Dear Parents and Community Members,

On Thursday, 26 of our students will be participating in a soccer gala day. The students are mostly from Stage 2 and Mr Bonsing and Mr Johnstone will be the supervising staff for the day.

Mrs DeGoumois will be acting in the Principal's role from lunchtime on Wednesday until the end of the week. I am attending the quarterly Broken Hill District Principals Meeting at White Cliffs.

Recently, teachers have been dealing with more and more incidents involving really foul language. Often the children have no idea of the meaning of the words they are using, or how offensive they are. I would ask all parents to have a discussion with their children about appropriate language. It is also important that children understand that staff are not to be abused in any way either. I will be taking a very firm stance with students who persist in being disrespectful or abusive to children or staff.

It's wonderful to see how many children are taking the opportunity to go on their Stage 2 and 3 excursions. While they aren't happening until later in the year, parents have the option of paying the excursions off. School excursions like these take a long time to organise and costs are very dependent on the number of children who go and many of the venues ask for non-refundable deposits from the school. This is why we need to ask parents to pay deposits so early. Our geographical distance from everywhere means that bus costs etc are huge, so the excursions are unavoidably expensive. We subsidise where we can, and some fundraising occurs during the year to offset part of those costs. If a child is unable to attend purely for financial reasons, the school holds a small amount of money to assist. If you are in this situation, you are asked to contact me for a confidential discussion about it.

This morning, Mrs DeGoumois was interviewed on ABC radio by Andrew Schmidt, talking about our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program with Maggie Beer. It was a wonderful interview and it made me so proud to hear Maggie Beer, a well-known cook and passionate exponent of fresh produce, enthuse about the fabulous program we run. Mrs DeGoumois even managed to slip in an invitation to both Andrew and Mrs Beer to visit! Well done, Mrs D.

Students at Alma are required to wear comfortable, appropriate footwear as part of their uniform. Skate shoes and other styles that tuck the laces away rather than tying them up, are not appropriate. This is a safety issue.

Could I also ask that parents check bags, jumpers, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles etc to ensure that your child's name is CLEARLY marked so that it can be returned in the event of being misplaced. There are two yellow bins outside the front office that are overflowing with school jumpers that have no name on them. If your child has lost one (or two or three!!!) feel free to come up and go through those lost property bins.

Have a great week.

Glynis Lugnan
PRINCIPAL
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The following students received awards at Assembly last Friday

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| KW | Student of the Week: Jordanah Hibberd, Trent Parker, Lenny Smith  
Bronze: Jordanah Hibberd, Becky Riley, Clare Slattery |
| 1-2A | Student of the Week: Jace-John Daddow, Jakoda Mackiewicz, Blade McConnell |
| 1-2H | Student of the Week: Ella Howse, Ella-Hope Jovanovic, Keely Vale  
Bronze: Reece Butcher, Thomas Casey, Eric Forbes, Bryce Langdon, Saxon McCardell, Brooke Westley |
| 3D | Student of the Week: Amy Harrap, Shakur Johnson, Iziah Nee  
Bronze: Shakur Johnson, Laura Marks-Deeble |
| 4C | Student of the Week: Ripley Celotto, Adam Slattery |
| 5J | Student of the Week: Ethan Daniele, Alec Norton, Emma-Louise Staker  
Bronze: Alec Norton, |
| 5M | Student of the Week: Kyle Mahoney, Quinn Parker, Chloe Reeves  
Bronze: Courtney Bessell-Grose, Ryan Braes, Jay Chapman-Quintrell, Kara Jeffries, Biana Johnstone, Shante King,  
Kyle Mahoney, Quinn Parker, Chloe Reeves,  
Silver: Mason Ferguson, Jayden Parker |
| 6M | Student of the Week: Jaxon Cain, Tayla Hoysted, Paige Pigdon  
Bronze: Paige Pigdon |

REMINDER
Please ensure all your family information and child’s details are up to date. Any changes such as: telephone number, address, change in family situation (eg: separation, marriage), your child’s medical details etc. This information is extremely important for us to offer the utmost care for your child.

REMINDER
Please ensure your child comes to school each day dressed in their school uniform.  
**Jeans are NOT part of the school uniform.**

Stage 3 Excursion
Notes were sent home last week 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 this Friday 31st May as seats cannot be reserved without both the deposit and permission note.

**Term 2 Important Events**

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| May | 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  
Thursday 19th | Athletics Carnival - Track Events  
Friday 20th | Athletics Carnival - Field Events  
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 |

**School Drop Off Zone**
Parents/Carers are reminded to please be aware of the Drop Off Zone at the front of the school.  
**DO NOT PARK IN THIS AREA!**
This area is solely for safely dropping children off to school. Parking in the Drop Off Zone is not only illegal, it is a danger to the children!

**Reminder:** 2012 Presentation Day Browzer’s Vouchers must be redeemed by Friday 28th June
Reconciliation Week kicked off with an early morning BBQ breakfast on Monday for all staff. Sausages & onion, bacon & eggs, juice, tea and coffee were on the menu. Thank you to Michael and Mr Bonsing for cooking the BBQ and Mr Hopcraft for cutting up the onions!

Uh oh.... I bet that's my wife calling! She's probably looking for her PJ's!

Students are busy practicing athletic skills in preparation for the Alma Athletics Carnival which will be held this term. Track events are being held on Thursday 20th June at the Picton Oval and field events will be held at school in Week 6. Selected students will then participate in the Broken Hill Athletics Carnival in Term 3.

SPEECH AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Alma Public School has another rotation of speech and occupational therapy students who are providing us with valuable assessment information for all children in Kindergarten and Years 1 & 2 children as necessary. There will be a Parent Information Session at Alma Public School on Tuesday 18th June between 2-3pm. It will be held in the VC room. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Semester One student reports go out towards the end of this term. Please make sure the school has your current mailing address so your child’s report doesn’t go astray!

Good luck to Elyscia Mackiewicz, Bianca Johnstone and Sammarah-Lea Williams who will be competing in the girl’s basketball in Menai (Sydney) next week.

Out and about at Alma

Athletics training under way...
Weight Watchers Broken Hill

Need to lose weight? Need support and help to do so?

Weight Watchers meets in Broken Hill at the EDC Broken Hill
(79 Crystal St, next to the Cubbyhouse Play Centre)

Wednesday 6:30pm

The biggest challenge is making the decision to start.

5-a-Side GALA DAY

The 5-a-Side Gala Day will be held this Thursday 30th May at the Norm Fox Oval. The selected students will be travelling to and from the oval by bus, leaving the school at 9.15 am and returning at approximately 2.50pm. Students are reminded to wear their sports uniform on the day, with joggers or sports shoes. Skate or slip on type shoes will not be acceptable footwear. Students will also need to bring:

- Recess
- Lunch
- Water bottles

The focus of the Gala Day is entirely on enjoyment and participation as there will be no winners or scores recorded.

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

Tibooburra

“Sight ‘N’ Sound” Festival

Fun for everyone

Art Competition, Admit $ N Children
(painting or sketches)
Open any subject
Poster “Tibooburra” Limited to 5 sizes A4
All Craft sections

Photo competition
many themes up to
3 entries per section
Size up to A4 foam
Or cardboard backed unframed

Opening Night
Albert Hall 7pm
Wine & Cheese
$10

For more information contact
Tibooburra and District Progress Association:
Kathy Gilby 08 8091 3330
Kathy Toole 08 8091 3314
EMAIL: tibooburrarprogress@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you all

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