Principal’s Report

Friday 4 March, 2016

Learning Continuums
Professional Learning is a vital part of good teaching. Staff at Hume constantly challenge, interrogate and evaluate teaching practice and learning opportunities to ensure that our students have the best possible learning available to them every day. Recently our teaching staff have been focusing on assessment of writing and plotting students on the Literacy Continuum. This process allows for teachers to have a clear understanding of student achievement and provides information of where the student’s learning needs are and where focus is needed to improve their development. This process assists to answer two very important questions - “Where is the student at?” and “Where to next?” Assessments are used throughout the teaching year and students’ development on the Literacy and Numeracy Continuums are updated every five weeks. This information is communicated to parents twice a year in the form of the PLAN report that is sent home in Term 1 and 3. Parents are encouraged to read this report and discuss it with the class teacher.

Student Numbers
Due to higher than anticipated student numbers in 2016 we are happy to announce that we will be forming another class. While not ideal at this time of the year, it has been unexpected and unavoidable. Throughout the week a number of options have been discussed to ensure that all classes are balanced and that the learning needs of all students are best met.

As of Monday we will form our eighth class. Miss Rhiannon Dolahenty will rejoin our teaching staff as our new classroom teacher. Parents of students affected by this change will be informed of the changes and appropriate times will be organised to meet with teachers.

P&C
Congratulations to all our students for their amazing support of the Hume P&C Casual Clothes. Students donated items and/or a gold coin for the upcoming Easter Raffle. The P&C continue to work hard on coordinating fundraising and activities that directly benefit our students. Thank you to all families for your support.

School Evaluation
This week I have been asked to offer support to Glenroy Public to participate in a school wide evaluation of Aboriginal Education. This is an intensive process as it requires interviews with school executive, class teachers, support workers, parents and students.

Glenroy Public is a great school, full of wonderful students, staff and parents. However, I always enjoy the opportunity to visit other settings as it reinforces to me just how great our school is.

Glenroy Public will be invited into our school in the near future to conduct the same process.

Attendance
School attendance has been very good this year. Mrs Liz Clark and Mrs Edna Stewart monitor our attendance daily. We are seeing a large reduction in the number of late arrivals and we are enjoying the benefits of having the large majority of students at school at 9:00am ready for learning.

This week I would like to include some information from NSW Department of Education concerning Attendance.

Legal Requirements
Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving at school and class on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school: you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they’ll have missed over a year of school.


Russell Graham
CANTENE NEWS

A big "THANKYOU" to the ladies who helped out on Monday with the Leap Day Lunch:- Lisa Schneider, Cath Gough, Rebecca Dugan, Mrs Memon, Michelle Kearney, Cheri Cunningham, Miria Cunningham.

P&C NEWS

- Fundraising Meeting will be held on 4/3/16 at 2pm in the Canteen
- P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm in the Staffroom.

EASTER

Easter Egg Guessing Competition and Colouring Competition are both still available at from the Canteen. All entries are a Gold Coin donation.

Easter Raffle Tickets have now gone home and are to be returned NO later than 18/3/16 with the raffle being drawn on 21/3/16. If you would like extra tickets please see the office.

We are still excepting Egg Donations, which can be handed into the Office.
**MERIT AWARDS**

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**SPORTS AWARDS**

| 4/5PA | Dakota Church-Parkinson |
COMMUNITY NEWS

Albury United Soccer Club

We are seeking players for the following ages:

Under 11 Boys & Girls – Born 2005
Under 12 Boys & Girls – Born 2004
Under 13 Boys & Girls – Born 2003

(Season begins: Sunday, March 13th)

Registrar: Dan Scott – Mob: 0427 025 360
Email: registrar@alburyunited.com
President: Marty Chambers – Mob: 0418 460 778
Email: president@alburyunited.com

North Albury/Lavington Touch Football

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

Start Date: Thursday 3rd March 2016 4.30pm - 6.00pm
Training Sessions: 10, 17, 24, 31 March 2016
7th April
Where: Jelbart Park, Nowland Ave next to the softball nets.
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

Aspire
Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series
Is this you?
Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won’t eat her dinner. Or your six year old won’t share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

What is a Stepping Stones Seminar?
Stepping Stones Triple P seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Seminars are for large groups of parents – possibly 20 or more. It’s an informal presentation, a little like a public forum. There are three seminars that each last about 90 minutes and cover a different topic. We encourage parents to try to attend all three.

When: Tuesday 24th May 2016
9.30am – 11.00am
Seminar 1 – Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability
11.15am – 12.45pm
Seminar 2 – Helping your Child Reach their Potential
1.15pm – 2.30pm
Seminar 3 – Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour

Where: Aspire Support Services, 220 Borella Rd, Albury East.
Light lunch is provided.

Cost: FREE as part of a research project
Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years
How: RSVP and for further information contact the NSW Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team Call (02) 9114 4106 or email
fss.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au

Mums, dads & carers of girls with Asperger’s / Autism

Meet for lunch & share each other’s knowledge, experience & wisdom

Dates: Friday 6th Nov, 4th Dec,
5th Feb, 4th Mar & 1st Apr
St. Ives on Causeway
12 – 2pm
For further information please contact
Kerry on 0412 033 051