Dear Parents and Community Members,

Yesterday our school captains, Aleks Purcell and Blake Gebhardt, attended the Willyama School Leaders Induction ceremony as invited guests. Mrs DeGoumois was very proud of their confidence and maturity, in spite of being surrounded by much older students.

Congratulations to Jordan Hoysted and Colby Stenhouse who have obviously used their Alma schooling to good effect and were elected as Year 7 leaders at Willyama.

A huge thank you to all the students and staff at Alma for their patience and positive attitude yesterday, following the break-ins over the weekend. I am asking everyone, again, to ring the police and report anyone who is in our school grounds after hours. Anyone on the school site without authorisation is trespassing even if they attend our school. This recent lot of break-ins has caused more than nuisance value this time. Three long throw data projectors have been stolen (causing some damage to ceilings etc as well as damage to doors and windows. Some graffiti of a particularly unpleasant nature was also left behind. The data projectors are all engraved very clearly with “Alma Public School”. If you hear anything that could assist us, please contact the school or the police. The forensics people took lots of photos yesterday and got some very clear fingerprints from the various classrooms that were affected. It is such a shame that a couple of people in our community have absolutely no regard for the disruption that their actions caused to all our students and staff.

Yesterday, during first break, nearly 100 students took advantage of the beautiful weather and went out on the oval to participate in the games being organised by Mr Bonsing. Mr B was really pleased with the way the children joined in and helped each other. Thanks to the senior students who assisted by running games and helping with all the gear.

On Friday, there is a Rugby League Gala Day being held. Notes have already been sent home.

Also on Friday, the cull will take place for the Assistant Principal position, with interviews held next week.

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday next week (26.3.13) at 3.30pm in the P&C room at school. Everyone is invited to attend and I would encourage you to support his wonderfully dedicated group of parents who work so hard to raise money for the school. New members will be most warmly welcomed.

This week, I will be sending letters to parents of students whose attendance is falling below averages levels for the year (we monitor students below 85%, below 80%, below 75% and below 70%). This means that out of 30 school days this term, these students have had more than 5 days away. If we have been notified of the reasons for absence, and they are approved reasons, then you may not receive a letter at this time. Unjustified or unexplained absences will result in us contacting you. As a focus school for attendance, Alma Public School is required to provide statistics to the Department of Education and Communities on a fortnightly and term basis about attendance patterns in the school. Part of that process is a call home if a child is away for 3 days and we have not been notified and letters home for persistent absences. If you receive a letter regarding your child’s attendance, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can resolve the issues.

Have a great week,

Glynis Lugnan
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT!
Expressions of Interest for Year 6 into Year 7 are due back this week
### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

The following students received Student of the Week awards at Assembly last Friday

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**Did you know.....**

...that students can borrow outside of Library lessons?

The library is open Monday to Thursday during 1st break. Students may return and borrow books during these times!

**Knitting Group**

Mrs Baker's knitting group is under way and we would love to have any wool that parents or grandmas would like to donate. Donations may be taken directly to Mrs Baker in the Reading Recovery room in B Block near the front office.

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**Easter Reminders!**

**Easter Hat Parade**

Wednesday 27th March

Make a hat and bring to school on the day!

**P&C Easter Raffle Donations**

The P&C are seeking donations of Easter Eggs of any value towards the Easter raffle. Thank you for the generous donations we have received so far. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

**P&C Easter Raffle Tickets**

Tickets to be returned to the class teacher by next Tuesday 26th March

**Colouring In Competition**

Due this Friday 22nd March.

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**Telephone:** 8088 2181  
**Fax:** 8087 3691  
**Email:** alma-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
We need to have **10 or less away per day across the school**, so as you can see we are **WAY ABOVE** the expected numbers absent.

Remember.....**every day counts!**
If you would like your child to participate in any of these competitions:

- Complete the form below and place it inside an envelope with the correct money.
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Enclosed is payment of $___________________

Signed ____________________________________ Date ______________

NAIDOC BALL
WHEN: Saturday, 13th April 2013
WHERE: Gary Radford Pavilion, Broken Hill Race Course
TIME: Doors Open 6.30 pm
Official Opening: 7.00 pm
COST: $45 per head
Inc. Two Course Meal, Entertainment & Transport from Town & Return
DRESS: Formal
TICKETS: Available from Haylee at Maari Ma Regional Office at 443 Argent St., Broken Hill ph (08) 8082 9888
CELEBRATING PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
Please Note: Photos will be taken at the event for future publicity. Licensed premises, no alcohol to be brought on site. Liquor license act of 2007 will be enforced. 18yrs+ Photo I.D required.

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PLAYTIME PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER
Premier Movie “the Croods”
Sunday 24th March - 11.00am
Silver City Cinema
Tickets $10.00
Come along and support our preschool

School Holiday Basketball Camp
Come along and practise all the individual skills of basketball and get the opportunity to play games in a relaxed environment over two fun filled days!!

For both beginners and experienced players!

When:  Tuesday 16th April – Wednesday 17th April 2013
Time:  9:30am – 4:00 pm both days (lunch / morning break included)
Cost:  $30.00  (Pay on the day)
Where:  Broken Hill Basketball Stadium
Corner South & Boughtman Streets
What to Bring:  Water bottle, packed lunch and morning snack for both days, sports clothing, fun attitude!!!

Camp Coaches:  SA Country Development Officer Peter Todd, Broken Hill Broncos junior state coaches + players.

To register your child for the two day camp please contact:
Name: Krista Sutton
Email: bhilcamp@mail.com
Phone: 0412 998 006

For more information about the camp contact:
Peter Todd
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Ph: 0402 929 916
Email – peter@sacbh.com.au

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