Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back! I trust that you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and are ready for the challenges of a new school year.

The breakup of classes and their teachers is included in this newsletter. Kindergarten and Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 are in A block, closest to the administration office. They will use Area A as their playing area. Kinder Hall is now Senior Hall with Year s 5 & 6 working there. The seniors will have Area B and the space in front of the BER hall as their playground.

Mr Dougherty has taken a position at Broken Hill Public School and we will certainly miss his expertise and dry sense of humour. His position will be advertised in the next few weeks. Meanwhile, interviews are being conducted at school to select a relieving assistant principal.

Mrs DeGoumois will be off class until a permanent replacement can be found for Mr Dougherty, then she will share the Year 3 class with the new Assistant Principal. Miss Hardy will then fill a 3 day a week position to support the Instructional Leader role.

Mr Bonsing has been employed under National Partnerships (this is our last year of this) to provide PE, Personal Development and Health lessons across the school. He will run also organised games during both breaks to channel the energy of students who wish to join in. Mr Bonsing will coordinate and run the Active After Schools Program (details will be sent out soon) and the Premiers Sporting Challenge.

Mrs Wilson joins us as the Learning and Support Teacher. She will have a primary focus while Mrs Lemay concentrates on the infants classes. Mrs Pascoe is the Instructional Leader for literacy and numeracy and will be working mostly with Kinder to Year 3.

I look forward to catching up with you during the term.

Regards,
Glynis Lugnan
Principal
**NEWSLETTERS**

Newsletters will be sent home on Tuesdays with the eldest child in each family. Please take time to read the newsletter each week as it contains information about events and activities happening at school including student achievements, reminders, meetings, P&C and canteen news and community notices. The newsletter can also be viewed on-line at [www.alma-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.alma-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au) or via email by notifying the Administration Office.
Parents/Caregivers will receive 2013 **Student Information** and a **Long Term Permission** notes this week.

**Student Information Sheet**

It is extremely important for the safety and welfare of your children that a form is filled out for EACH child in the family that attends Alma Public School.

The information on this form helps us to care for your child in the case of illness and to contact you in an emergency.

It is also important to include as much information as possible if your child has any allergies, medical conditions or needs.

These details are assessed to see if a Health Care Plan needs to be put in place so that we may offer the utmost care for your child.

**Long Term Permission Sheet**

The Long Term Permission note covers your child for the whole year and includes the following:

- Walk / travel to and from venues under teacher supervision
- Performances/Activities held in school and within town limits
- Child Protection Lessons
- Photographic Consent
- Internet Access

The law requires that students have written permission to leave the school grounds for any reason.

Our newsletter will be the main means of communication to families when special events occur, for example performances, excursions, sporting activities etc. These events may incur a cost for your child. If during the year you wish your child to be excluded from an event, a note from parents/caregivers is required. Students informing teachers they are not participating for various reasons is not acceptable.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Both forms MUST be completed and returned to the Administration Office.

**Attendance**

Attendance is compulsory for all school age students up until they reach 17 years of age. Student absences, including late arrivals and early departures, are recorded daily and are monitored regularly by the Home School Liaison Officer. It is therefore extremely important that the correct procedure is followed at all times.

**LATE ARRIVALS:**

School commences at 9.00am each day. It is important that you ensure your child arrives at school before 9.00am. **Students arriving late MUST sign in at the Administration Office.** A late arrival slip will then be issued which must be taken to the child’s teacher.

**EARLY DEPARTURE**

Parent/Caregivers that need to collect children from school during school hours for appointments etc **must come to the Administration Office and sign the student out.** An early departure slip will then be issued which must be taken to the child’s teacher to authorise departure. This also applies to students who need to go home due to illness.

**ABSENCE**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school on 8088 2181. A note explaining the reason for absence must be sent to school on or before your child’s return to school.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A doctor’s certificate must be supplied for students who are absent for 3 or more days.
It’s lovely to see the children all looking so smart in their summer uniforms.

Don’t forget that if children are not wearing a hat, they will be confined to shade areas.

We are enforcing the rule NO BUCKET HAT NO PLAY IN THE SUN - caps will not be accepted. As the weather is extremely hot all children need to be wearing hats for their own safety.

Hats are $8.00 and can be purchased from the Uniform Shop or the Front Office.

If your child requires prescribed medication to be given at school you MUST complete a medical indemnity form which is available from the front office.

Staff are NOT permitted to administer any medication without proper authorisation. This includes regular medication which is required for a medical condition or medication which may be required when your child is sick eg: antibiotics, ventolin.

UNIFORM SHOP

G Block – Ground Floor

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WANTED! UNIFORM DONATIONS

The school would be very grateful to accept any donations of uniforms in good condition that your child may have outgrown so we may be able to replenish our supply of second hand uniforms. These may be taken directly to the uniform shop during opening hours or the front office during school hours.

Broken Hill Primary Cricket Association

ABN 16493 810 231

REGISTRATION DAY FOR MILO IN2CRICKET

Boys and Girls welcome.

Sat 9am - 10:30 at the Plaza $10.
BHPCA AGM 11:30am Norn Fox Oval 11:30am 9 Feb
Alma Hard-ball (Yr 5-6) registration enquiries to
Dave Parker on Ph: 0438 233 514
Visit www.facebook.com/BHPCA for more information.