Dear Parents and Community Members,

KINDER ORIENTATION
Tomorrow we begin our Kindergarten Orientation program at Alma. I am thrilled with the number on enrolments we have already for next year and I’m really looking forward to catching up with our new children and their families.

125th ANNIVERSARY
Planning for our 125th Anniversary is well underway. Mrs DeGoumois and Miss Jameson are spearheading the staff as we prepare class items and displays, organise tabloid sports, book venues, develop event timetables, contact past students and staff, order commemorative items for sale and update our school information book. Many P&C and community members have contacted us with information, photos and offers of assistance for which we are truly grateful. We also appreciate your help to spread the word so that as many people as possible join us on November 14th and November 15th.

SCHOOL PLANNING for 2015-2017
Thank you to the 4 people who responded to my request last week regarding a suitable time for a parent meeting about our school plans. There are 190 families in the school and I was disappointed in the number of returns. The School Planning meetings are to give YOU an opportunity to have a say in what you want Alma to be. What would you like to see over the next few years? What are the important things in your child’s education?

The staff is also going to have the opportunity to have their say, but firstly we would like to get some idea of what parents are thinking. Our school plan is a three year plan, in line with new policies from the DEC, so decisions made now will set the foundations for the next 3 years. I encourage everyone to be involved in the decision making that will directly affect your children.

MARRIED
Congratulations to Miss Murrells, who is now Mrs McMahon.

NEW STAFF
Welcome to Mrs Christine Slattery and Ms Heidi Jones who are volunteering as Learning Support Officers one day per week. Mr Cameron Jones will be on staff from next week as an additional Learning and Support Teacher.

Glynis Lugnan
PRINCIPAL
ENROLLMENTS

2015 KINDERGARTEN
Alma Public School is now taking enrolments for the 2015 Kindergarten year.

Transition to school activities will begin early in term 4.

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

2015 BUGDLIE PRESCHOOL
Bugdlie Preschool is now taking enrolments for 2015. We are offering two sessions for children turning four (4) by 31st July 2015, with priority given to Aboriginal children.

Session 1
Monday, Tuesday 8.45 - 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 the Alma Public School or you can contact the school on 80882181 for further information.

Please return the applications urgently to assist with processing.

STAGE 2 EXCURSION
Thursday 16th October
Kinchega National Park
Thursday 23rd October
Mutawintji National Park

The first trek of the Stage 2 excursion will be held this Thursday, 16th October with a visit to Kinchega National Park.

Students will need to be at school by 7.50am to be ready for an 8.00am departure

What to wear
- Red Alma bucket hat
- Sun safe clothing (no singlets etc)
- Sturdy runners for walking
- Sunscreen

Payments and medical information
The total cost of the excursion is $85.00.
Urgent: Final payment and pink excursion medical forms must be returned by tomorrow, Wednesday 15th October

Due next
WEDNESDAY
22nd October

Alma Public School
125th Anniversary Celebration
Friday 14th & Saturday 15th November 2014
125th Anniversary Celebrations
Calling All Karts!
Do you have any olden day style Billy-Karts or spare parts in your shed, garage or backyard? Would you like to donate them to the school for the students to fix up & display for the 125th Anniversary Celebrations as well as provide authentic learning fun? If so, please send them in to Mr Small or the front office.

The big event is getting closer and closer so …..the sooner the better!

Thank you

Don’t forget......
Student Banking will be collected by the P&C under the COLA 8.30am-9.00am Wednesdays!

School Planning
Notes were sent home with last week’s newsletter for parents/carers to indicate preferences for a suitable time to attend a 2015-2017 School Planning Meeting.

So far there has been little response.

Parents/carers will have the opportunity to be involved in setting the direction of the school for the next three years by attending the meeting/s. Mrs Lugnan will be happy to run day and/or night meetings as required.

Please complete the form and return to school by this Friday, 17th October.
More forms are available from the front office.

Life Education

Healthy Harold
Healthy Harold will be at Alma Public School from Monday 27th October to Thursday 30th October (Week 4).

Notes will be sent home soon for Healthy Harold’s visit to Alma. Students will also have the opportunity to pre-order merchandise. Life Education runs some fantastic Personal Development and Health Programs for children from Preschool to Year 6 and we encourage all families to take up this wonderful learning opportunity.
Miss Horwitz is getting ready for another wonderful Scholastic Book Fair which will be held in week 5 from Monday 3rd November to Wednesday 5th November. There will be a fantastic range of books to choose from, and all purchases will benefit our school! We will be having a preview day for each of the classes before the Book Fair to give your child the opportunity to see what is on sale before the fair starts.

**WHAT'S ON THIS TERM**

**OCTOBER**
- Wednesday 15th
  Kindergarten Orientation
- P&C Meeting
- Thursday 16th
  Stage 2 Excursion Kinchega National Park

**November**
- Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th
  Book Fair
- Wednesday 5th
  Kindergarten Orientation
- Friday 14th
  125th Anniversary Celebrations
- Saturday 15th
  125th Anniversary Celebrations
- Monday 24th - Friday 28th
  Swim School

**DECEMBER**
- Friday 5th
  Semester 2 Reports Distributed
- Monday 8th: Presentation Day Rehearsal
- Tuesday 9th: Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell
- Monday 15th
  Levels Rewards Day
- Tuesday 16th
  Class Christmas Parties
- Wednesday 17th
  Term 4 Concludes 3pm

**Summer Bucket Hats**

Winter is over…Spring has arrived…..and summer is on the way!

NO BUCKET HAT NO PLAY IN THE SUN—caps will not be accepted. Children who are not wearing a hat will be confined to shade areas.

Our climate can be extremely hot and all children need to be wearing hats for their own safety.

Hats are $8.00 and can be purchased from the Uniform Shop or the Front Office.
Please contact the school if your child is going to be away. A medical certificate is required for absences of 3 days or more.

If your child misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education!

Why is arriving at school on time important?

It ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert...

It helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine...

It gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore...

...reduced the opportunity for classroom

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and MUST be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence! Missing school leaves gaps in your child’s education!
On Friday evening, 24th October the Far West Community Legal Centre will lead the annual Reclaim the Night march and rally.

As it is being held during Children’s week this year, the theme relates to keeping children safe and we are encouraging as many children and young people as possible to take part. Young people can march with their families from 7pm in the Hungry Jacks area of Argent Street. The march will proceed directly to the Court House lawn where a rally will be held. This rally includes talented young people singing and performing, a children’s reading corner for younger children, and various activities for young people. There will also be a BBQ dinner and pancakes available along with drinks.