Dear Parents and Community Members,

Thank you for keeping an eye on our school during the holidays. Apart from some vandalism in the garden, we had no break-ins. Every break-in costs the school a minimum of $500 so it was lovely to come back to school and not have to log another broken window or forced door or worse.

With the colder weather, many children are coming to school in a jumper. This is often removed as the day heats up. Please ensure that all school jumpers have your child’s name clearly marked on it so that we can return it if gets left in the playground.

On Thursday, all classes will be visited by the Police Education Unit to talk about road safety. There is no cost for this.

Next week, NAPLAN testing will begin. Years 3 and 5 will undertake the tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is important that all Year 3 and Year 5 children are at school for those tests which provide the school with information about your child’s academic progress in literacy and numeracy. It is also important to realise that NAPLAN results are only one set of data that teachers use to monitor and plan for your child’s academic growth. More information will be sent out to Year 3 and 5 parents later in the week.

If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to get in touch with me.

Children at Alma are being well catered for in the playground, under the watchful eye of Mr Bonsing, our Sport Director this year. Organised games on the oval, dance group, a mini-basketball comp (starting today) as well as the usual availability of equipment under the COLA, are all designed to make sure that every child has something to occupy them during the breaks, if they choose to participate.

Mrs DeGoumois is in Sydney this week managing the Barrier Basketball team. Before she returns, she will also be attending a forum in Sydney about the Stephanie-Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

Miss Clark and Mrs Hinchey are running a writing workshop during 1st break, once a week, specifically for talented Aboriginal writers. We are hoping that this will eventually result in some books being produced by Alma Aboriginal students that incorporate Paakantyi language and local stories. If any Aboriginal parent would like to be involved, please contact Miss Clark or Mrs Hinchey.

We’ve had a really smooth start to the term. As I walked around the school yesterday, it was obvious that the vast majority of our kids have come back from holidays refreshed and ready to work. All classes were very settled.

Congratulations everyone.

Have a great week,
Regards
Glynis Lugnan
**Broken Hill Cross Country Carnival**
Friday 17th May
Memorial oval

**CAanteen**

Alma Public School will be providing the canteen service for the Broken Hill Cross Country Carnival which is being held at the Memorial Oval on Friday 17th May from 9.30 to 2.30pm

Any donations of cakes or help with canteen on the day would be absolutely fabulous.

Please contact the school on 80882181 or see Julie in the canteen if you are able to help with canteen at the oval. Cake donations can be taken straight to the oval.

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**School Canteen Reminder**

ALL LUNCHES MUST BE ORDERED BEFORE 9.00AM

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated

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**BOOK CLUB**

DUE
this Friday
10th May

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**Active After Schools Community Program**

Next week (Week 3), Alma Public School will be starting the Active After Schools Community Program (AASC). Notes have been sent home to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Sessions will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:15 - 4:15pm for a period of 7 weeks. There is no cost to the program and your child may join in one or both days. The program aims to engage children in sport and other structured physical activities through positive and fun experiences. Soccer skills will be the focus on Tuesdays and students will be learning golf skills on Wednesdays. Afternoon tea will be provided. Notes will be sent home this Friday to confirm your child’s placement. If both days fill with the maximum number allowed, additional names will go on a waiting list.

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**Browser’s Gift Vouchers Presentation Day 2012**

Must be redeemed by Friday 28th June

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**Time Flies!**

So make sure you watch the clock in the mornings so you can get to school on time!

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Don't forget to collect your Woolworths 'earn & learn' stickers for Alma Public School. The more full cards we collect….the more great learning resources we can redeem!
Although the weather may be cooler, the ultra violet rays from the sun are still harmful. Bucket hats should be worn when playing outside and for outdoor lessons such as sport and gardening.

We are seeking the support of parents/caregivers to ensure that children attending Alma Public School are wearing their school uniform every day.

There may be days that have been organised by the school as mufti-days, when children are not required to wear their school uniform. Parents will be notified through notes and/or the school newsletter about these events.

As summer comes to an end and the days become cooler, children will need to dress warmer. However, it has been noted that a number of children have been wearing jackets/windcheaters and pants that are not school uniform. These items are not permitted.

The Alma Public School bucket hats are also part of the school uniform. Caps MUST NOT be worn.

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If you have any concerns about uniform requirements, please contact the school on 8088 2181.

### UNIFORM SHOP

**G Block – Ground Floor**

**Opening Hours**

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The P&C also offers pre-loved uniforms. If you have uniforms that your child no longer requires, the P&C would be grateful for any donations. Pre-loved uniforms may be taken directly to the uniform shop during trading hours or handed in at the front office.
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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**Alma Public School**

I would like my child ____________________________ of class ________________ to participate in the University of New South Wales Competition(s) in (Please tick):

- Maths o  
- Spelling o  
- Writing o  
- English o  
- Computer o  
- Science o

Enclosed is payment of $___________________

Signed ____________________________________ Date ______________