Dear Parents and Community Members,

Last Friday we held our Earn and Learn Assembly. Alma was one of 40 schools in Australia to receive additional resources from Woolworths. Mr Jason Hamblem presented us with some wonderful sets of books and provided fresh fruit for distribution to the students.

Please remember to clearly label your child’s hat and school jumper. We strongly encourage all students to wear their uniform every day. Caps are not part of our uniform – we have sunsafe school hats that can be purchased from the front office.

We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for our P&C raffle. Donations can be dropped into the front office.

Students are not allowed to have soft drinks at school. There have been several students recently coming to school with soft drinks from fast food outlets or with cans of drink in their bags. Please send water, juice, cordial or some other non-fizzy drink with your child for their breaks.

Painting in the old Kinder Hall should be completed this week. The Year 5/6 classes that were moved out will be able to return before the end of the term. Work on the Kinder Hall roof has also been undertaken and hopefully we will be able to start using that wonderful building properly.

This morning, I spoke to Years 3-6 about some really disturbing trends in behaviour. Mrs DeGoumois and I have seen an alarming increase in the number of reports we are receiving about physical violence (pushing, kicking, punching) and verbal abuse (swearing, comments about parents, name-calling). The verbal abuse has also been aimed at staff. The majority of rude and nasty comments have a violent message (I’m going to bash you) or they have sexual content, some of which children this age shouldn’t have any idea about!

When we are dealing with the various reports we get, we always try to get accurate stories from all sides of the issue. This is not always easy because children, sometimes very deliberately, do not tell us the truth…. but we do try our best to get to the bottom of all incidents and apply appropriate consequences.

School should be a safe and pleasant place for your children to learn. Please encourage them to report any incidents immediately to a teacher and to follow the simple rules of “Hands to yourself” and “If you have nothing nice to say, say nothing!” Thank you for your support in this matter.

All students participated in the AFL clinics run today. Their behaviour was fabulous and everyone took the opportunity to join in all the activities. Our thanks to the AFL Development Officers for their continued support of Alma.

Regards

Glynis Lugnan

Principal
**AWARDS**

The following students received awards at last assembly last week

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| **KM** | **Student of the Week:** Jordan Devlin, Caitlyn Slattery, Jack Hefferman  
**Bronze:** Gracie Cymbala, Violet Groves, Zahlia Hoskins, Ellie-Mae Hough-Wedding, Tayah Pelgrave, Jackson Cowdrey, Saxon Locke |
| **KW** | **Student of the Week:** Myiah Page, Jordyn Chapman-Henderson, Janaya Haring |
| **1M** | **Student of the Week:** Emmily Zlatova, Shaylan James, Lenny Smith  
**Bronze:** Teneal Butcher, Bryce Delbridge, Kaitlyn Dumbleton, Rhiannah Everett, Racheal George, Blade Harvey, Tayla Hocking, Shaylan James, Tyler Kernaghan, Malcolm-Jase King, Jesse Manoel, Lila Parker, Becky Riley, Izaak Sandow, Clare Slattery, Lilly Vale, Savannah Wheatley |
| **1-2H** | **Student of the Week:** Amber Stenhouse, Nate Sparrow, Cobe Hoskins  
**Bronze:** Tempany Ferguson, Maddison Harrap, Anika Jozanovic, Abbey Pinnuck, Aisha Dodimead, Ella-Hope Jovanovic, Cecelia Noel, Grace Payne, Jakoda Mackiewicz, Blade McConnell |
| **1-2R** | **Student of the Week:** Lillian Singleton, Matthew McNamara, Daphne Kennedy  
**Bronze:** Adriana Benedetti, Amity Bray, Arana Jeffery, Bella Edge, Daphne Kennedy, Ella Howse, Ella Williams, Elli-Jai Harvey, Emanuel Pedergnana, Jordanah Hibberd, Keely Vale, Lillian Singleton, Maddison Hocking, Matthew McNamara, Monique Daddow, Reece Butcher, Tiara Noel, Trent Parker, William James |
| **3-4C** | **Student of the Week:** Lisa Suckling, Amy Harrap  
**Bronze:** Lacee Jobson, Airleigh Jones, Brandon Bessell-Grose, Lucas Ferguson, Jack Harris, Elijah Pelgrave, Banjo Spink, Toni-Rose Cunningham, Amy Harrap, Daniya Hoskins, Laura Marks-Deeble, Tayissa Smith |
| **3-4M** | **Student of the Week:** Jayme Netherwood, Rebecca Singleton, Shayla Stephens  
**Bronze:** Danika Langdon, Jayme Netherwood, Rebecca Singleton, Gus Thorton, Shania Burns, Imogen Jeffery, Logan Dannatt, Cayleb Jozanovic, Campbell Quintrell |
| **5-6J** | **Student of the Week:** Ty Johnston, Jake Boddington, Chloe Reeves  
**Bronze:** Connor Daddow, Ryan Braes, Mason Ferguson, Logan Hoysted, Alex McCann, Jayden Parker, Olivia Harman, Ella Hosking, Lauren Hoysted, Courtney-Bessell Grose, Dayna Cain, Ella Gray, Kara Jeffries, Shante King, Chloe Reeves, Stephanie Sandow |
| **5-6K** | **Student of the Week:** Evan Willadsen, Tannya Everuss, Bogan Argent-Quayle  
**Bronze:** Holly Appleby, Abbey Chaplain, Bianca Johnstone, Callum Langdon, Elyscia Mackiewicz, Quinn Parker, Jazmine Ryan, Ripley Celotto, Tannya Everuss, Destiny Wheatley |
| **5-6M** | **Student of the Week:** Ethan Daniele, Emma-Louise Staker, Amber Stenhouse  
**Bronze:** Olivia Gittoes, Angel McConnell, Caitlin Cameron, Jay Chapman-Quintrell, Jorden Ormsby, Cian Ryan, Emma Louise Staker, Amber Stenhouse, Deaken Treloar, Sammah-Lea Williams |

Alma Students enjoyed AFL Coaching that was held today Tuesday 25th March on the Alma Oval
University of New South Wales Competitions-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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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

Can you help?
The P & C requires donations of Easter eggs to go towards their Easter raffle to help fundraise for our school. Any donation big or small is greatly appreciated. If you can help please hand in your donations to the front office.

Thank you for your support.

Did you know?

That the Alma website has great information about our school. View newsletters from both Alma Public School and also from our Bugdlie Pre-School. Information for the 125 year celebrations is also available. Check out this great resource today!!

Asthma Information

Parents/Caregivers, there is a terrific website for families supplied by the Asthma Foundation NSW. To access this great information go to

www.asthmafoundation.org.au

Alma Public School

NSW University Competition

I would like my child ______________________ of class ______________ to participate in the University of New South Wales Competition(s) in (Please tick):

Maths o  Spelling o  English o  Computer o  Science o

Enclosed is payment of $_________________

Signed _____________________________ Date ______________
Do you want to hear more about Ability Links?

Ability Links New South Wales (ALNSW) is a new initiative which aims to assist people with a disability to lead inclusive lives and be valued and active members in their communities. This is your opportunity to come along and hear about Ability Links and ask questions about what this means to you, your family and your community.

What do Linker’s do?

1) Work with people with disabilities, their families and carers to plan for their future:
2) Work with people and their families to help them become more confident, supporting them to achieve their goals by building new networks and accessing support and services in their community:
3) Work alongside communities and mainstream services, supporting them to become more welcoming and inclusive.

Where can you find more information?

For more information on ALNSW you can visit the ADHC website www.adhc.nsw.gov.au/individuals/inclusion_and_participation/ability_links_nsw
Or email the ALNSW team on abilitylinksnsw@facs.nsw.gov.au

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**Broken Hill West Panthers Soccer Club**

Would like to invite all existing members and any new players, male or female, young or old to join the West Panthers at training.

**Held on Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30 at the O’Neill soccer complex.**

Ages from 4 years to seniors. You can register over the coming weeks so don’t stress if you miss the first week.

Our first of three trial games is on the weekend **the 28th 29th & 30th March.**

Under 17’s, seniors Mens A,B and Womens grades will train from 6pm until 8pm.

For more details contact Theresa on 80 87 5377 or 0437 123 059 or Kerri Johnson 0428 857 342

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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