Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back!

**NAIDOC celebrations will be held next Friday, 25th July.** Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a full day of fantastic activities that Mrs Hinchey and her organising committee have put together. A free sausage sizzle will be available, as well as a continuous morning tea.

Yesterday at the staff development day, we started to consider the direction we would like the school to take over the next three years. Our 2015 - 2017 School Plan will be used as the basis for decisions around professional learning, funding allocation, resource development and specific focus areas for student learning. If you have any suggestions, big or small, for things you would like to see happen at Alma, please contact the school (phone, email, letter, chat to your teacher etc). The main areas under consideration are curriculum, student leadership, community, student engagement and high expectations. Any and all input from parents and community members is most welcome.

We have the next rotation of URDH students at Alma. This term, we will have dietetics students as well as occupational therapist/speech students working with our students. This is a wonderful partnership that provides our kids with assessments that parents can follow up, if necessary.

Alma is always popular with university students undertaking their teacher training courses. We have three prac students in the school this term in KW, KM and at Bugdlie. Students doing a practicum are closely monitored and assessed by their host teacher as well as the executive in the school.

You will be aware that the legislation around preschools has changed significantly in the last few years. All the preschool staff have been working overtime to get our heads around the changes and to ensure that we are meeting the new legal requirements as well as providing a high quality learning experience in a safe environment for the children enrolled at Bugdlie.

During the holidays, we had some carpet removed and new timber-look flooring laid. There will be substantial funding invested in resources, furniture and staff training over the next 6 months or so. Some of the changes will also become evident near G Block where we hold our Preschool Transition Program. Next Tuesday, we are having a mock assessment, run by early childhood specialists from Sydney which will let us know what we are doing well and what we still need to work on, in preparation for the formal assessment which will probably happen later this term.

Week 3 this term is Education Week. Alma will not be holding anything specific for this BUT we will have: NAIDOC Day on Friday of Week 2, Choral Festival rehearsal in Week 2, NAIDOC assembly will be Week 3, Disco Week 2, Broken Hill Athletics Week 3 - so, a very busy couple of weeks for Alma students.

Glynis Lugnan
Principal
Next Friday 25th July we will be celebrating NAIDOC week with a day full of fun and activities.

Students will participate in several different activities. These include: storytelling, art, games, craft and healthy food. There will be a free sausage sizzle and continuous morning tea on the day.

Further information will be sent home soon

Everyone is welcome to come along on the day and join in the fun!

Alma Public School competed in various sporting events last term for the combined school’s Gala Days. Pictured are the Alma junior and senior boys soccer teams. Congratulations to all students who participate in these Gala Day events. Well done!
Barrier Schools Choral Festival 2014
Wednesday 30th July 2014

Where: Broken Hill Civic Centre
Morning Session 11.00am
Afternoon Session 1.00pm

Tickets: $5 Adults  $2 Children and Pensioners available at the door
Refreshments will be available to purchase during interval.

Choral Festival Rehearsal: Next Wednesday 23rd July

Uniforms
Please ensure your child has the full winter uniform requirements for the rehearsal day next Wednesday 23rd July and the performance day on Wednesday 30th July.

Uniform items, including pre-loved, can ONLY be purchased from the Uniform Shop during opening hours on Mondays and Thursdays from 2.30pm—3.15pm.

You can access the Alma Public School Website on www.alma-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Alma Public School 2015

Kindergarten

2015 Enrolments

Alma Public School is taking enrolments for the 2015 Kindergarten year.

Transition school activities will begin in early term 4.

Please pick up an enrolment form from the front office or contact the school on 80882181 for further information.

Bugdlie Preschool

2015 Enrolments

Bugdlie Preschool is now taking enrolments for 2015. We are offering two sessions for children turning four (4) by 31 July 2015 with priority given to Aboriginal children.

**Session 1** – Monday, Tuesday **8.45am – 2.45pm** and Wednesday **8.45am – 11.45am**

**Session 2** – Wednesday **12.15pm – 2.45 pm** and Thursday, Friday **8.45am – 2.45pm**

Enrolment Forms can be obtained from Alma Public School or you can contact the school on 8088 2181 for further information.

Please return applications by Friday 19th September to assist with processing.

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**Active After Schools Program**

Active after schools Program will start next week **Tuesday 22nd July**. Basketball will be Tuesday and baseball on Thursday. Enrolment forms will be sent home tomorrow and must be returned as soon as possible if you wish your child to participate.

This semester we would like to encourage our seniors to participate in the program especially those who do not play any club sports on the weekends. The Active After-Schools is a seven week Program. The program will finish on Thursday 4th September 2014.

S.Clark Coordinator

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**Healthy Munching and Jumping in Outback Schools**

This term, year 3/4 students will be taking part in the Healthy Munching and Jumping in Outback Schools program run by Natalya and Sally, dietetic students from the University of Sydney. The program will cover topics on healthy eating and physical activity. Keep an eye out for consent forms and questionnaires being sent home this week!
Please contact the school if your child is going to be away. A medical certificate is required for absences of 3 days or more.

Why is arriving at school on time important?

If your child misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education!

It helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine.

It ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert.

It gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore...

...reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption!

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and MUST be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence!

Missing school leaves gaps in your child’s education!
Looking for a fun night out?? Where it’s warm and cozy and you can spend time with your family and mates?

Come along to the PCYC Trivia Night on Saturday 26th July

Great prizes, loads of entertainment and an auction on the night!
Hosted by Laurie White & Dave Gallagher!

To register your team or to be a sponsor of the night - call 80873723 or email rmarks@pcycnsw.org.au
Get a group going for a great night of fun and laughs!

Researchers from the University of Queensland are conducting research into parenting of children with type 1 diabetes.

We are seeking parents of children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes to participate. Participation in this project will involve completing a survey, and a telephone interview.

The telephone interview includes questions on diabetes management tasks which parents of children with type 1 diabetes experience difficulty with, how parents think and feel about parenting a child with type 1 diabetes, and their preferences for assessing services to assist in dealing with these behaviours and tasks.

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like further information please email clin.roslyn.pay@uq.edu.au

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN KART CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BROKEN HILL

The Broken Hill Go Kart Club is hosting Round 3 of the South Australian Go Kart championships this weekend. This will be the biggest kart event in Broken Hill for more than 10 years and will bring competitors from many regions including Adelaide, Mildura and Whyalla.

Aidan and Adam will be competing at this exciting event over the 2 days of racing on the weekend. Both Saturday and Sunday commence with practice at 9.00am and racing finishes around 5.00pm.

The Go Kart Club is situated out on the Menindee Road, just before the railway tacks.

Entry: gold coin donation.
Canteen facilities will be available. Come for a great day and show your support.
Good luck Aidan and Adam!