Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week we will be very busy with sporting activities.

**Barrier Swimming Carnival**

On Thursday afternoon our selected swimming team will be competing at the Barrier Swimming Carnival, to be held at the Broken Hill Aquatic Centre. The races will be starting at 4pm. Can swimmers arrive on time for this event. If you are unable to attend, can you please inform Miss Jameson (team manager), so that replacements can be found. We would like to invite any students/parents and caregivers to join us and cheer our team along. Eight staff members will be acting as officials at the carnival. Thank you to these teachers for volunteering their time to help our students.

**Barrier Trials**

On Friday, we have 20 Alma students attending Barrier trials. They will compete against students from other Broken Hill and Murray Darling schools in an attempt to be selected in the Barrier teams for AFL, Netball, Soccer and girls and boys Basketball. We wish them all the best in their endeavours to be selected in these teams.

**Active After Schools Program**

Our Active After Schools Program is up and running on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The children are really enjoying the opportunity to learn new skills and play games in netball and hockey. These activities will continue till the end of the term. Next term other sports will be introduced.

**Forms**

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who have returned their yellow, green and blue forms. It is really important that we have accurate and up-to-date information in case of an emergency or illness. The yellow forms are used to calculate the funding that the school will receive for the remainder of the year. If you have these at home, can you return them immediately.

Kindergarten parents need to also return the forms that allow your students to be assessed by the Speech and Occupational Health students who have started at our school this term. This is a valuable service that is provided to our students free of charge.

**Stage 3 Excursion and High School Notes**

Stage 3 students have received an expression of interest note regarding our excursion to Canberra in Term 3. These need to be returned to the office by Friday so that we can confirm our numbers and costs. Once we have this completed we will send out information and we will require a $50 deposit to secure your child’s position on this excursion.

High School notes were sent out yesterday. Can we have them returned by Friday to assist with the enrolment process to high school.

Thank you for your assistance with our paperwork. Have a great week

Principal

Glynis Lugnan
AWARDS
The following students received awards at last assembly last week

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Expressions of Interest for the Canberra excursion for years 5-6 Only are due back this FRIDAY 14th March

Please hand your note into the front office.

Notes are available at the front office if you need one.

We need enough numbers to make this excursion possible.

DONUT DAY
Thursday 20th March
$2.50ea
Pre order your pink, yellow or brown donuts at the canteen.
Place your money & order in an envelope and hand into the canteen by Monday 17th March

ALMA GOATS SOCCER
Jnr Alma Soccer Training
Starts this Wednesday 4-5pm at the Alma oval until further notice

BOOK CLUB NEWS
BOOK CLUB
A reminder that book club books are due back next Tuesday 18th March

Browzer's Gift Vouchers 2013 Presentation Day
Browzer's Gift Vouchers that were received with student awards for the 2013 Presentations Day must be redeemed by the 30th June 2014
If you would like your child to participate in any of these competitions:

- Complete the form below and place it inside an envelope with the correct money.
- Mark the envelope with: University Competition: Student’s Name and Class and return to your child’s class teacher.

Dates and Costs are:

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The Canteen URGENTLY needs volunteers to help.
REMEMBER NO VOLUNTEERS NO CANTEEN
If you can help on any of these days
Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays
from 8:30am till 2:00pm
Please contact the Alma School office on 80 88 2181

Healthy Ears for You …
Breathe – Blow – Cough – Chew … and Splish, Splosh, Have a Wash

Hearing plays an important part in children’s ability to learn.
Research shows that at least 15% of children aged 4-9 years will have a middle-ear infection for at least 3 months of the year and their learning will be affected during these times.

Very soon, Kindergarten classes will start the Breathe – Blow – Cough – Chew – and – Wash Program. This program teaches children correct nose-blowing as it is the best method of clearing passages to the ears and preventing the build-up of fluid and infection.

Eating two pieces of crunchy fruit every day also improves ear health and general well-being.

Children will each need 2-3 tissues per day so parents are asked to please send in a large box of tissues for classroom use.

Thank you very much.
DAILY TOTAL STUDENT ABSENCE

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Please contact the school on 8088 2181 if your child is going to be away from school.

The Broken Hill Soccer Association are holding two big events over one week to kick-start the 2014 season.

The association are encouraging people from the community to come and see what soccer is all about.

We believe that soccer in Broken Hill has a positive effect on the lives of players and their families. It's a safe, fun and active environment that we invite everyone to be a part of.

To old and new players - let’s start the season off with a bang!!

**DAY 1 - OFFICIAL OPENING DAY**

SATURDAY 22nd MARCH – SOCCER GROUNDS – 10.30am until 4pm

FREE ENTRY

2BH/HILLFM LIVE BROADCASTING – TRUEVALUE HARDWARE RAFFLE (VALUED AT $800) – KIDSGAMES – JUMPING CASTLE – CANTEEN FACILITIES – BBQ LUNCH

**CLUB INFORMATION**

KNOCKOUT COMPETITION (7 a side, half field, 15-minute halves, $5 per person, ages 13+)

Fun, casual competition especially for those who want to try a game of soccer with no pressure! Get your workmates, friends and family together. Forms are available from Thom, Dick & Harry’s in Argent Stand and need to be in by the 15th of March.

Call Emma on 0409 549 259 for more information.

**DAY 2 - EXHIBITION MATCH**

THURSDAY 27TH MARCH – SOCCER GROUNDS – 6.30pm KICK OFF

$3 ENTRY - CANTEEN FACILITIES Alma, Celtic, St. Josephs and West will be selecting 8 junior players and 8 senior players to make up two mixed teams of 16. Juniors will play first, and then seniors at 7.45pm.

A night to showcase the best players of each club playing side by side.

A game not to be missed!

**ALMA PEDAL PLAYGROUP**

WHEN: Every Monday of school term.

TIME: 9am - 10.45am

WHERE: G Block

Any families that have children between 0 – 5 years in the community are welcome to come PLAY, EXPLORE, DISCOVER AND LEARN with their children.

Please bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea.