Dear Parents and Community Members,

More New Staff:
Ms Chelsie Staker begins today as a School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) at Bugdlie, to assist Gemma and Auntie Barbara with our growing group of 4 year olds at the preschool.
Miss Laura Howse has joined us as a part time SLSO on the primary site supporting students with specific needs.
Mrs Renee Finch is on a four week practicum while she completes her final year of teacher training. Mrs Finch will be working in Miss Arthur's 5/6 class.
Nikkijai Edge has joined Amanda Philp as a Norta Norta tutor providing reading support to targeted Aboriginal students in Years 3-6.
Welcome to you all.

Opportunity Class Applications:
Applications are open for Year 4 students going into year 5 in 2015 who are eligible for Opportunity Class placement. Opportunity classes are aimed at academically gifted students who have strong independent work ethics and are self motivated. Unfortunately, the nearest OC class to Broken Hill is in Orange, but if you are interested in making the application, please contact me at school for an information package. Applications are made online by the parents.

NAPLAN:
NAPLAN testing begins next week for Years 3 and 5. At this stage, we have not exempted any student from sitting those assessments. Please contact me if you believe that taking the NAPLAN tests would be detrimental to your child (children with significant learning disorders may be able to be exempted, or those for whom English is a second language). Much of our school funding is based on NAPLAN results so we feel it is important for all children to be represented in the scores. Please ensure that your children have had breakfast and are at school on time, particularly on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Department of Education sets the times for the tests and we are not able to delay them. If a child is genuinely sick on a NAPLAN day, we are able to provide "catch-up" only on Friday.

"Return of the Bully"
On Friday, all students K-6 will see a performance of "Return of the Bully". This is a free performance (the P&C is covering 100% of the costs because they believe it is so important) aimed at identifying bullying and developing strategies to deal with it. If you do not wish your child to see the performance, please contact the school by tomorrow afternoon.

Cross-country:
Last Friday our cross country was washed out, just as the Kindergarten children finished their run. Mrs Degoumois will reschedule the event on her return from the PSSA Basketball trials in Bathurst.
Have a great week!

Regards
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Mothers’ Day Stall
Friday 9th May
Gifts range from $1.00-to $6.00
Please pack a plastic bag for your child to avoid damage to purchased gifts.

Awesome gifts available...
Pens, note pads, coffee mugs, aprons, candles and book marks, just to name a few!

SCSEEC
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
Alma Public School has joined a growing number of schools in the collection of data on disabilities. To manage recent changes to disability laws, schools are now required to report annually on the numbers of children with intellectual, physical or emotional disability. This can be hearing or sight problems, learning disabilities, challenging behaviours, social problems, speech issues and health problems. As you can imagine, we have many students who are covered by this with disabilities or areas of concern ranging from very mild to severe. Your child’s privacy is guaranteed as no names are used in the report and categories of disability are quite general. Please read the flier that has gone home with the newsletter today, and feel free to contact the school for any further information.
**RETURN OF THE BULLY**

This is a play that will be available to all students at Alma P.S to teach them strategies to deal with bullying. This production is being paid for by the Alma P&C to allow all students to participate. K-2 will watch the performance on Friday 9th May from 9.30-10.30am 3-6 will watch the performance on Friday 9th May from 12 noon till 1pm.

**Alma Cross country**

Due to the rain on Friday the Alma Cross Country will now be held on Friday 30th May. Thank you for your understanding. The Barrier/Broken Hill Cross Country will be held Friday 6th June at the Memorial Oval. Following our carnival a team of runners will receive information for the next carnival.

**Stewart House**

Envelopes were provided last week to help this great cause. Please return to the front office THIS FRIDAY 9th May.
**Monday Funday!**

**FOR KIDS AGED 5 - 12YRS**

What's Monday Funday all about?? Each Monday is something new...a new activity, new games, new fun!!

Activities include such things as outdoor activities, ball sports, table tennis, boxing for fitness, team sports, educational & board games, arts and crafts and the list goes on!!

Each Monday from 4.30pm - 5.30pm

**Excludes school holidays**

**CHARGE:** $5 per child

All participants must be club members - $10 for 12 months

For more information or a copy of the program please call the PCYC on 80873723 or email: rlawrence@pcycnsw.org.au

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**PCYC DANCE!**

***NEW DAYS ~ NEW TIMES***

**HIP HOP & MODERN DANCE**

Hip-Hop Tuesdays 4.30pm—5.30pm

Modern Wednesdays 4.30pm—5.30pm

Cost: $5 per lesson

Boys and Girls ages 7—12 all welcome

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**ALL NEW**

**amatuer boxing**

(Contact Boxing - Boys & Girls)

14yrs to 17yrs

Wednesday 4.30pm till 6pm

$60 per term or $100 with all access to the gym for the term

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**Lee’s International Taekwondo at the PCYC**

Mondays & Thursdays from 4pm

$45 per school term - All ages

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**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
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
Meg @ CentaCare 80873477.
Central Football Club

Central Football Club are seeking more juniors, particularly in under 9’s, to play AFL.

Under 7, 9 and 11 play on Friday nights.

Under 13 and 15 play on Saturday mornings.

Come and join the fun!

For further information please contact Kathy Ware on 0437999773.

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 & bookings.

Book now before school holidays.

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 park home, 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

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