Principal’s Report

Meet and Greet

Thank you to all our parents who attended the 2013 Meet and Greet session with classroom teachers this week. At Hume we are always looking to improve on our practice and these sessions have allowed for class teachers to pass on valuable information, expectations and an overview of the year ahead. All parents are reminded that class teachers are available to discuss student progress at any time and parents only need to make an appointment for this to occur.

SRC

We are fortunate at Hume to have strong student leaders assisting in the running and development of our school. On Friday we will welcome our Student Representative Councillors into our leadership group. I am looking forward to working with the SRC throughout the year. These students have been nominated by their peers to represent them at a school level.

P&C

We enjoyed a very large turnout for the monthly P&C meeting. It was nice to welcome some new faces. All parents are encouraged to consider involving themselves with the P&C throughout the year.

Bluearth Foundation

This week four of our classes, 1Ho, 2Sc, 3Ro and 4Th have begun working with the Bluearth Foundation. The Bluearth Foundation is a not for profit organisation whose focus is to increase the levels of physical activity in school aged children. We have made a two year commitment to work with Bluearth to offer our students and teachers the opportunity to develop physical skills and to increase physical activity. The Bluearth program focuses on students’ experiences as a result of participating in activities. Through these activities a range of powerful messages are reinforced. These include:

- Honesty
- Fair play
- Consideration of others
- Cooperation
- Challenging oneself
- Quality of attention

We are looking forward to participating in this program over the coming terms.

More information can be found at http://www.bluearth.org/home/home.cfm

Late Arrivals and Early Leavers

All students are required and expected to attend school from 9:00am until 3:00pm. When there is a variation to attendance during these times the child is recorded as a partial absence. Students arriving after 9:00am attend the front office to collect a RED card and are recorded as late. ANY student LEAVING early MUST be signed out at the front office by parent or carer and collect an ORANGE card. STUDENTS ARE NOT TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL WITHOUT INFORMING THE OFFICE.

All parents are asked to adhere to these rules to ensure the continued safety of each child.

Contact Details

All parents are asked to ensure that contact details are kept up to date and accurate. Being able to contact parents during the school day is of the utmost importance. There have been a number of instances this year where parents and emergency contact numbers for students are disconnected or are no longer accurate. If you have a change in home or mobile number or address it is vital that you inform the school immediately.

Russell Graham
Free Vision Screening

Southern NSW Local Health District is conducting **free** vision screening for all Hume preschoolers during the coming year.

It is **highly recommended** all preschool children participate in the screening program as many vision problems remain undetected. The children's vision will be assessed at the preschool and **no drops** will be used.

Petra Stubbs & Russell Graham
Teacher       Principal
An overnight excursion to Wymah Valley Retreat for Year 3 and 4 students is being organised for Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 October. As in previous years, students from Albury West Public School will be joining us. Some activities include:

- Adventure Based Learning - Group games
- Ropes Course
- Mystery Orienteering
- Disc Golf
- Abseiling
- Archery and Golf
- Animal Feeding

The cost of this excursion will be approximately $125.00 per child which includes overnight accommodation and the cost of the bus to go to and from the venue.

Please note that this is only an expression of interest, so no money is required to be returned. Letters requesting deposits and final payments will be sent out later this term.

Your expression of interest note will be required by Thursday 28 March.
**Wombats Hockey Club**

Interested in playing hockey or learning to play hockey? We are looking for boys and girls for all our teams, that is Under 9s, Under 12’s Under 14’s and Under 16’s right though to seniors and veterans. Registration day is Sunday the 24th of February at the Albury Hockey Centre in Cadell St (athletics entrance area) from 10am until noon. Please come and see us on the day (look for the green and gold banner). Alternatively you can give Cayte Campbell a call on 0402 435 433 or Joy Lee a call on 0438 216 085.

Cayte Campbell  
Secretary  
Wombats Hockey Club  
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Junior Academy – Introduction to Hockey  
Major League Indoor Sports Centre  
119 North St Albury  
4:30 to 6:30 each Thursday  
From 28th Feb – 4th April (6 weeks)  
$60 includes kit to keep  
- Hockey stick  
- Hockey ball  
- Shin pads  
- Academy T-shirt  
(bring mouth guard and water bottle)  
All children aged 9 - 12 welcome.  
Email falconshockey@hotmail.com.au  
Website: www.falconshockeyalbury.com.au  
Registration forms in ‘Forms’ menu option

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**James Fallon High School** held its annual swimming carnival on Thursday, 7 February, at the North Albury Swimming Pool. A great day was had by all, and some very strong competitors from Northern Spirit Schools will go on to represent the school at Zone. The warm day meant that there was terrific participation particularly in the 50 metre Freestyle, and the day culminated in the teachers/students race, which the teachers won (legitimately). Our carnival was extremely well supported by our families, who visited for part or all of the day, to watch their children participate. The atmosphere and school spirit was very positive and many of our students had lots of fun.

On Wednesday, 27 February, James Fallon High School will be holding its first parent information evening for the Year 7 class of 2014. This evening is held in the school hall at 7:30pm, and it is an opportunity to learn more about the high school that is the partner of your primary school. The transition plan will be outlined, and our students run the evening. Your Year 6 child will come home with a postcard of the date for your fridge.

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**FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA**

We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to the families who attend your school. We would be most obliged if you could advise the parents and carers about our free service in your school newsletter and include a link to our website on the links page of your website.

We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at [www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au](http://www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au) to assess the suitability of including our website on your links page. If you are happy to include a link to our website we would be most grateful if you do so by arranging for your webmaster to post the following code:

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<a href="http://familylawmattersaustralia.com.au" title="Family Law Network Australia - Where you find information on separation and divorce, parenting arrangements, property settlement and child support">Family Law Network Australia</a>
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We thank you in anticipation of your assistance and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries I can be contacted on 044 814 8145.

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