Dear Parents and Community Members

The next few weeks are the busiest in the year with Year 6 Farewell, Stage 2 Excursion, Presentation Day, Carols by Candlelight, Class Parties, Gold Rewards Day, Swimming School, term assessments and reports etc. Many of these activities need permission notes signed by parents. We are always very appreciative when notes and money are returned quickly.

The Department of Education & Communities sets aside 5 days per year for schools to engage in professional development activities – one at the beginning of terms 1, 2 and 3 and two days at the end of the school year after students have started their holidays. For a number of years, Alma staff have voted to move their December staff development days forward to January and complete three days prior to the start of the school year.

Students finish school on WEDNESDAY 18th December at 3pm. Staff completed their training days at the beginning of the year so will also be finishing school on Wednesday 18th December. In 2014, staff will be returning one day earlier than required to participate in 2 days of training before the students return on WEDNESDAY 5th February. Please note: the office staff are also involved in training on those days.

I would like to remind you all that if your child is absent from school, parents are required to ring or write to the school giving an explanation. Unexplained absences are closely monitored by the school and the Department of Education. We are not allowed to accept explanations passed on by the students themselves or their siblings.

Stage 2 is travelling away tomorrow on their excursion. They have a very early start – 6 am – and I would like to wish them all a fabulous trip. Teachers don’t get overtime or time off in lieu of overnight activities, so I would also like to thank the teachers who are going with them.

The new rotation of Speech and Occupational Therapy students has begun and the students have had their orientation to Alma this week. This is a marvellous program that provides families and the school with valuable information about our kids, and also gives the Speech and Occupational Therapy students a hand-on, rich experience in the last months of their degrees.

This week we welcome 7 practicum teachers from Charles Sturt University. Nearly every class will have a prac teacher - again, a wonderful experience for the prac teachers and our students.

Mrs DeGoumois is away until next Tuesday at her niece’s wedding and I am in Mildura on Thursday and Friday for the end of year planning meeting with Far West Principals. Mrs Morgan (Andree Hannigan) will relieve as principal for those two days.

Have a great week,
Regards

Glynis Lugnan
PRINCIPAL
**AWARDS**

The following students received awards at last assembly last week

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| **KH** | **Student of the Week:** Shaylan James, Malcolm-Jase King, Amber Symonds  
**Silver:** Emmily Zlatova  
**Gold:** Bryce Delbridge, Maddison Harrap, Tayla Hocking, Cobe Hoskins, Shaylan James, Malcolm-Jase King, Nate Sparrow, Savannah Wheatley |
| **KW** | **Student of the Week:** Jordanah Hibberd, Becky Riley, Izaak Sandow  
**Silver:** Cameron Burrell, Monique Daddow  
**Gold:** Bella Edge, Jesse Manoel, Lila Parker, Lilly Vale |
| **1-2H** | **Student of the Week:** Eric Forbes, Loxton Bow, Gus Thornton  
**Bronze:** Loxton Bow, Gus Thornton  
**Silver:** William James, Keely Vale,  
**Gold:** Reece Butcher, Callab Everuss, Maddison Hocking, Ella Howse, Amber Powell, |
| **1-2M** | **Student of the Week:** Lucas Ferguson, Airliegh Jones, Sadie Thornton  
**Bronze:** Matthew McNamara  
**Silver:** Jace-John Daddow, Jakoda Mackiewicz, Blade McConnell, Mason McCully, Banjo Spink |
| **3D** | **Student of the Week:** Aiden Eades, Tayissa Smith, Lillian Woodroffe  
**Silver:** Emmah Chaplain, Connor Ormsby, Harley Summers  
**Gold:** Toni-Rose Cunningham, Logan Dannatt, Shakur Johnson, Cayleb Jozanovic, Iziah Nean, Lisa Suckling, Lillian Woodroffe |
| **4C** | **Student of the Week:** Angel McConnell, Jack Spink  
**Silver:** Jackson Bray, Harry Spink  
**Gold:** Ezra Dodimead |
| **5J** | **Student of the Week:** Dayna Cain, Alex McCann, Emma-Louise Staker  
**Silver:** Jake Boddington  
**Gold:** Ty Johnson, Deaken Treloar |
| **5M** | **Student of the Week:** Bailey Cain, Mason Ferguson, Chloe Reeves  
**Gold:** Courtney Bessell-Grose, Jay Chapman-Quintrell, Leroy Johnson, Callum Langdon |
| **6M** | **Student of the Week:** Shakiera Eades, Stephanie Sandow, Harry Spink  
**Gold:** Caitlin Burrell, Heaven Celotto, Shakiera Eades, Joanne Forbes, Liana Gould, Paige Pigdon, Harry Spink, |

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**Remembrance Day Ceremony**

*Monday 11th November 10.55am*  
Alma Public School  
All community members are welcome to attend.

**Reminder**

**Stage 2 & Stage 3 FREE FILMS**  
Thursday 28th November  
Please pay $3.00 bus fare by Tuesday 26th November

**Ronald McDonald House Mufti Day Fundraiser**  
Alma Public School  
Tuesday 12th November  
Gold Coin Donation
Last Days of Book Fair!

We are currently holding a Scholastic Book Fair! Sales end tomorrow!

There is a fantastic range of books, posters and stationery to choose from.

All purchases will benefit our school.

You could WIN a book!

When you purchase an item from the Book Fair you will go into a draw to win a book!

Thank You....

Thank you to all our students and parents who have already supported the school by purchasing books.

Payment can be made by cash or credit card.

Opening times:

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..if you have changed your telephone number, mailing address, family or emergency contact details. This is extremely important for the safety and welfare of your child/ren as we may need to contact you in an emergency.

Sometimes we are required to mail letters home to you. This includes student reports, invitations, student award notifications for Presentation Day etc.

The situation may also arise where the person we need to contact may have passed away or the family situation may have changed and they no longer reside with you.

Please notify the school of these changes to avoid an embarrassing or upsetting situation.

Come and check out the wonderful books on sale!

Thank you for all your support so far!

Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 10th December
6.00pm-8.00pm

Invitations have been sent home for the Year 6 Farewell.

Year 5 Parents/Caregivers

Notes will be sent home today for Year 5 parents/caregivers for assistance with the Year 6 Farewell.

Please complete the notes and return to Alma Public School by Monday 18th November.
WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

NOVEMBER
Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th: Book Fair
Tuesday 5th: Kinder Orientation
Wednesday 6th: Stage 2 Excursion departs
Friday 8th: Stage 2 Excursion returns
Thursday 14th: Kinder Orientation
Tuesday 19th: P&C Meeting
Wednesday 20th: Kinder Orientation
Friday 22nd: Inter-School Golf Day
Friday 29th: Ulysses Toy Run
Monday 25th - Friday 29th: Swim School
Thursday 28th: Free Films

DECEMBER
Thursday 5th: Carols by Candlelight
Monday 9th: Presentation Day Rehearsal
Tuesday 10th: Presentation Day 10.00am, Year 6 Farewell
Friday 13th: Class Christmas Parties
Monday 11th: Levels Rewards Day
Wednesday 18th: Term 4 Concludes 3pm

Professional
Guitar & Keyboard Tuition at Alma Public School
We have an amazing opportunity to offer professional music tuition to students starting in Term 1, 2014. The program is run by Music Stars – Australia’s leading provider of school music tuition. Music Stars provides:
- Group music tuition (3-5 students)
- Caters for Years 1-7
- Weekly 30 minute sessions
- $11 per lesson, per student ($110) per term
  (includes music books)
- 70% less than out-of-school lessons + family discounts available
- End of year reports and certificates
- Guitars and keyboards supplied for use during lessons

Registrations Close 30th November 2013
If you would like your child to participate in Term 1, 2014 please register your interest online by visiting www.musicstars.com.au Payment is not required until lessons commence next year. If minimum numbers aren’t reached the program will not be able to run so please register your child ASAP.

More Information
If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below. Please do not call the school.

Phone: 1300 889 179
Email: info@musicstars.com.au
Web: www.musicstars.com.au

We hope you can support this program.