Dear Parents and Community Members,

Our new Kindergarten students have settled really quickly and already seem to know their way around. Congratulations to all the parents who successfully prepared their little ones so well.

Today the Kitchen and Garden programs began for the year. These affect Years 3 – 6 each week for an hour or so.

Mr Bonsing will begin PE/Health/Personal Development lessons for Years 3 next week for an hour in each class on a weekly basis. He will be running gross motor activities each morning with Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 beginning later in the term.

All classes apart from Kinder will be undertaking some basic testing over the next week or so to accurately benchmark their starting points in literacy and numeracy.

On Friday we will be inducting the SRC representatives and house captains at assembly. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our fortnightly assembly.

Next Wednesday is our whole school swimming carnival. There will be no staff at school because we will all be at the pool. All students are expected to attend. A permission note has already been sent home and we would really appreciate the quick return of those. If you are able to join us for the day or even help out as a timekeeper or with the non-swimmers activities (especially infants) we’d love to see you.

Regards

Glynis Lugnan
Principal
URGENT!
Student Information and Long Term Permission Forms

It is extremely important that these forms are returned to your child’s class teacher by this Friday 15th February.

If you did not receive either of these forms or need another one please call in to the front office and collect some new ones.

Don’t forget to sign both the forms and check you have filled in ALL the required information.

Wednesday 20th February

Notes have been sent home with all students for the Alma Public School K-6 swimming carnival which is being held on next week, Wednesday 20th February (Week 4) at the Broken Hill Aquatic Centre.

Please complete the ‘Permission and Ability’ note and return to the class teacher by this Friday 15th February.

THE SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL NOT BE TAKING LUNCH ORDERS ON CARNIVAL DAY

Attendance FAQ's

Q: What do I do if my child is late to school?
A: 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 go directly to the office to sign in.

Q: What do I do if I need to take my child for an appointment?
A: Parent/Caregivers that need to collect children from school during school hours for appointments must come to the Administration Office and sign the student out. An early departure slip will be then 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.

Q: What do I do if my child is sick and can’t come to school?
A: If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school on 8088 2181. A written note explaining the reason for absence must be sent to school on or before your child’s return to school.

Q: What do I do if we are going away and my child is unable to attend school?
A: If your family is going away for any reason, please contact the school on 8088 2181. The Principal must be notified of any intended long term absence. A written note explaining the reason for absence must be sent to school on or before your child’s return to school.

Q: What information do I need to put on the note when my child has been absent?
A: Please put your child’s first name, surname and class on the note and a brief description of the reason for your child’s absence. Eg: Sick, Appointment, Funeral, Out of town etc

PLEASE NOTE: A doctors certificate must be supplied for students who are absent for 3 or more days
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Thanks and kind regards,

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NETBALL
Netball starts 26th February. Nominations close 17th February. Any girls wanting to play for SFC, please contact Stacey on 0407 872 156 before Friday 15th February. Thank you