Dear Parents and Community Members,

The 2013 Annual School Report for Alma Public School will be on our website by the end of the week for your perusal. This is a mandatory reporting mechanism that all NSW public schools undertake. Hard copies will be available at the front office by Friday. My thanks go to the staff and parents who assisted with the writing of the report.

Over the last five years, as a focus attendance school, Alma has put a number of processes in place to monitor children with repeated or regular absences. Our overall attendance has improved slightly over this time and we have to closely track a much smaller group of children than ever before. Unfortunately, we have an increasing number of children arriving at school late – some by 5 minutes, others by up to an hour. The first part of the school day is so important because that’s when students find out what is happening in the school, what they will be doing in class, any changes to the timetable, special messages etc.

The school is not allowed to accept a child’s word for the lateness – a parent must notify us either in person, by phone or a note.

This Thursday, Broken Hill Network Principals will host a visit by Mr Greg Prior, the Deputy Director General of the Department Education. Greg will be working with Principals on Thursday and touring a couple of schools on Friday morning before he flies out. We have had a number of high level Department officers in Broken Hill over the last few months because the collegiality, information sharing and quality schools improvement are of such high standard. When I attended the Primary Principals State Council a couple of weeks ago, Broken Hill was mentioned on more than one occasion. We might be a long way from Sydney, but Broken Hill schools are implementing best practice that is being copied by other districts.

Some of the professional learning that your teachers receive are in L3, Early Numeracy strategies, MultiLit, PLAN (assessment and recording – this has replaced Best Start and is now K-6 in its application). Many teachers are undertaking online training in behaviour management, dyslexia and autism so that every student at Alma has the best possible opportunity to succeed at school.

Amanda Philp has been engaged to run the Norta Norta program for Aboriginal students. I have made arrangements for a second tutor who will be available for the start of Term 2.

Have a great week,

Regards

Glynis Lugnan
Principal
**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.

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**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

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**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!!

www.alma-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**Alma Recipe Books**

Are still available for purchase.

Hurry there are only a few left @ $10:00ea.

Please see Angela in the kitchen.

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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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**P&C Disco**

Thursday 3rd April

Years K-2: 5.00pm to 6.00pm
Years 3-6: 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Entry is $2.00

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Alma Public School 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 150th 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.
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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Entries close this Friday 4th April

Entries are due back THIS FRIDAY 4th April

Easter News

Alma School Easter Colouring Competition
entries are due back
THIS FRIDAY 4th April

Newspower Colouring Competition
entries are due back
THIS FRIDAY 4th April

University of New South Wales Competitions-2014

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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 ___________
Professional Guitar & Keyboard Tuition at School

We have an amazing opportunity to offer professional guitar and keyboard tuition to students starting in Term 2, 2014. The program is run by Music Stars – Australia’s leading provider of school music tuition.

**Music Stars provides:**
- Group guitar and keyboard tuition
- Caters for all grades & music levels
- Weekly 30 minute sessions
- Convenient! Lessons at school!
- Very Affordable! $110 per term
- 70% less than out-of-school lessons + early bird & family discounts available
- End of year reports and certificates
- Guitars and keyboards supplied for use during lessons

**Registrations Close Soon!**
Please register online via [www.musicstars.com.au](http://www.musicstars.com.au) Fortnightly and monthly payment options are available. If minimum numbers are not met the program will not be able to run.

**More Information**
If you require more information or would like to discuss the program in more detail please contact Music Stars directly using the information below.

Phone: 1300 889 179
Email: info@musicstars.com.au
We hope you can support this program.