Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable vacation. This term has already seen a number of significant changes, after just one day! Mrs Judy Henry has started working with us as the Instructional Leader replacing Mrs Pascoe. Miss Jessica Townsend, who was on staff as a "spare" while she waited for a vacancy to come up, has received her permanent appointment to Alma. I would like to welcome both Judy and Jess to our school.

As a result of Miss Townsend’s appointment, and growing numbers in Stage 2, the decision has been made to form an additional Stage 2 class with Miss Townsend. Each of the three Stage 2 classes will now have around 20 students in them instead of the current 30.

The executive have also been though the process of choosing a relieving Assistant Principal to replace Mrs Morgan when she goes on maternity leave in a few weeks time. Miss Katie Bassett-White will join us as Mrs Morgan’s replacement. Miss Bassett-White is currently on staff at Broken Hill Public School and comes to us with extensive experience in Preschool - Year 2.

Today’s ANZAC ceremony was beautiful. Mr Keenan played the Last Post which is always stirring. Our school leaders ran the assembly extremely well and all the students were respectful and attentive. Thanks go to Miss Jameson for her organisation. Thanks, also, to those parents and students who marched last Friday in the town ceremony. Your participation is greatly appreciated and I have received some lovely feedback about the excellent behaviour and respect shown by Alma students.

NAPLAN testing will be held in Week 3. Students in Years 3 and 5 will receive additional information over the next two weeks.

Tomorrow (Wednesday 30th April) is a PUPIL FREE DAY during which all staff will receive professional development. The morning session is a workshop on the new Maths syllabus, due for full implementation next year and the afternoon session will be looking at challenging student behaviours. We will be joining four other schools for these workshops and Alma is hosting the morning session in Kester Hall. Thank you, in advance, to the canteen ladies who are providing morning tea and lunch for up to 70 people tomorrow.

Good luck to everyone at the Cross Country on Friday.

Regards
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Stewart House Donation Drive 2014
Envelopes have been sent home today to help out this wonderful cause.
Please send envelopes to the front office by the 9TH MAY 2014 to be eligible for the draw.
The Anzac Day March was held on Friday April 25th. Thank you to staff and students who showed great respect by participating in the March as proud representatives of Alma Public School and the Broken Hill community.

Alma School also had a service today 29th April at 10:30 in the COLA area. Well done to all involved to help commemorate this special occasion.

Alma Public School are pleased to announce the appointment of our latest teacher Miss Jessica Townsend who will be teaching 3-4T. The new class will be starting next week.

Alma Cross Country Carnival

Notes were sent home yesterday. The cross country carnival will be held THIS FRIDAY 2nd May at the Alma Oval 9:30am. All students from P-6 will be attending the carnival. Years 3-6 will be competing in the cross country event and P-2 students will participate in a fun run and join their sporting house groups to help cheer their team on.

Don’t forget….. Wear your house colours

Marshall – Red
Landy – Green
Cuthbert – Blue
Strickland – Yellow

Help is needed with course marshalling on the day of the carnival. If you are able to assist, please contact the school on 8088 2181 or call in to the front office. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations & Good Luck

Brawley Brennan, Kyle Mahoney and Adam Slattery who will be representing Barrier at the NSW State basketball carnival in Bathurst next week. Good luck to you & Mrs DeGoumois (coach)

Alma Canteen

The Alma canteen will operate as usual on Friday. Parents and students also welcome to order hot dogs from the school canteen at $3.50ea but must order and pay before end of school day on Thursday 1st May to the front office. Order forms are available at front office. There will also be a small canteen operating on the oval selling drinks and some snacks.
What is the family energy rebate?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives:

A $125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer.

$137.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012-2013 and have received a relevant payment; and

Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer, OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile home park, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY FOR THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE

ONLINE – it takes a few minutes to submit and processing starts immediately.

PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

Early Learning Centre Newsletter Story Fire and Rescue NSW Open Day 2014

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station’s fire truck, hold a fire hose and get an information bag while chatting with firefighters about what they do. This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and learn about fire safety in the home. Winter is just around the corner and it’s the worst time of the year for house fires, so this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety. Don’t leave fire safety to chance this winter - click on this link - 2014 Open Day Participating Stations to find your local Fire Station and join us on Saturday 17 May 2014.

NEW DAY FOR ALMA PLAYGROUP:
Will run Thursday fortnights starting Thursday 1st May, 9am – 10.45am.
Come Play, Explore, Discover and Learn with your children. Please bring a piece of fruit to share at morning tea.
For more info contact Mega @ CentaCare 80873477.

MOXIE DRAMA GROUP
In Term 2 at Theatre 44 (189 Wills St) we plan to restart Moxie Drama Group for Years 3 to 7. This is an opportunity for kids to learn theatre skills such as speech, acting, working in a group, stage presence etc. Time: 11.30 to 1.00pm Sundays (beginning 4th May).
Cost: $15 per term.
Phone Marilyn Harris on 8087 9585 for details and bookings.

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.

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

TERM 2 Start Dates at the Broken Hill PCYC!!

Monday 28th April
Kids Boxing 4 Fitness recommences 4.30pm — 5.15pm
Adults Boxing 4 Fitness as normal 6pm — 7pm

Thursday 1st May
Taekwondo returns from 4pm

Monday 5th May
Monday Funday returns from 4.30pm — 5.30pm

Tuesday 6th May
All New Junior Boxing commences (7 – 11 yrs) 4.30pm — 6pm
New PCYC Dance Hip-Hop Tuesdays 4.30pm — 5.30pm

Wednesday 7th May
All New Amateur boxing commences (14 – 17 yrs) 4.30pm — 6pm
PCYC Modern Dance 4.30pm — 5.30pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ROWENA AT THE PCYC;
Phone: 80873723
Email: rmarks@pcycnsw.org.au

PCYC TOY RATCHET
All kids must be PCYC members $10 for 12mths

PCYC MONDAY FUNDAY
Come and enjoy a different activity each week.
When: Mondays 4.30pm — 5.30pm
Cost: $5.00 per lesson
Ages 7yrs to 12yrs

*ALL NEW-JUNIOR BOXING* (Contact Boxing - Boys & Girls) 7yrs to 14yrs
Tuesdays 4.30pm till 6pm
$60 per term
Taught skill, technique, discipline and respect!

PCYC BOXING 4 FITNESS - KIDS
(Non contact for boys & girls ages 5 to 12 years)
When: Mondays & Thursdays 4.30pm — 5.15pm
Cost: $5.00 per lesson

LEES INTERNATIONAL TAEKWONDO AT THE PCYC
Mondays and Thursdays from 4pm
$45 per school term - All ages