Dear Parents and Community Members,

Congratulations to both our junior and senior Touch football teams who won their divisions at the Gala Day held at Alma Oval last Friday. Sportsmanship, skill and effort were all very evident and the staff were very pleased with the participation of our students. The Country Rugby League boys did a fabulous job of preparing the field and running the games. Students from a number of other schools in town joined the Alma students for a terrific day of sport.

Last week we held a pyjama day for the Year 6 excursion. $211 was raised. Thank you to all the students and staff who dressed for the occasion.

We still have a significant number of children who arrive after 8.55 am each morning, some by 5 minutes and others by an hour or more. Each time your child is late to school, it is recorded on the Department Education system. When your child is away for a day, you need to provide a suitable explanation for the absence (in person, over the phone or in writing) and the same applies for late arrivals and part absences.

We are currently reviewing regular late arrivals. If your child is one of these, a formal attendance plan may be implemented which may include meetings with the parents and the Home School Liaison Officer. Students need to be at school before 8.55 am each day that school is open. Late arrivals miss roll call, the daily messages & reminders and often miss important class information that is provided first thing in the morning.

Next Wednesday we are having our school photos taken. Please send your children to school in WINTER uniform on that day. Preschool children are asked to wear their Bugdlie T-shirts. All children should have tidy hair and clean shirts. Order forms should be returned with the correct money in them (our office does not handle the money at all, so no change can be given). You can return your order form any time up to and including next Wednesday. Late orders or orders without money cannot be accepted.

Have a great week,

Regards

Glynis Lugnan
Principal
**STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION**
1st Instalment of $100.00 is due by Friday 30th May

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**FRESH CHILLI’S FOR SALE**
Also available for sale
**CHILLI PLUM SAUCE**
And
**HOT HOT HOT CHILLI JAM**
You can purchase these great fresh items at the front office.

**PUMPKINS FOR SALE!**
Fresh pumpkins grown by our students are available for sale in the front office.

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**PHOTOGRAPH DAY**
Will be on **WEDNESDAY 28th May**
All envelopes have been sent home. Please ensure your child/children are dressed in FULL WINTER UNIFORM on this day.

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**Alma Recipe Books**
Are still available for purchase. Hurry there are only a few copies left at $10:00ea.
Please see Angela in the kitchen.

**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.
Alma Cross country
The Alma Cross Country was postponed due to wet weather. It 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.

Sydney Symphony Orchestra Music Workshop
Notes have been sent home today. Students from years 3-6 will have a fantastic opportunity to learn about an orchestra and to be involved with the activities. The workshop will cost $5.00 per child. The cost of the bus has been covered by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. If your child is interested in attending, please complete the permission note and return it with the $5.00 in the envelope provided BEFORE MONDAY 26th May

Alma P.S. 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.

NEW DAY FOR ALMA PLAYGROUP:
Will run Thursday fortnights starting Thursday 15th 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.

ALMA WEBSITE
The Alma website has great information about our school. View newsletters from both Alma Public School and also from our Bugdle Pre-School. Information for the 125 year celebrations is also available. Check out this great resource today!!
www.alma-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
NAIDOC WEEK NEWS
NAIDOC WEEK will be held in Week 3 Term 3
NAIDOC WEEK Order Forms have been sent home today
Orders to purchase merchandise for NAIDOC week are to be handed in along with the CORRECT money BY THURSDAY 29th May to the front office. No orders can be accepted after this date.
Merchandise available is listed below, the prices are on order forms sent home today.
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

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

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.