Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we are half way through first term. Times flies, when you’re having fun.

**Classes**
We have officially been informed that with our increase in student enrolments that we will have 10 classes for the remainder of this year. This will mean that Miss Marsh will continue as the Relieving Learning and Support Teacher and Miss Arthur and Mrs Kilday will remain on their classes for the rest of the year. We are excited that we have been able to retain both teachers and that our senior classes now have much smaller numbers to allow for more individualised learning to occur.
Starting over the next few weeks we will have students from the URHD who will be working in speech therapy and in occupational health. They will continue with some students from last year and will assess others and offer programs to them.

**Staff Training**
Our staff have been working very hard and after school they have completed courses in:
- Anaphylaxis training
- Administration of Medicines
- *Emergency Care*
- *Disability Standards*
Well done everyone, as these courses ensure that we are up-to-date with our training and can offer expertise in difficult situations.

**125 Year Celebration**
Last night we had a meeting to further plan our 125yr celebration. There is a save the date flyer in the newsletter to advise everyone about our special days.
Our website will be updated to include information around these celebrations. We are sourcing memorabilia such as water bottles, glasses, wine and wrist bands. Once we have costings for these items we will commence to have pre-orders so that everyone does not miss out.

**Oldest Alma Student**
We are looking for the oldest Alma student to be part of our celebrations in November. If you know anyone who fits this description we would love to know. Please contact the school with any details.

**Banking**
Our school banking will continue tomorrow. If you would like your child to be involved with this opportunity, you can go to the Commonwealth bank with your child’s birth certificate. They will give you a Dollarmite account which the students will be able to use at school to deposit their money. This is a great way to teach children about banking and saving money.

Have a great week!

Sharon DeGoumois
(Relieving Principal)
Library books are loaned out for one week. If they are not returned they are considered overdue. If you wish to borrow a book for longer, bring the book back to the Library so that it can be renewed.

Did you know......

..that students can borrow outside of Library lessons?

The library is open Monday to Thursday during 1st break.
Students may return and borrow books during these times!

May I please borrow these again Miss Horwitz?

Alma Soccer Club
Is seeking Coaches and Players
With the 2014 season starting soon we are looking for anyone with a passion for soccer to join our club.
There are still a few coaching positions open for juniors.
For more information please call Amanda on 0407 717 049

SAVE THE DATE

Alma P.S. will be celebrating its 125th anniversary on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th November 2014.
We will be opening our time capsule and also sealing a new capsule to be opened in 2039, which will be our 125th anniversary.

Please spread the word to your family and friends.
The school website will be updated with information and you can access a facebook site- “Alma Public School Broken Hill NSW 125 Years 2014.”

Can you help?
Volunteers are needed to help in the canteen.

If anyone can help on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays from 8.30am till 2:00pm
Please contact the Alma School office on 80 88 2181

FOR SALE
FRESH FRUIT & VEG
ALSO TRY OUR
Jars of delicious home grown varieties which are currently available from the front office for $3.00 each
Yum!!!
Attendance

Attendance is compulsory for all school age students up until they reach 17 years of age. Student absences, including late arrivals and early departures, are recorded daily and are monitored regularly by the Home School Liaison Officer. It is therefore extremely important that the correct procedure is followed at all times.

LATE ARRIVALS:
School commences at 9.00am each day. It is important that you ensure your child arrives at school before 9.00am. **Students arriving late MUST sign in at the Administration Office.** A late arrival slip will then be issued which must be taken to the child’s teacher.

EARLY DEPARTURE
Parent/Caregivers that need to collect children from school during school hours for appointments etc must come to the Administration Office and sign the student out. An early departure slip will then be issued which must be taken to the child’s teacher to authorise departure. This also applies to students who need to go home due to illness.

ABSENCE
If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school on 8088 2181. A note explaining the reason for absence must be sent to school on or before your child’s return to school.

PLEASE NOTE: A doctor’s certificate must be supplied for students who are absent for 3 or more days.

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**SCHOOL TIMES**

- **8:30am** Children supervised in playground
- **8:55am** Morning Line-up
- **9:00am** Morning Assembly - School starts

1st Break - 11.00am - 11.40am
- **11:00am - 11.10am** Eating Time
- **11.10am - 11.40am** Play Time

2nd Break - 1.20pm - 1.50pm
- **1.20pm - 1.35pm** Eating Time
- **1.35pm - 1.50pm** Play Time

3:00pm School day ends

Bus Students: Students catching the bus need to make their way to the bus pick-up area at 3.00pm.

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**Medication**

If your child requires **prescribed** medication to be given at school, please come to the front office or contact the school on 8088 2181 to discuss your child’s needs. These needs will be assessed from the information gathered and procedures put in place to ensure the utmost care is given to the safety and well-being of your child.

Staff are NOT permitted to administer any medication without proper authorisation. This includes regular medication which is required for a medical condition or medication which may be required when your child is sick eg: antibiotics, ventolin.

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Dollarmite Banking has started at Alma! This is a fantastic opportunity to teach your child how to save money early in life. Banking is every Wednesday. Start your child’s account today and help them learn to save money. Please contact the P & C for any enquiries on 0439 186 297 or 0447 885 785.

The bell will ring to go to line. DON’T FORGET.. school STARTS at 9!
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Canberra Excursion  Years 5-6 ONLY

Last week expressions of interest letters were sent home for an excursion to Canberra for years 5-6 excursion.

If your child is interested in attending the excursion please return the expression of interest form before **FRIDAY 12th March**. We hope to have enough numbers to make this excursion possible.

If you need another note please come to the front office

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

There is a lot of lost property located in the yellow bins out front of the office.

Please check your child’s belongings and check out the lost property bin if you find anything missing.

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