Dear Parents and Community Members,

Easter Hat Parade
This week is our lead up to Easter and in particular our Easter Hat Parade to Patton Street. The date for this event will be **WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH** and not the Thursday. This change was necessary as the interviews for the Assistant Principal Position must be held on Thursday and we will have staff involved in this process. This year our senior students will be walking to St. Anne’s and the Harold Williams Nursing Homes. They will show their Easter hats and will deliver some small gifts to the residents. I know this will be appreciated by the residents. We are all looking forward to seeing some fantastic hats. Please remember that children need to bring in their hats on Wednesday morning and we will commence our walk at 12 noon. We will assemble in the park for the Patton Street Trader’s announcement of colouring-in winners. We will return to school and have our school parade and the drawing of the P & C raffle. Please have all tickets returned by Wednesday morning to assist the ladies in this venture.

Break-In
Over the weekend we had another 3 windows broken and another break-in last night. Again we ask that if you see anyone in the school grounds please contact the police.

P&C Meeting
Don’t forget the first P & C meeting is on **TODAY** at 3.30pm in the P&C room in G Block. Everyone is welcome and we are looking for some new faces to join this band of dedicated and hardworking parents who raise valuable money to be spent on your children.

Attendance - Exemptions
As you are aware we are very proactive with our attendance. I would like to inform parents about exemptions. An exemption is necessary for student who will be absent from school for any length of time.

An exemption must be made in writing to the principal prior to the leave. An application form can be collected and returned to the office before the leave date. Exemptions are granted for:
- Family holidays
- Accompanying parents to medical appointments out of Broken Hill.
- Funerals for family members
- Parent illness
- Participating in sporting events that are not school based.

Once the exemption is granted, parents must take the certificate form with them. I hope this will assist parents/caregivers when considering leave for their children.

Alma Cross Country
On Friday 5th April we will be holding the Alma Cross Country around the Alma Oval. We will commence at approximately 9.30am. The primary students will run in the age group that they turn this year. The infants children will join us to cheer the students on and then have their cross country around the oval. We would like to invite parents and caregivers to join us on this day. Can the children please wear their house colours and appropriate footwear to run in.

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Rugby Gala Day

Congratulations to all our rugby league players who participated on Friday in the gala day. The students had a wonderful time and we were successful in winning both the junior and senior competition. Thank you to Mr Bonsing and Michael for their expert help.

Also a big thank you to Julie and her band of merry canteen helpers who supplied food and drinks to all the players and officials on the day.

A special thank you to all the mothers, grandmothers and aunties who made delicious cakes to sell on the day.

Yay!!!
GO ALMA!!!!
Easter Hat Parade

Don’t Forget....
Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday 27th March
12.00pm
Make a hat and bring to school on the day!

Remember.....
If you are taking your child/ren home early, you MUST see the class teacher to have them signed out.

Sun-sensible Mufti clothes and suitable footwear can be worn on the day. Children must not wear thongs, or clothing with inappropriate logos to school.

Do you like to take pics of the kids enjoying themselves? Or do you like to help out behind a stall? All positions are up for grabs! It’s all fun! We are after new and old faces to come and join the P & C. If you aren’t interested in a position, just become a member by attending today’s meeting. If you want to be heard you need to come. Every opinion good or bad is appreciated.

Our days of fundraising are fun, if you’re there watching, why not join in and help out for ten minutes. Come and join in! Your children get excited knowing you’re at the school. They benefit in so many ways from having you involved.

Come on Parents, Grandparents, Aunties & Uncles, Brothers & Sisters and Community members....We need you to help make Alma the great school we all know it is. Come and join us for nibbles and a cool drink!!

Also, remember to return the raffle tickets.
We’re still looking for donations of Easter eggs please!!!!!
University of New South Wales Competitions-2013

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.
- Mark the envelope with: University Competition: Student’s Name and Class and return to your child’s class teacher.

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Signed____________________________________  Date__________________

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Places on the Program are being given away on a first come, first served basis. Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.

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at Centro behind McDonald's in the car park
Contact Aaron Arnold 0419302027

Canine News
The canteen will be open every day this week, including Thursday.

Thank You....
A very special ‘Thank You’ is extended to Mrs Julie Holmes and her wonderful band of canteen volunteers. Not only do they supply the students and staff of Alma with delicious food (some of which is even ‘specially delivered’….but they always manage to put a smile on our faces with their fancy dress-ups and wonderful sense of humour!

Happy Easter and thank you from all of us!

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