Dear Parents and Community Members,

This week we are hosting 4 trainee teachers for their practicums. Kathryn is at Bugdlie for the next 3 weeks while Naomi, Amelia and Rebecca are on the primary site until the end of term. KW, 4C and 5J will be their host classes.

Tomorrow, the Early Action for Success program will be under scrutiny when two executives from Erebus International come to the school to speak with me, Mrs Pascoe and the infants teachers about the EA4S program. This is the program that has given us additional support in literacy and numeracy in K-2. Alma Public School has agreed to take part in a longitudinal study on the effects of teacher mentoring and coaching on student achievement.

Stage 1 teachers have attended another training day in Maths Matters. Stages 2 and 3 will be having their training tomorrow and Thursday. Miss Murrells will be attending a 2 day Beginning Teachers course on Thursday and Friday and two more teachers will be participating in a Behaviour Management workshop on Friday with world renowned Bill Rogers. Tomorrow, Mrs Braidie, Mrs Files and Mrs Pearce are attending a Leadership course designed for School Administration Staff. Alma Public School staff are very lucky to have so many opportunities to enhance their professional skills which ultimately benefit your children.

NAPLAN is over for another year. All students in Years 3 and 5 completed all tests and they have been sent away for processing. Thank you to all my staff who supervised tests, took extra students, covered duties, put data online or encouraged kids. This staff is truly a wonderful team and I am very lucky to work with them.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Cross Country last Friday. Your sportsmanship and efforts were commented on by teachers and parents from other schools. Congratulations, also, to Mr Bonsing for his fabulous organisation of the day. This was also commented on by other schools. Thank you to Mrs Julie Holmes and her band of helpers for running a successful canteen on the day.

Best of luck to those students who will now represent us at Barrier Cross Country on 14th June at Buronga.

Have a great week.

Glynis Lugnan
PRINCIPAL
**Term 2 Important Events**

**May**
- Tuesday 21st: Computer Skills Competition
- Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd: Barrier Soccer Bankstown
- Wednesday 29th to Thursday 30th: Barrier AFL Barooga
- Monday 31st: Stage 3 Excursion Deposit Due

**June**
- Wednesday 5th: Science Competition
- Monday 10th: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Friday 14th: Barrier Cross Country - Buronga
- Monday 17th: Writing Competition
- Tuesday 18th: Spelling Competition
- Friday 21st & 28th: Gala Day
- Mon 24th-Wed 26th: Life Education / Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday 26th: Camp Quality Puppet Show
- Friday 28th: Last Day of Term 2

**Stage 3 Excursion**
Notes were sent home yesterday for the Stage 3 Excursion to Lake Keepit. The Excursion will be held from 13th October to 18th October. A non-refundable deposit of $100 along with the completed permission note must be paid by Friday 31st May as seats cannot be reserved without both the deposit and permission note.

**NAIDOC Week Merchandise**
Order forms were sent home yesterday for Koori Kids merchandise for NAIDOC Week celebrations which is being held at Alma Public School on Tuesday 30th July (Week 3, Term 3). If you wish to order any of these items, please complete the order form, place the form and money in the envelope provided and return to school by next Monday 27th May.

**Barrier Cross Country**

The Barrier Cross Country will be held in Buronga on Friday 14th June. Pictured above are the Alma Public School successful participants who have been selected to attend after achieving placements in the Broken Hill Cross Country Carnival last Friday.

**Congratulations!**
Bo achieved 2nd Place overall in the 12/13 year boys event and the Broken Hill Cross Country carnival

**Don't forget to collect your Woolworths ‘earn & learn’ stickers for Alma Public School. The more full sheets we collect…the more great learning resources we can redeem! More sheets are available from the school’s front office.**

After almost 40 years as an educator, Western NSW Regional Director, Carole McDiarmid will soon step back from leading the west’s 195 public schools, almost 40,000 students and more than 4000 staff.

Alma Public School has enjoyed a strong working relationship with Mrs McDiarmid during her time as Regional Director. Mrs McDiarmid has expressed confidence that our school and the others in Western NSW are in a strong position to continue to improve educational outcomes and benefits to students under the guidance of our enthusiastic and dedicated staff and through the combined resources of the public school network.

She said our students are advantaged by the region’s widely-recognised leadership in innovation and technology, our public schools’ strong commitment to social justice through education and our determination to see better outcomes for all students. Although Mrs McDiarmid will be stepping back as an educational leader, she still plans to stay involved in schools and has already signed on as a ‘reading grandma’ at her grandson’s school. Mrs McDiarmid is looking forward to the experience on the ‘other side of the desk’ and urges other grandparents or parents and community members with some spare time to seek opportunities to engage with their local public schools, regardless of whether they have children or grandchildren there as students. As well as offering a rewarding experience, involvement can bring immense benefits to the students.
The Active After School Program commenced last week. Students participated in soccer skills on Tuesday and Golf Skills on Wednesday.

Alma Public School is abuzz with fun, excitement and learning!

Sporting activities on the oval, technology and knitting in the computer lab and reading activities in the library while action-packed basketball competitions have been organised by some of the students with as many as 10 teams participating! Year 6 are setting up activities for the infants students during the second break and the Active After School program is in full swing. Then, at the end of play.....dance music fills the air as children get into the 'rhythm' of line-up time!
Lunchtime Fun & Games
Basketball competitions have been organised by students!

Knitting and Technology skills are the highlight of the computer lab!

Basketball photos by Courtney Bessell-Grose

Fundraiser BBQ
Barrier PSSA
Saturday 25th May
Woolworths
10.00am - 1.30pm

P&C UNIFORM SHOP
Girl's winter checked pants
Sized 4 - 14
Only $36.00!

Family Movie Night
Enjoy a movie with your family at YMCA Broken Hill

When: Friday, 24th May
Time: 5pm—6pm: Jumping Castle, Face Painting, BBQ & Kiosk
6:30pm: Movie begins. Madagascar 3
Where: YMCA Broken Hill
Cost: FREE for Members.
Non-Members: $1 per child, $2 per adult or $5 per family
Call us on 08 8088 1999 to RSVP!

Alma Soccer Club
PLAYERS WANTED
We are a family-friendly based club who appreciate such things as sportsmanship, fitness and socialisation.

Junior Training
Located at Alma Oval from 4-5pm Wednesdays (Under 6’s, 7’s, 8’s and 10’s)

Senior Training
Located at BH Soccer Grounds
5-6.30pm (Under 12’s and 14’s)
6-8pm (Colts, A-Grade, B-Grade and Women’s)

Phone David Hurley (Club President) for more details on 0401 670 999