Dear Parents and Community members,

Over and above their classroom learning, your children regularly have the opportunity to be involved in a range of activities designed to teach skills, broaden their educational horizons and consolidate classroom lessons. This week Stage 2 go to Mutawintji National Park on their excursion; K-2 have netball clinics on Thursday; Stage 3 have NRL workshops this afternoon; Kinder Orientation is on Wednesday and Kids Day In The Park will involve our preschool children.

For family reasons, our canteen will be closed again tomorrow and then on Monday but it will open on Thursday and Friday. I truly appreciate the offers of help from some of our mums and also from the canteen staff at Broken Hill Public School. Thanks, too, to Pepe’s for filling all our lunch orders yesterday.

Our 125th birthday is getting closer and classes are busy organising items and classroom displays. As part of the 125th, we dug up the time capsule which was buried 25 years ago. Unfortunately, the time capsule was encased in a concrete pipe which has absorbed moisture. Over the 25 years in the ground, the casing has been compromised and almost all the items are water damaged. We are trying to salvage as many as we can but, sadly, many items are ruined. A photographic record of the digging up of the time capsule will be on display during the 14th and 15th November.

The high temperatures that we are currently getting are a good indication that Summer is on its way. ALL children MUST wear a hat if they are in the playground, unless they are under the COLA. Children without hats will be asked to leave the open area including the oval. Please ensure that your children bring a water bottle to school every day. There are fridges in every classroom and every classroom is air-conditioned. We make every effort to educate children about the dangers of dehydration, skin cancer, sunburn etc so your support in this matter is appreciated. If your child has lost a hat, there are two bins full of lost property outside the office that you are welcome to go through. If not, hats can be bought from the front office at any time during open hours. School bucket hats are the preferred headwear because they protect the face, ears and neck from sun damage.

I look forward to seeing you all at our school assembly on Friday.

Glynis Lugnan
STAGE 2 EXCURSION
Thursday 23rd October
Mutawintji National Park

Students will need to be at school by **6.45am** to be ready for an **7.00am** departure

What to wear
- Red Alma bucket hat
- **2 bottles of water** (forecast is 37 degrees!)
- Sun safe clothing (no singlets etc)
- Sturdy runners for walking
- Please put sunscreen on BEFORE getting on the bus.
- NO BACK PACKS (students need to bring as little as possible)
- The school will be taking a camera. If your child does take a camera then they MUST be responsible.

"Singing in the South"

**Alma Senior Choir Performance**

**Thursday 13th November - 12.00pm**

**South Broken Hill Library**

Pride of the south, supporting our community!

As an opening to our 125 Year Celebrations, the Alma Public School Senior Choir will be performing at the South Broken Hill Library on Thursday 13th November at 12.00pm.

The choir and library volunteers will be running a ‘Cakes and Cuppas’ staff prior to and following the performance to help raise funds for the South Broken Hill Library.

Please come and support the Broken Hill South Library

Kindergarten 2015

Alma Public School is now welcoming enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. Please collect an enrolment form from the school office or phone 8088 2181 for further information.

**Kindergarten 2015 Orientation/Transition**

**Visit 2 - Wednesday**

22nd October 2014
9.00 am—10.00 am
- Morning assembly and school tour.
- Parents attend information session while children enjoy story time.

**Visit 3 - Wednesday**

29th October 2014
2.00 pm—3.00 pm
- Meet at library for a school tour.
- Parents attend information session while children enjoy cooking activity.

**Visit 4 - Wednesday**

5th November 2014
9.00 am—10.00 am
- Meet at Kester Hall.
- Children enjoy story time and gross motor play with current Kindergarten students.
- Parent information session in VC room.

We look forward to welcoming you to Alma Public School!
Health Alert!

The school has been notified by the Local Public Health Unit that there has been increased number of notifications of vomiting and/or diarrhoeal illnesses within the community, most notably young children.

Parents/Carers are asked to be vigilant in identifying if your child is unwell.

Children unwell with vomiting / diarrhoea should be kept home from school until 24 hours after symptoms have ceased.

Please pay particular attention to hand washing and hygiene especially after changing nappies and before handling food. It is very important that you also encourage your child to practice good hygiene.

It is extremely important that the school is able to contact you if your child becomes ill at school. Please ensure that your current contact number/s have been provided to the school as well as any emergency contacts should you be unavailable.

There are a number of resources, including the Child Care Centre Gastro Pack and fact sheets available to Child Care Centres. For further information or queries please contact the Local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.

Reminder: Please contact the school on 8088 2181 if your child is going to be away. A medical certificate is required for students who are absent for 3 days.
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Bucket Hats

- 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.
- Hats are $8.00 and can be purchased from the Uniform Shop or the Front Office.

P&C HALLOWEEN DISCO

- Wednesday 29th October
  - Kester Hall
  - P-2: 5.00pm-6.00pm
  - Year 3-6: 6.00pm-8.00pm
  - $2.00 Entry
  - Drinks and snacks available

THRILLER THURSDAY

- Thursday 30th October
- Dress Up Day
- For a gold coin donation you can come to school and show off your creepy costume!

This event is a fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell.
125 Year Period Dress Up Day Friday 14th November

As a part of our 125 year celebration, students will be asked to wear a costume from within the decade their class is focusing on.

The decades are:
5/6J: 1885-1898  5/6K: 1914-1924
5/6M: 1899-1913

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

P&C News
FOR SALE!
Alma Water Bottles
The P&C will be selling red and white Alma water bottles tomorrow morning between 8.30am and 9.00am under the COLA. The water bottles will be selling for $5.00 each
Out and about at Alma School!
Life Education

Healthy Harold

Healthy Harold will be at Alma Public School from

**Monday 27th October to Thursday 30th October** (Week 4).

Entry to the Life Education van is FREE as Alma Public School and the Alma P&C will be funding the visit so all students from Preschool to Year 6 will have the opportunity to attend.

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**Ulysses Toy Run - Donations Wanted!**

The Ulysses Motorcycle Club will be helping Santa to collect donations of hamper items and new or used toys that are complete.

Please dig deep and see if you are able to assist other families to also have a good Christmas.

Donations can brought in to the front office.

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**125th Anniversary Celebrations**

**STALL HOLDERS WANTED**

**Saturday 15th November 2014 from 11.00am - 3.00pm**

Stall Holders (with the exception of food) are welcome to participate in the 125th Anniversary Celebrations on Saturday 15th November from 11.00am to 3.00pm during celebration activities.

Entry will be a donation towards the raffle.

Please complete the section below and return to Alma Public School if you are interested in holding a stall.

I would like to hold a stall on **for the 125th Anniversary Celebrations.**

I understand that entry will be a donation towards the raffle.

Name:.............................................................................................................................. Contact No:...........................................................................................................

Type of Stall: ..........................................................................................................................
Students in Year 5, wishing to attend Farrer in Year 7 2016, parent/guardian need to register online, between 14th October and 17th November with Selective Schools to enable them to sit the Selective Schools exam in March next year. To register go to the Farrer website: www.farrer.nsw.edu.au and follow the Selective Schools link.

PEDAL stand for Play, Explore, Discover And Learn. PEDAL groups are open to all families with children aged 0-5. Play stimulates learning. It helps children gain a strong sense of identity, connectedness and well-being while becoming confident learners and effective communicators. At PEDAL, group play experiences are set up in a way that children choose activities and explore and use resources while being guided by their imagination and creativity. Parents are encouraged to join into their child’s play.

**What do you need to do?**
- Come in play clothes;
- Provide a piece of fruit for a shared fruit platter at morning tea time;
- Recycle and contribute resources (bottle lids, boxes);
- Help out when you can (i.e. with preparation of morning tea, pack up).

**Upon arrival sign in.**

**For more information:**
**Phone or visit the team at CentaCare Wilcannia-Forbes**
1/261 Argent Street  PO Box 159  Broken Hill NSW 2880  p. 08 8087 3477  f. 08 8087 2387