Dear Parents and Community Members,

Last Friday was absolutely fabulous. Alma Public School celebrated NAIDOC Day in glorious weather, with a wonderful roll up of families and helpers. The damper was a huge success, as usual, and every activity was given a vote of approval by the children. The classroom displays were judged last Thursday and the winning classes were 3/4C and 1/2H. The teachers have won some additional release time and every member of those classes will be given an icy pole from the canteen. Thank you to Mrs Hinchey and her organising committee and to all those people who assisted with the BBQ, damper making, continuous morning tea. Once again, our NAIDOC celebrations were outstanding!

Our disco last Thursday was very well attended and we made $1000 profit towards the cost of sending our two basketball teams to Bathurst in two weeks time. Thanks to all those staff who helped run the disco and our P&C parents who served the food and ran the raffles.

This week is Education Week across the state. Alma students will be involved in a number of activities including the Choral Festival tomorrow, Broken Hill Athletics carnival on Thursday and Friday evening, and a Jeans for Genes fundraiser (gold coin donation) on Thursday. On Friday afternoon we will be having a major assembly to which you are all invited. We will have our normal class item and certificate presentation as well as the NAIDOC song and photo display. We’d love to see you there, starting at 2.00 pm.

Last night, all the staff attended a three hour professional learning session around the literacy continuum and the 2015-2017 school plan. The school plan is designed to articulate the direction of the school over the three years. Our three strategic directions are Teacher Quality, Learning and Student & Community Engagement.

Front office staff have also attended three hours of training, covering health procedures in the school and various aspects of the OASIS school management system.

All parents will be given an opportunity later this term and early next term, to attend a consultation meeting around the strategic directions – it will be your opportunity to have input into the programs and practices you would like to see at Alma Public School over the next three years. More information will be sent out at a later date.

Have a great week,

Regards
Principal
Glynis Lugnan
Last Friday we celebrated NAIDOC week with a day full of fun and activities. Students got to participate in several different activities, including: storytelling, art, games, craft and healthy food. There was a free sausage sizzle and continuous morning tea on the day. Thankyou to all students who wore their coloured shirts. It was a very fun and rewarding day for all! Below are some photos from the activities on the day.
More photos from our NAIDOC celebrations
Barrier Schools Choral Festival 2014

TOMORROW - 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.

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

80’s Mufti Day
Will be held on Thursday
7th August

Students are welcome to wear practical everyday clothes for a gold coin donation

Please note:
No inappropriate clothing or slogans permitted

Healthy Munching and Jumping in Outback Schools

This week the year 3/4 students officially start the Healthy Munching and Jumping in Outback Schools program with student Dietitians Sally and Natalya, with the first lesson covering what it means to be healthy. Parents should keep an eye out for consent forms being sent home, as well as homework that students will need help to complete!

Jeans for Genes Day This Thursday 31st July

Students are encouraged to wear jeans this Thursday 31st July. Please send a gold coin donation with each child to help fundraise for this great cause.

You can access the Alma Public School Website on
www.alma-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Broken Hill Athletics Carnival

FIELD EVENTS
THURSDAY 31st JULY
3:30pm
Burke Ward Oval

TRACK EVENTS
FRIDAY 1st AUGUST
9:30am
Picton Oval

Rolls will be marked at school before departing.

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 31st 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.
Active After School Program

Active after schools Program started on Tuesday 22nd July. Basketball will be Tuesday and baseball on Thursday. Enrolment forms have been sent home 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

Community News...

Change Of Date

The P&C Cookie Dough Collection day will now be on FRIDAY the 1st August not Thursday 31st August.
Time: 2.00pm-3.00pm
P&C Room—G Block
Please Note: All dough must be collected as it is frozen and there are no facilities to store them.

Time: Every second Thursday from 9AM – 10.45AM
Venue: ALMA Primary School, Broken Hill, G Block
Thursday 7th & 21st August
Thursday 4th & 18th September
PEDAL stands for Play, Explore, Discover And Learn.
PEDAL groups are open to all families with children aged 0-5.
Play stimulates learning. It helps children gain a strong sense of identity, connectedness and well-being while becoming confident learners and effective communicators. At PEDAL group play experiences are set up in a way that children choose activities and explore and use resources while being guided by their imagination and creativity.
Parents are encouraged to join into their child’s play.
What do you need to do?
Come in play clothes;
Provide a piece of fruit for a shared fruit platter at morning tea time;
Recycle and contribute resources (bottle lids, egg cartons, boxes);
Help out when you can (i.e. with preparation of morning tea, pack up).
Upon arrival sign in and collect your name tags.
Upon departure sign out.

For more information:
Phone or visit the team at CentaCare Wilcannia-Forbes
1/261 Argent Street
PO Box 159
Broken Hill NSW 2880
Phone: 08 8087 3477
Fax: 08 8087 2387

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

MOXIE drama classes
for Term 3
Start: Sunday 20th July
11.30am to 1.00pm.
Theatre 44, 189 Wills St.
Cost $15 per term.
Enquiries Marilyn Harris
8087 9585
Thank you Marilyn Harris