



Albury North Public School

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CONGRADULATIONS!

A wonderful night was had by all last Thursday as we officially marked the end of the primary school journey for our Year 6 students. Turn inside for more photos from the SS&A Club and see our Facebook page for a full gallery including the presentations, speeches - and those fabulous outfits!

The final word on 2020

So much of this year has been like nothing we've ever experienced before. When you arrived for the first day in your new class back in January, lots of us were thinking about the terrible bush fires and hoping the rest of the year would be less eventful. How wrong we were!

We'd been back for less than a term when the spread of COVID-19 meant we had to completely re-think the running of our school. For lots of you, that meant staying at home and learning remotely. Suddenly the playground was quiet and classrooms empty. We sent home book bags and you communicated with your teacher through Seesaw. It felt strange but we knew we had to do it to keep each other safe. It was an awesome feeling when you started coming back to school. Yes, things were a bit different but we've got used to it. For example, using hand sanitiser when we arrive in the morning now feels like something we've done forever.

But our school hasn't just coped with these changes, we've risen to the challenge and managed to thrive. We've been on the front and back of *The Border Mail*, our students have been interviewed by *Prime 7*, *Channel Nine* and the *ABC* - and Albury North was featured not only on local radio but one of Sydney's major networks. It was exciting to see and hear

ourselves on the news bulletins but the coverage wasn't about making us famous. It was about showcasing the PEACE values which are so important to our school community. The media wanted to tell the story of our pen pal scheme because it showed **empathy** to those Victorian kids who were in lockdown and it highlighted the **collaboration** which has continued through letter writing even as restrictions have eased and the border has re-opened. Students throughout our school have thought of others, not themselves, whether those kids be in Mt Beauty, Gippsland or even other countries.

I'd like to thank the P&C for their contribution this year, especially around the launch of our fantastic new uniform. Our staff have gone above and beyond in unprecedented circumstances, while you as families have shown us incredible support in 2020 - never more so than during the period of remote learning.

It's good to have Mr Bell back with us this week after a period spent travelling around Australia with his family.

Have a great Christmas and look after each other during the holidays.

Paul Smith, Principal

IN PICTURES: Presentation Day 2020



DUX OF SCHOOL
Pradip Adhikari



SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING
Sarah Madew



PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE AWARD
Jonathan Hassan



SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR
Jenna Ruhbaum



CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
Alexis Jones (Stage 2)
Kaleb Campbell (Stage 3)

**donated by Albury City Council*

STAGE 3 CITIZENSHIP AWARD & MEDALLION
Bonnie Willingham

**donated by Justin Clancy MP and awarded for outstanding demonstration of PEACE behaviours*



CITIZENSHIP AWARDS
Cooper Russell (Early Stage 1)
Ruby Wilesmith (Stage 1)

**donated by Albury City Council*

HOUSE CHAMPIONS - BRANN
Captains: Alex Jarrett & Lucy Giddins



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE PLATINUM AWARDS
Gloriya Elenjikkal & Zac Hamilton



OUR STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2021



Captains: Isabella Rigby & Victor Ayoo

Vice-Captains: Stella Maloney & Taylor Coad



School Councillors: Alaiyah Ackerley, Jed McGown, Jake Midgley & Jessica Kelly

STAGE 1 READING RECOGNITION AWARD
Michael Curtis



Head to our Facebook page for a full gallery from Presentation Day and give us a like!
We are @AlburyNorthPS



IN PICTURES: Year 6 Graduation



In the news this week

End of year celebrations

We are finishing 2020 with a splash on Tuesday! Students in K-2 will take part in a Water Fun Day here at school and then watch a movie in the hall. Wear casual clothes you don't mind getting wet (no singlets) - plus a hat and sunscreen.

Meanwhile, Years 3-6 will be at Albury Swim Centre from 10am-2.15pm. All students will need to bring sunscreen, swimmers, a towel, hat and t-shirt or rashie to go over their swimmers. A canteen will be available.

Term dates for 2021

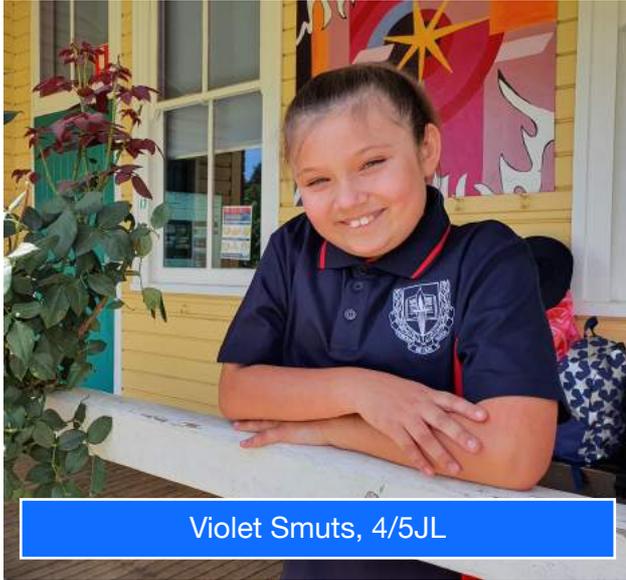
The new school year for most students starts on Friday 29 January 2021, with Kindergarten beginning their term on Monday 1 February. Term 1 is scheduled to finish on Thursday 1 April.



We are saying goodbye to Mrs Cheryl Hargreaves after eight years with us at Albury North. Mrs Hargreaves has helped so many of you in the classroom and Reading Lounge and has also played a big part in helping our teachers learn too. Next up for Mrs Hargreaves is an Assistant Principal role at Hume Public School. Good luck - we'll miss you!



This term we've been finding out about some of our families with links to other countries.



Violet Smuts, 4/5JL

Where does your family have a connection to?
Johannesburg in South Africa.

Can you describe it?
With a population of more than 5 million, it's the largest city in South Africa. It's inland and more than 1,000 metres above sea level.

What languages are spoken there?
Afrikaans and English, among others.

So how do you say "welcome to school" in Afrikaans?
"Welkom by die skool."

Which foods are great to eat there?
Cape Malay curry and biltong. That's a type of dry cured meat.

What makes this place special for you?
My Dad, Grandma and grandfather all lived there.

If we visited SA, where should we go and what should we do?
First, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and then Gold Reef City Theme Park. The Soweto Museum is definitely worth a visit too. In Kruger National Park you'll see lions, zebra and many other African animals in their natural habitat. And also Victoria Falls - the biggest waterfall in the world.

- COUNTRY South Africa
- POPULATION 60 million
- CAPITALS Pretoria
Cape Town
Bloemfontein
- FLAG 



This week's award winners

GOLD LEVELS:

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| Archie Thiele | KTF |
| Cooper Flannery | 1AM |
| Dipesh Khanal | |
| Mia Phillips | |
| Cleo Urquhart | |
| Isabelle Kelly | 34KW |
| Amie Morandin | |
| Mary-Jane Govers | 34VR |
| Imygen Locke | |
| Daniel Leones | 45JL |
| Stella Maloney | |
| Roman Kaine Ilievski | |



SILVER LEVELS:

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| Shanlee Martin | 1AM |
| Chase Baker-Rapsey | 46KC |



This year our Talent Show was performed on camera, not in front of an audience. There was no shortage of applicants with singing, dancing, gymnastics, comedy and martial arts all on display.



Scan the QR code to watch the show now - and turn up the volume!