Debating
The Hume Choir and the Hume Dance Troupe provided the highlight of last week. This week it was the **Hume Debating Teams**.

A number of senior Hume students have been working on developing their debating skills with Mrs Kerry Horsley. Debating of a given topic in a structured format requires more than just strong public speaking skills. In formal debates each speaker is required to work in a team and deliver their argument in cooperation with other team members. In addition to this they must also look for ways to “rebut” the arguments given by the opposing team as the debate progresses.

With this in mind each team is allowed “a thinker” who is able to take notes and assist the speakers with further developing their point of view. All this occurs while the debate is taking place meaning preparation time is very minimal and the debater must be able to think quickly.

On Tuesday I had the privilege of joining Miss Dolahenty and her debating teams as they took their skills to the Riverina Eisteddfod. The two teams argued two topics – **Zoos should be banned** and **Children should not receive pocket money**. Congratulations to these students on a fantastic job.

Albury Chess Competition
Hume hosted the Albury Regional Chess tournament on Wednesday. Over 70 players from across the greater Albury area gathered to compete in teams for the opportunity to represent the district at the regional finals. Mr Mansell coordinated the day and was very pleased with the numbers of competitors and the quality of the competition.

Congratulations to the winning team from Thurgoona Public and also to Hume A who finished a very impressive 3rd. Well done to all our teams who hosted the day and represented our school.

Uniform Shop
I would like to make mention this week of the P&C and the job they continue to do ensuring our students have access to quality, affordable school uniforms available to be purchased at school. School uniform is an expectation for all students and plays a very important part in giving our students a shared identity and feeling of belonging.

All parents are asked to either visit Lisa Schneider (P&C) at the uniform shop on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 2.45-3.15pm or leave your details with the office. Lay-bys and payments can be made in cash or by card at the front office. In special circumstances Student Assistance may be available to assist families with uniforms. If you require further information regarding Student Assistance please contact me to discuss this support.

PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning) Update
Hume Public is a proud PBL School. PBL is a whole school program aimed at identifying desired behaviours and highlighting and teaching these to students. The PBL program is aimed at whole school success which means that while individual students are recognised for positive behaviour it is rewarded at a whole school level. Hume students and staff focus on our agreed values of **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND ACHIEVEMENT**.

Large amount of signage is installed around the school and most of this signage is in identified areas of the school that require specific behaviour, such as the canteen lines, the Library or Breakfast Club. Specific behaviours are listed under each of the 3 PBL Hume Values.

Each week we focus on a specific area. Please take the time to have a look at the matrix that we use.

Russell Graham
PBL MATRIX

**RESPECT**
- Wear school uniform with pride
- Speak politely to others
- Hands and feet to self
- Use positive talk

**RESPONSIBILITY**
- Make smart choices
- Do your best
- Be in the right place at the right time

**ACHIEVE**
- Have pride in yourself, your learning and your school
- Stay on task
- Participate

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**Ausplay**
- Use manners
- Care for the equipment
- Use positive talk
- Hands and feet to self
- Take turns

- Follow roster
- Follow staff instructions
- Play safely
- Be in the right place at the right time

- Participate
- Be a problem solver
- Challenge yourself

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**Canteen**
- Use manners
- Use positive talk
- Keep area clean
- Use-up neatly
- Follow staff instructions

- Spend your money
- Be organised
- Make healthy choices

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**Playground**
- Take care of equipment
- Play positively
- Consider others’ feelings
- Hands and feet to self
- Play in the right place

- Pack up equipment when finished
- Place all rubbish in bins
- Play in the right place

- Be at class lines on time
- Follow instructions
- Keep clean and tidy

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**Toilets**
- Use designated toilets
- Respect privacy
- Wash hands
- Use in break times
- Report problems to teacher
- Leave toy and food outside

- Use in break times
- Keep clean and safe all day

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**Office**
- Walk quietly
- Use your manners
- Wait your turn
- Use inside voice
- Remember why you are here
- Speak to front office staff first
- Enter through main door

- Return to class as soon as possible
- Complete your task

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**Bus**
- Follow staff instructions
- Walk quietly
- Stay in designated area
- Be organised with bag and bus pass
- Follow bus rules

- Be on time
- Get home safely

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**Library**
- Follow staff instructions
- Look after equipment
- Hands and feet to self
- Use quiet voice
- Do your best
- Be organised with your library bag
- Return books

- Participate in class borrowing
- Show pride in your achievement
- Borrow regularly

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**Excursions/ Sport/ Performances**
- Follow staff instructions
- Use manners
- Use positive talk
- Actively participate
- Be in the right place at the right time
- Make smart choices

- Represent school with pride
- Enjoys

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**Assembly Muster**
- Manage distractions
- Listen attentively
- Celebrate success
- Enter and exit orderly and quietly
- Sing school song and national anthem

- Participate in assembly item
- Be proud of your achievements

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**To and From School**
- Follow staff instructions at crossings
- Be a proud representative of your school
- Be accountable for your choice
- Know your own travel plans
- Use designated crossings

- Travel bus and from school safely
- Arrive at school on time

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**Eating under COLAs**
- Use manners
- Use your own space
- Sit quietly
- Stay sitting during eating time
- Put rubbish in the bin
- Put containers away
- Wash hands
- Eat your own food

- Keep area clean and tidy

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**Breakfast Club**
- Use manners
- Use positive talk
- Follow adult directions
- Be seated when eating
- Talk to others
- Wash hands

- Leave area clean and tidy
- Have a good start to the day

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

| Tues 11 August | Nikki Richter |
| Wed 12 August | Di Brown |
| Thurs 13 August | Cath Gough |
| Fri 14 August | Kerrie Brown |

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**P&C NEWS**

**LOCATION: Ausplay**

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**Calendar**

- **Friday 7 August**
  - PSSA Sport
  - Assembly 12.00 noon

- **Tuesday 11 August**
  - P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom Agenda item - New Uniforms - All Welcome

- **Friday 21 August**
  - Countdown to Kinder commences

- **Tuesday 25 August**
  - Book Week excursion to Albury Library Museum

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**DROP YOUR FULL SHEETS INTO THE BOX IN THE FOYER. KEEP COLLECTING FOR OUR SCHOOL**

**PBL MATRIX**

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be an Achiever

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**What does respectful play on the Ausplay sound like?**

**How does responsible play on the Ausplay look?**

**When you achieve on the Ausplay you are feeling******

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**Our next P&C meeting is this Tuesday 11 August at 7pm in the staffroom. At this months meeting we will be discussing a change to our school uniform and showing a sample. All parents/carers are welcome and encouraged to attend.**
Last week was Education Week, which saw our Senior Dance Troupe and Choir perform at Lavington Square in front of a crowd of many family and friends familiar faces, alongside a large crowd of general shoppers. Both groups did a fabulous job, with Misty James, school prefect, delivering a well-received depiction of HPS learning. Our school learning and artwork display has received many compliments and it is hoped most families were able to take a look!

**Choir**

The Choir performed on Wednesday as part of the Albury-Wodonga Eisteddfod. As their first time performing on a stage of that size, in front of a large audience the choir did a fantastic job! Performing their two songs ‘When I Grow Up’ and ‘Geronimo’ they gained confidence as the performance went on. Although not receiving any placings, HPS received a special mention during adjudication and Mrs Sawyer looks forward to building on this for the rest of the year. Well done!

**Debating**

Eight year 4, 5 and 6 students took to arguing their side of a topic on Tuesday as part of the Eisteddfod. Both teams had had an opportunity to work alongside Mrs Kerry Horsley prior to the event, working on creating their team’s arguments. Team A – Xander, Ebby, Piper and Alex, were on the affirmative side of the argument ‘Should children be given pocket money?’. Beaten by a very strong Thurgoona team, all three speakers clearly outlined their arguments and spoke confidently. Team B – Rhiannon, Misty, Antonia and Maddison, argued the negative point of view ‘That zoos should be abolished’. Gaining confidence from watching the first debate, this team lost the debate at the narrowest of margins! Well done to all students involved and a BIG thank you to Mrs Horsely!

**Dance**

The Senior Dance Troupe performed as part of the Eisteddfod on Wednesday. In a section with eleven other competitors, the group took the stage and represented our school and themselves confidently. With many extra after-school rehearsals the troupe rewarded themselves with a beautiful performance of the dance. A BIG thank you to Nicky Lockley-Hinschen and Pam Lockley for assisting with travel on the day!

It has been a very busy start to the Term and all groups are looking forward to having a short break from rehearsals. Many thanks again to Mr Graham and Mrs Stewart for their support on excursions and Mrs Horsely, Mrs Sawyer and Miss Dolahenty for their commitment to each group.

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**HUME PS SPORT NEWS**

**SOCCER - GLEN PARK**

**NETBALL - JC KING PARK**

**HOCKEY - ALEXANDER PARK**

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**MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

A reminder that the 2015 International University of NSW Mathematics Competition will be held on Tuesday 11th of August in the library. All students participating will be sent to the library by their teachers at 9.15am. Please ensure that you arrive at school on time.
We will be holding a **School Read-A-Thon** between **10th August** and **4th September 2015** as a major fundraising event this year.

The **School Read-A-Thon** is a stimulating, fun and literacy based fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about developing a healthy mind. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase: **Books and equipment for our cricket pitch**.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. In the Sponsorship Form you will find all the tools you need for successful fundraising, and more!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto [readathon.com.au/students](http://readathon.com.au/students) and creating a Student Profile Page.

You are invited to our Read-A-Thon launch tomorrow at 12pm in the school hall.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

**Michelle Parker**

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**TUNING INTO KIDS**

* A five week program for early childhood educators

This program aims to support ECEs to tune into the emotions of the children in their care.

- Based on John Gottman’s research into Emotional Intelligence/Emotional Competency you will learn about:
  - Emotion development and understanding
  - Viewing children’s display of emotion as a barometer for anxiety and need
  - Emotion tuning—children are supported to learn to name and understand their emotions
  - Emotion coaching—helping your support children to learn to regulate their emotions and problem solve

**Commencing - Tuesday - 11th August - 8th September 2015**

7 - 9pm

**Venue** - Wodonga TAFE 87 McCoy St
Building B Seminar Room – B001 & B002

**Facilitator** - Paula Mobach

**Cost** - $85/person - includes handbook

Bookings essential by 7.8.15
Contact Paula - 0447271331
Email - paula.mobach@gmail.com

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**Albury Thunder Junior Rugby League**

**Presents a Disco – Children 5 years to 13 years (school Age)**

At The Waratah Room, Commercial Club

**Friday 14 August 2015, 7.30pm to 9.00pm**

**Entry $5** – **Adult Supervision Provided**

Food & Drink at Subsidised Club

**Prices**

**Glow Products for sale**

Children to be dropped off and picked up by responsible adult