Dear Parents and Community Members,

It is with pleasure that I announce that the Assistant Principal position has been won through merit selection by Miss Andree Hannigan. Miss Hannigan will be formally appointed at the end of a 10 day appeals time and should begin in the position permanently at the beginning of next term. The promotion of Miss Hannigan leaves a permanent classroom vacancy to be filled. I have had a conversation with all the permanent teaching staff and they have decided what teaching skills I should nominate for our vacancy.

The preschool teacher’s position will be advertised tomorrow at Jobs@DEC. Interviews will take place early next term.

Next term, staff will be undergoing an additional Staff Development Day. The NSW Department of Education & Communities has allocated an extra day to work on the Australian Curriculum, and Alma staff will be joining the other Broken Hill Schools on Monday 29th April to delve into the English syllabus that has to be fully implemented at the beginning of 2014. On Tuesday 30th April, Alma staff will be looking at programming and consistency of judgement in assessment. We will also be looking at the National Schools Improvement Tool in an effort to clearly identify our school strengths and weaknesses and plan for future changes. Any parent who would like to join us for the session on Schools Improvement (11.30 – 1.00) is invited to ring the school and leave your name (for catering and printing purposes).

The 2012 Annual School Report has been completed and is now available on our school website. There are also hard copies available at the front office. The report looks at Alma Public School activities and performance last year, progress against our school targets and proposed future targets. A range of people assisted with the compilation of the report including the representatives from the teaching and non-teaching staff, P&C, AECG. My thanks to all those who submitted items, helped with proofreading and provided me cups of tea & jam donuts while I got it all formatted properly!

This Friday is our school cross country carnival. Children are encouraged to wear appropriate footwear (not slip-ons or boots), bring a hat and water bottle. A note was sent home last Thursday with the details. You are most welcome to join us and cheer the kids on as they compete.

It’s not long now! School holidays begin on Saturday 13th April and ALL students return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

Regards,
Glynis Lugnan
Principal
Out and about at Alma School!

Mrs Baker’s Knitting Club is in full swing with students being able to go into the computer lab on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during first break. We even had some Kindergarten children last week with the help of some older students. We are still in need of wool and any donations would be greatly appreciated.

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Bring: *A blanket, towel or rug to sit on
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Don’t forget…..

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EASTER PARADE SNAP SHOTS
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.

Dates and Costs are as follows:

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- Maths
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- Computer
- Science

Enclosed is payment of $____________________

Signed ____________________________ Date ______________

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Remember.....every day counts!

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OUR TARGET!
less than 70 days absent per week

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