynda Joyce who is replacing Mrs Broomfield for the remainder of the term while she is on leave.

Next week Stage 3 students and staff head to Ballarat for a three day excursion. Thank you to Mrs Ward and Mr Adams for their organisation of this event – it is a massive job.

During the next week we will be having our routine evacuation drill. If your child comes home and says we had to evacuate out classrooms it will be because we have to practise evacuations and drills at various times throughout the year.



Reminder:

The front of school car park is a staff car park. **It is not a drop off or pick up zone.** Please, for the safety of your child/children **do not park or walk through** this car park.

We are trying to teach your children to be safe around cars.

We encourage them to use the front path or the grass area and not walk through the car park. This is one area in which we, the staff, need your support for the **safety** of your child/children.



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An interesting article: - I thought the following was interesting and relates well to our recent parent information sessions. Hope you enjoy the read.

'It was highlighted in an article I recently read, 'how government policies have heralded 'parent engagement' in schools as one of the pillars of educational reform linking it to higher student achievement'.

We welcome and value your input. Finding out about the year ahead helps you to support your child through the year to follow. The article went on to talk about good 'engagement' with your child's education and how much is enough?

What doesn't work, according to education expert, Professor John Hattie, is: the use of external rewards, homework surveillance, negative control and restrictions/punishment for unsatisfactory grades.

In his widely read book on what affects student achievement, titled 'Visible Learning', Professor Hattie names "teacher quality" as having the greatest effect on student achievement. But he says, parents, family members and the home also have a role to play in the student achieving at their optimal level.

What counts most in influencing your child for strong achievement is above all having high hopes and expectations for their school career and conveying that message to them in everything you say and do. Do they know that you and the school have expectations around their learning?

The second best thing you can do is to learn the 'language of school'. Professor Hattie says that "schools have an important role in helping parents to learn the language of schooling...so that parents can assist in developing their child's learning and love of learning, and in creating the highest possible shared expectations for learning."

This collaboration between the family and the school is what has the greatest effect on student achievement. Two ways this can be achieved are greater parent-student communication and giving students more control over their own studies.

If the home and school work in tandem to promote this capacity in the child then the student will take on the responsibility for their own learning and they will become an 'engaged learner'."

So if you want to help your child, share your hopes and expectations with them and the school and have fun with them while learning something new.'

Taken from an article by Linda McNeil: Helicopter parents - get in gear before engaging

Daily Five - What Is It?

You might have heard your child talking about "The Daily Five." So what is it?

The Daily Five is a way of structuring the reading block so every student is independently engaged in meaningful literacy tasks. These research based tasks are ones that will have the biggest impact on student

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reading and writing achievement, as well as help foster children who love to read and write. Students receive explicit whole group instruction and then are given independent practice time to read and write independently while teachers provide focused, intense instruction to individuals and small groups of students.

When it is up and running smoothly, students will be engaged in the Daily Five, which are comprised of:

- Read to Self
- Work on Writing
- Read to Someone
- Listen to Reading
- Word Work

There are very specific behaviour expectations that go with each Daily 5 component. Most classes have already spent time working intensely on building reading and writing stamina and learning the behaviours of the Daily 5.

Your child has been taught to select “**Good Fit Books**” or books they can read, understand and are interested in, which they will read during Daily 5. As you will no doubt realise, this skill can be difficult to acquire and takes some time to develop. You could help with this by discussing suitable book choice at home and helping choose appropriate material when your family visits the library together. When good fit books are selected children will spend most of their time actually reading, which research supports as the number one way to improve reading.

Please think of our classrooms as you visit garage sales or clean your own child’s bookcase. It is our goal to make our classroom libraries as appealing as we possibly can, with lots of material from which to browse and select.

We hope that this helps you gain some understanding of what is happening in our classrooms each day, and are able to visit and see for yourself all the great learning that is going on!

Joan Courtney
Relieving Principal

Responsible Pet Education Program

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in the Responsible Pet Education Program on Friday 4 March. Helen Bishop will present the program, accompanied by her dog, Milo.

The program teaches children about how to behave around animals that are both familiar and unfamiliar to them. The sessions will be held in the hall between 11.45am until 1.20pm. For further details please see Miss Kerr.

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All the fun from the swimming carnival

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P&C News

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent P&C Meeting. In partnership with our school community we have achieved some great goals adding to the many wonderful resources, facilities and equipment that all help to benefit our children's education.

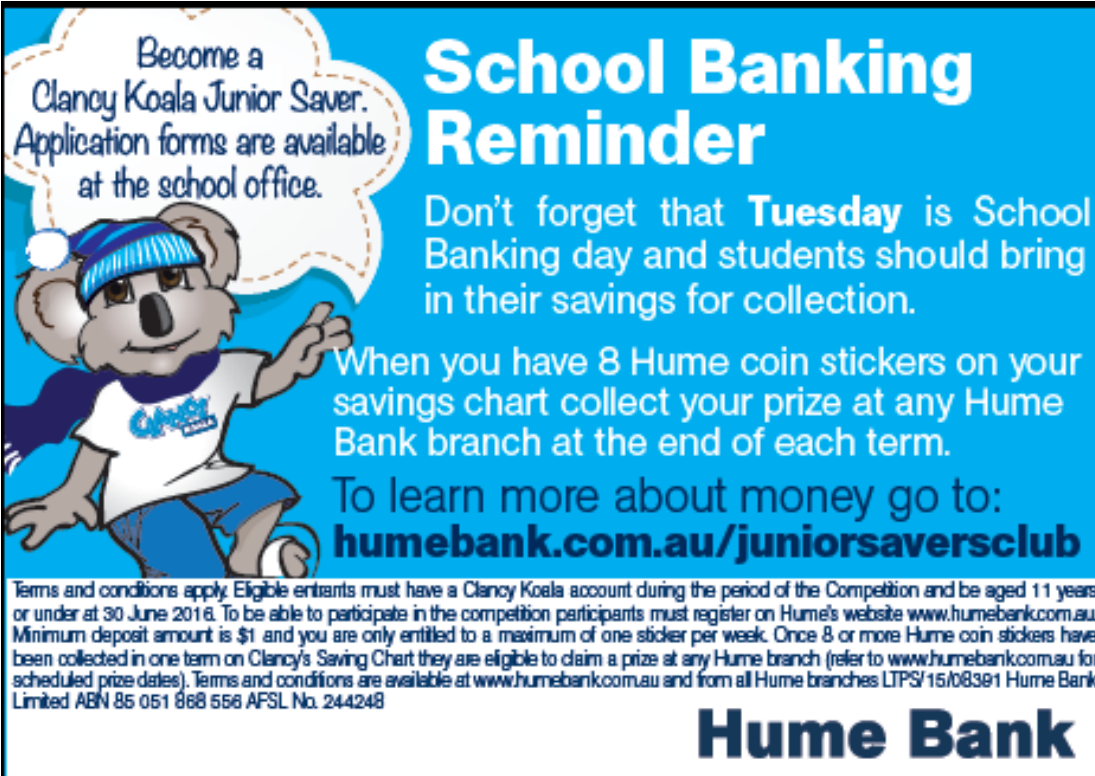
There are many ways to be involved in our school community – either being a part of our great P&C or just helping out with fundraising activities, canteen duty or our uniform Shop – all flexible roles to suit your time and schedule. We would like to welcome all existing and new parents, families and carers.

The upcoming P&C AGM – Monday 14 March will be advertised throughout the coming weeks. All Committee positions will be declared vacant and expressions of interest are being sought. Positions to consider are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator, Canteen Treasurer, Uniform Shop Coordinator and general members. More details will follow over the next few weeks, including information about Committee roles/responsibilities, etc.

Thank you to those people who have already completed a P&C membership form for 2016 and paid the \$1 membership fee. By joining the P&C prior to the March AGM, you will be eligible to vote. Membership forms are available from the school front office.

Uniform Shop

Volunteers/helpers are needed for the uniform shop. If you are able to assist, please either call into the shop or leave your details at the school office. Thanks.



Become a Clancy Koala Junior Saver. Application forms are available at the school office.

School Banking Reminder

Don't forget that **Tuesday** is School Banking day and students should bring in their savings for collection.

When you have 8 Hume coin stickers on your savings chart collect your prize at any Hume Bank branch at the end of each term.

To learn more about money go to:
humbank.com.au/juniorsaversclub

Terms and conditions apply. Eligible entrants must have a Clancy Koala account during the period of the Competition and be aged 11 years or under at 30 June 2016. To be able to participate in the competition participants must register on Hume's website www.humbank.com.au. Minimum deposit amount is \$1 and you are only entitled to a maximum of one sticker per week. Once 8 or more Hume coin stickers have been collected in one term on Clancy's Saving Chart they are eligible to claim a prize at any Hume branch (refer to www.humbank.com.au for scheduled prize dates). Terms and conditions are available at www.humbank.com.au and from all Hume branches LTPS/15/108391 Hume Bank Limited ABN 85 051 868 556 AFSL No. 244248

Hume Bank

POSITION AVAILABLE - CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

Albury West Public School Canteen requires a Canteen Supervisor to work in our canteen. 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, Wednesday to Friday
- ** 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:-

Albury West Public School P&C
Canteen Supervisor Committee
PO Box 3245
ALBURY NSW 2640

Applications close at 3.00pm Wednesday March 9 2016

Community News

Albury Junior Rugby League

Seeking Players

Boys - Under 7 & Under 9 teams (in-town competition)

Under 10's to Under 15's – Group 9 Junior Rugby League Competition

Fees: \$100 (reduces with subsequent registrations from same family – Siblings)

Girls - League Tag – Ages for the teams U9, U12, U14, U16

Fees: \$75 (reduces with subsequent registrations from same family – Siblings)

Registration : Sarvaas Park, Curlew Cres, Nth Albury, 10am to 12 Noon, Saturday 5 March 2016. Greenfield Park Saturday 2 April 10am to 12 Noon

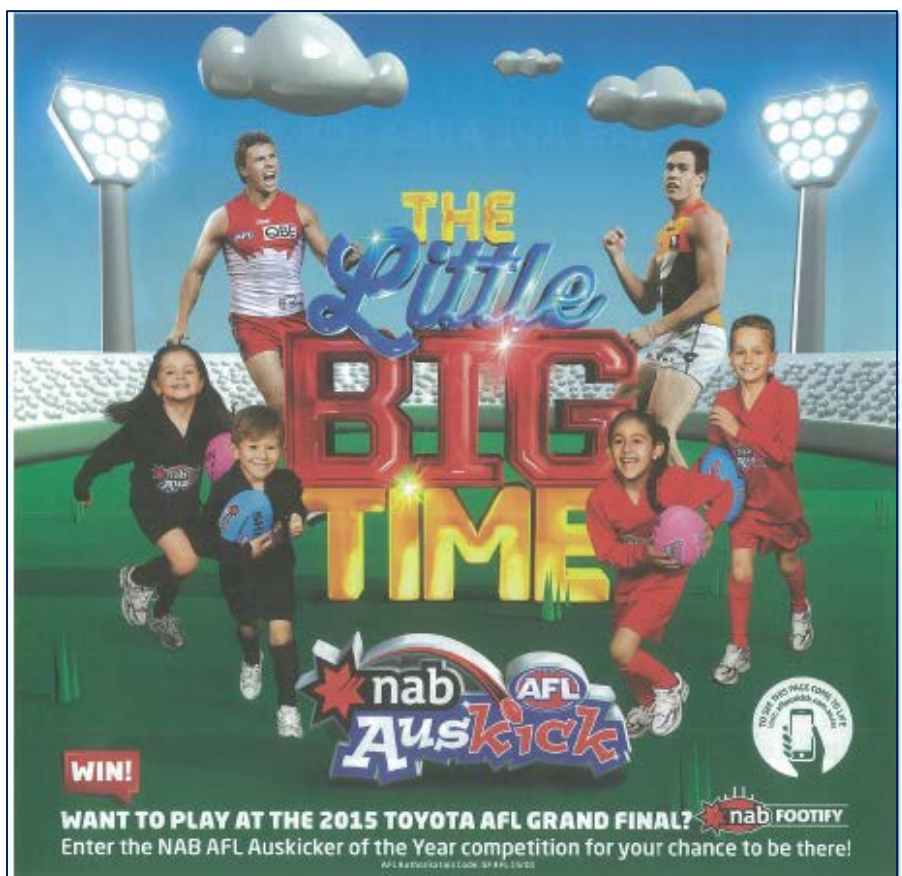
On-Line Registration (for 5 years and above): Google "Albury Junior Rugby League". On the home page click on the button "Register Now" and access the appropriate Link. Contact – Mark 0481012526

Thurgoona Touch Football



Looking for something to do? Get in touch with Touch Football!

Start Date:	Tuesday 8 th March 2016 4.30pm - 6.00pm
Training Sessions:	15, 22, 29 March 5, 12 th April
Where:	Ernest Grant Park
Who can come:	Boys and girls aged between 9 -13yrs
What to Bring:	Drink bottle with plenty of water
Further info:	Mandy Wilson on 6023 8295 or 0409 468 848
Cost:	FREE



WIN!

WANT TO PLAY AT THE 2015 TOYOTA AFL GRAND FINAL? Enter the NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year competition for your chance to be there!

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Rego / Pick Up Pack Day 19th of March

Contact: Hayden: 0417496791

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to get your kids loving Fruit & Veg.

Eating plenty of fruit and veg can help keep your children healthy, but sometimes it's hard to get them to eat enough. Children often copy their parents, so our first tip is to make sure you eat enough too!



Other tips are:

- **Put your kids in charge.** Let them choose and wash fruit and veg for their lunch box; if they're able to, let them peel, cut or grate it.
- **Keep it interesting.** Cut fruit and veg into a variety of small shapes so it's easier and fun to eat.
- **Make ready-to-eat snacks.** Keep cut fruit and veg in the fridge for the kids to grab and eat with hummus or yoghurt.

For more information visit
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or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

Eat It To Beat It



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to set a healthy example for our kids.

Did you know that in NSW 9 out of 10 parents are not eating the recommended daily amount of veg and half are not eating the recommended daily amount of fruit?



What you eat influences what your children eat; this is especially important with fruit and veg because eating adequate amounts all your life can help protect you and your children against all of these:

- Coronary heart disease
- Some forms of cancer
- Obesity and being overweight
- Constipation
- High blood pressure and cholesterol levels
- Diabetes

By eating more fruit and veg now you'll be a healthy role model for your kids and help protect their health in the future.

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Term 1 2016

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur day	Sun day
	4	15	16 <i>Student Leader Inductions</i>	17	18	19	20	21
	5	22	23	24 STAGE 3 - <i>Ballarat excursion</i> <i>Albury PSSA Swimming Carnival</i>	25 STAGE 3 - <i>Ballarat excursion</i>	26 STAGE 3 - <i>Ballarat excursion</i>	27	28
March	6	29	1 PSSA Basketball trials- St 3	2	3	4 Assembly 1:50 pm ES1/ S1 - <i>Kangaroo Paw</i> 2:25 pm S2/ S3 - <i>Fern</i> <i>PSSA Hockey trials- St 3</i>	5	6
	7	7 <i>Riverina primary Swimming Carnival</i>	8	9 <i>PSSA Football trials- St 3</i>	10 <i>PSSA Diving Trials - St 3</i>	11 Mortimer <i>Shield Stage 3</i>	12	13
	8	14	15 <i>PSSA Waterpolo trials St 3</i> <i>PSSA Football - girls trials- St 3</i>	16 <i>AECG Meeting</i> <i>Responsible Pet Program K/S1</i>	17	18 <i>Gold Cup</i> <i>½ day holiday</i>	19	2 0
	9	21	22	23	24 <i>Easter Hat Parade</i>	25 <i>Good Friday</i>	26	27
	10	28 <i>Easter Monday</i>	29 Albury PSSA <i>Netball trials- St 3</i>	30 <i>Thurgoona Public Athletics Carnival</i>	31	1 Assembly 1:50 pm ES1/ S1 - <i>Lomandra</i> 2:25 pm S2/ S3 - <i>Acacia</i>	2	3
April	11	4 PSSA Rugby <i>League trials- St 3</i>	5 <i>K/Stage 1 Fun Day</i>	6 School photos <i>NSW PSSA Diving/Swimming- Homebush</i>	7	8	9	10
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