Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week will be our first full week at school and the start for our kindergarten students. We have implemented a hot weather timetable which will run for the entire week. Students will eat inside and then be directed to shaded and air-conditioned areas. Parents/caregivers can assist us by reminding students to bring their hat to school. We will also be encouraging the students to drink plenty of water and not to run around too much.

Welcome to all our new kindergarten students and their parents/caregivers. We hope that the transition to school was not stressful. Yesterday, the children settled into their classrooms without fuss or bother. Well done to everyone.

We have had significant enrolments into Alma which is fantastic and has permitted us to form another class in Stage 3. Unfortunately, this could not be done until all our students had returned but we wanted to do it as quickly as possible, once we had the required enrolments. We welcome Mrs Brydie Kilday to Alma and wish her a happy and rewarding time whilst she is here.

Another change also occurred with Miss Marsh becoming the relieving Learning and Support teacher for first term, replacing Ms Wilson who will be the relieving Assistant Principal-Behaviour in our district. We wish them well with their new challenges. This has allowed us to employ Miss Cassie Arthur, who was working at Alma last year. We also wish Miss Arthur a great time at Alma.

Over the next few weeks, classroom teachers will be holding parent meetings. We encourage all parents/caregivers to attend these meeting and to get to know your child’s teacher. A note will be sent home shortly discussing times and dates.

We have been sending out forms that need to be completed by parents. These are very important and will dictate the funding that we receive next year. So can I stress that these are filled in promptly and returned to the class teacher or to the office.

Next Wednesday will be our K-6 Swimming Carnival at the Broken Hill Aquatic Centre. We invite parents to attend and if possible assist us with timekeeping. Students will be travelling by bus from school to the pool. Infants children will return at 1pm and the primary students will return at 2pm.

Thanking You
Sharon DeGoumois
NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be sent home on Tuesdays with the eldest child in each family. Please take time to read the newsletter each week as it contains information about events and activities happening at school including student achievements, reminders, meetings, P&C and canteen news and community notices. The newsletter can also be viewed on-line at www.alma-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au or via email by notifying the Administration Office.

URGENT!
Family Details, Student Information and Long Term Permission Forms

It is extremely important that these forms are returned to your child’s class teacher by this Friday 14th February.

If you did not receive either of these forms or need another one please call in to the front office and collect some new ones.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Wednesday 19th February

Notes have been sent home with all students for the Alma Public School K-6 swimming carnival which is being held on next week, Wednesday 19th February (Week 4) at the Broken Hill Aquatic Centre.

Please complete the 'Permission and Ability' note and the Medical Form and return to the class teacher by Monday 17th February along with $6.00 (bus & entry).

THE SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL NOT BE TAKING LUNCH ORDERS ON CARNIVAL DAY

SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME

All students from Kindergarten to Year 2 are eligible for a FREE Bus Pass regardless of your location. An application form needs to be completed to obtain the pass.

NOTE: Year 3 students who were issued with free bus passes last year need to reapply as passes for students from Years 3 to 6 must meet the eligibility criteria laid down by the Transport for NSW.

Application forms are available from the school’s Administration Office.

WATER DONATIONS

Any donations of water towards the classroom would be greatly appreciated. Each classroom has a refrigerator so water may be kept cold and on hand on warm days.

KITCHEN/GARDEN FOOTWEAR

Please ensure your child wears covered shoes for kitchen and garden lessons.

IMPORTANT

Don’t forget to label all of your child’s clothing and equipment!
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...

...reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption!

Remember..... every day counts!

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and MUST be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence!

2..4..6..8.. Hurry to school and don’t be late!

The bell will ring to go to line.. DON’T FORGET.. school STARTS at 9!
YWCA Girls Groups
After school fun activities
for girls 6 -13 yrs
Thursday's St James hall (behind the church) Wilson Street
Monday’s 349 Blende Street
4pm to 5.30pm
$2 for members/membership
$12.50 per year $3.50 non members
For more information phone 80873573

St John Ambulance Aust (NSW)
Broken Hill Cadet Division is opening its doors for new members to come along and join the Division.
Are you between the age of 8 and 17 and have an interest in doing something good for your community and helping people in times of need plus have fun doing it and form friendships that last a lifetime. If your answer to these questions is yes then the St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Broken Hill Cadet Division wants to hear from you.

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Broken Hill Cadet Division meets every Wednesday evening from 6.45pm to 9pm (except school holidays) at the St John Ambulance Hall McGilvary Drive (over railway line on the way to the Broken Earth Cafe) commencing 12th February 2014. The first half of this night will be an information night for Members and Parents / Guardians on what is planned for this year. Further details can be obtained by Contacting Superintendent Sandra Haring on 0419408132

FREE PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICE
All children aged 0 to 18 years are entitled to FREE dental treatment at Far West Local Health.

How do I access the dental service?
Phone
Public Dental Contact Centre
1300 552 626

Dental Clinic
Morgan Street School Grounds
Union Street Broken Hill

ALMA PEDAL PLAYGROUP
First playgroup for the year starts Monday 17th February.
0 – 5 years.
Time: 9am – 10.45am
Venue: G BLOCK Alma School
Come PLAY, EXPLORE, DISCOVER and LEARN with your children.
Please bring a piece of fruit to share at morning tea.
Contact Meg Hurst 80873477 if you have any queries.

Broken Hill Basketball Association
COME & TRY DAY
Sunday 16th February
10.30am-11.30am
RK Sanderson Stadium
Corner South Street & Boughtman Street
The Broken Hill Basketball Association will be holding a Come & Try Day for all ages on Sunday 16th February at 10.30am to 11.30am for anyone interested in playing basketball or just to see what it’s all about.
We would love to see you there!
This is for any child aged 5 and upwards and for anyone that isn’t currently in a team will try to be placed in one on the day.