Dear Parents and Community Members,

Yesterday Alma Public School was visited by the Tidy Towns judges – our playground was lovely and clean and the gardens were neat, so we are hopeful that all the work that Alma students have done in our gardens will pay off with a Tidy Towns award.

Students in Year 6 must have completed enrolment applications to the high school they will be attending. Application forms are available from the high schools or from our front office. They must be returned to the high school.

This week is Book Week and Miss Horwitz has a number of activities organised. Please take the opportunity to browse through the book sale, or come and watch the Book Week Parade. Perhaps you’d like to come and read with your child’s class? Reading is one of life’s joys – adventure, fantasy, technology, history, science, travel, comedy, love – our knowledge base is expanded, our creativity is let loose and our imagination has no boundaries when we read. The love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give to children. Please come along and support Book Week in our school.

School photos are being taken TOMORROW. All students are expected to wear clean school uniform. Girls should have their hair neatly done and off their faces. Children who wear studs or sleepers normally, are asked to ensure that any earrings worn tomorrow are small and discreet. Expanders or long earrings will be removed prior to photos being taken.

Alma Public School is a focus school for attendance because our overall figures are below the state average, and are also quite low for the Western area. Attached to this newsletter is a page of newspaper articles that have recently been published about consequences for poor attendance at school. It makes interesting reading.

Next week we are hosting three staff members from Lindfield Public School in Sydney’s northern suburbs for a school exchange. This is the beginning of a long term project to develop staff capacity, share resources and information, promote Alma and Western, develop greater understanding of Aboriginal culture and communities and build relationships between our Stage 2 students and theirs.

Gemma Symons and I have spent some time this morning with a representative from the Preschool Assessment and Ratings group. She will be visiting the preschool again on Thursday to assist us in getting everything in place to achieve our compliance certificate when we have the formal assessment, probably sometime next year. It’s a huge undertaking and I would like to thank Gemma for the hours and hours of extra time he has put into meeting the legislation.

Have a great week.

Regards

Glynis Lugnan
Principal
School Photos

Tomorrow, Wednesday 21st August

Students will need to wear full uniform

Please note: Alma football Guernseys are not part of the school uniform and are NOT permitted to be worn for the school photos.

Please ensure the CORRECT money is placed in the envelope as change will NOT be available from the front office or the canteen.

Envelopes are to be given to the photographer or your child's class teacher.

Note: Every child will have their photo taken even if no photographs have been ordered.

Alma Public School
Kindergarten
2014 Enrolments

Alma Public School is taking enrolments for the 2014 Kindergarten year.

Transition school activities will begin in early Term 4.

Please pick up an enrolment form from the front office or contact the school on 80882181 for further information.

Alma Public School
Bugdlie Preschool
2014 Enrolments

Bugdlie Preschool is now taking enrolments for 2014. We are offering two sessions for children turning four (4) by 31st July 2014 with priority given to Aboriginal children.

Session 1: Monday, Tuesday 8.45am-2.45pm and Wednesday 8.45am-11.45am
Session 2: Wednesday 12.15pm-2.45pm and Thursday, Friday 8.45am-2.45pm

Enrolment forms can be obtained from Alma Public School or you can contact the school on 80882181 for further information.

Please return enrolment forms by Friday 30th August to assist with processing.

Fathers' Day

Gift Stall

Wednesday 28th August
Great stall gifts!
Prices range from $1.00 to $6.00

Note: Please send a plastic bag with your child/ren to put gifts in to avoid loss or damage.

Sausage Sizzle

Friday 30th August
11.00am onwards
$2.00 each
Dads and Pops get one FREE!
Our second hand book sale started today and will continue until this Thursday in the Library!

We are asking for donations of children's books that you no longer want. Please bring any donations to Miss Horwitz in the Library.

All donated books will sell for only $1.00 each!

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Come along and celebrate Book Week with us!
The Reading Hour is Saturday 24th August 2013, 5-6pm.
Join thousands of people across the country as they share a book together with their children. Sharing a book with your child for 10 minutes a day, an hour a week is our aim for The Reading Hour on the 24th August 2013. We know it’s not always possible for parents to share a book at bedtime with their children, but if you manage 10 minutes most nights, your child will have the best chance of becoming a good reader, with all the social and educational benefits that brings.

National Ambassador – Andy Griffiths

“I am thrilled to be an Ambassador for The Reading Hour 2013, as it’s through books that we can ignite the imagination and spark a love of reading in children everywhere. As a children’s author, I have met so many kids from all walks of life – from remote indigenous communities to city kids, from literacy festivals to school auditoriums across the country and each and every time someone in the audience will ask me where my ideas come from. All ideas are found just by looking at the world around us, and the ability to turn small observations into words, into stories, is something every child can be taught. The Reading Hour aims to encourage a love of stories and promote literacy across Australia and I’m very proud to again be part of this initiative.”
For more information visit: http://www.thereadinghour.org.au/

EXCURSIONS PAYMENTS
Stage 2 (Year 3-4)  
Next instalment due: $50  
Friday 23rd August
Stage 3 (Year 5-6)  
Next instalment due: $100  
Friday 6th September

Uniform Shop Hours  
Monday  
2.30pm - 3.15pm  
Thursday  
2.30pm - 3.15pm