Dear Parents and Community Members,

The Halloween Disco held last week was another fabulous success. The hall looked fantastically spooky and the kids did too! We have some very talented parents out there who costumed and face painted their children brilliantly. Thanks to every family who helped make it a special evening.

At the end of each school year, teachers have two pupil-free staff development days. We have the option of moving those days forward to the beginning of the year, which is what Alma staff have done for the last few years. Next year, teachers are due back at work on Tuesday 3rd February, with children starting on Wednesday 4th (except Kinder and Preschool who don’t start school until Monday 9th February). In order to complete all mandatory training for 2015, we plan to come back from holidays early and hold one of the staff development days on Monday, 2nd February. This does not affect the days that your child attends school. If anyone has concerns or objections to the proposed change of pupil-free day, please contact me at school on 8088 2181.

Children who ride bikes or scooters to school must wear a helmet - which fits properly and is done up. Lately, a number of children have been coming to school without their helmets. At school, bikes and scooters are kept in a fenced area which is locked at 9am and unlocked by 3.05pm. Children must not climb the fence to retrieve their bikes and scooters. This is dangerous and causes problems if anyone's bike/scooter is damaged. Please discuss these things with your children if they ride to school.

I have watched the rehearsals for items that each stage is presenting on Saturday 15th November at our 125th birthday. The children have been working hard and I was really pleased with the effort and engagement that I saw. Well done, everyone. I look forward to seeing the items in full costume.

I am in Mildura for the next three days attending the Far West Principals meeting. I will be receiving training in Strategic Financial Management and the new school planning processes. We will also be setting the direction for our collegiate for 2015. Mrs DeGoumois will be back on deck tomorrow and Mrs Files has returned to the front office. Thanks go to Mrs Jenny Hannigan who filled Mrs Files’ position for the month.

Have a great week, everyone.

Glynis Lugnan
PRINCIPAL

Just 10 more big sleeps until Alma's 125th birthday begins!
**WHAT'S ON THIS TERM**

**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
  - Ulysses Toy Run
- Monday 8th
  - Presentation Day Rehearsal
- Tuesday 9th
  - Presentation Day, Year 6 Farewell
- Monday 15th
  - Levels Rewards Day
- Tuesday 16th
  - Class Christmas Parties

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**Music Stars**

Due to the music teacher being sick, there will be **no Music Stars tomorrow, Wednesday 5th November**

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**Presentation Day**

**Tuesday 9th December - 10.00am**

**Whitehouse Convention Centre**

The 2014 Annual Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 6th December at the Whitehouse Convention Centre commencing at 10.00am. Parents/Carers are most welcome to attend.

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**Don’t forget……**

**Student Banking**

will be collected by the P&C under the COLA tomorrow from 8.30-9.00am

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**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 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!_

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**Raffle Tickets**

The P&C are sending a book of 5 raffle ticket home with each family today. Tickets are $1.00 each. The prizes are framed prints and hampers and the winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday 15th November throughout the 125th Anniversary Celebrations. More tickets will be available from the front office.

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**Sometimes we need to send letters or important information home to you. Please ensure that the school has your correct address!**
We are having a Scholastic Book Fair this week. There is a fantastic range of books, posters and stationery to choose from.

**All purchases will benefit our school!**

Students were able to preview the books yesterday to see what will be on sale.

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You could WIN a book!

When you purchase an item from the Book Fair you will go into a draw to win a book!

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**Year 6 Farewell**

Tuesday 9th December - 6.00pm-8.00pm

Year 5 Parents/Caregivers

Notes were sent home previously for Year 5 parents/caregivers for assistance with the Year 6 Farewell. We have only had 6 responses so far. Please return notes as soon as possible.

**LOLLIES AND CHOCOLATES WANTED!**

The P&C are seeking donations of lollies and chocolates for the 125th Anniversary Celebrations. Donations can be brought in to the front office. Thank You

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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 the decade their class is focusing on.

- Bugdlie: 2000-2014
- KM: 1985-1999
- KW: 2000-2014
- 1M: 1975-1984
- 1/2H: 1955-1964
- 1/2R: 1965-1974
- 3/4C: 1945-1954
- 3/4M: 1925-1934
- 3/4T: 1935-1944
- 5/6J: 1885-1898
- 5/6K: 1914-1924
- 5/6M: 1899-1913

Only 7 weeks ’til Christmas! Time certainly does fly!

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Poppies are available by donation at the front office. Alma Public School will be hosting a Remembrance Day Ceremony on Tuesday 11th November at 10.55am
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: ...............................................................................................