Dear Parents/Caregivers,

After such a beautiful weekend, the cold weather has returned with a vengeance. Please ensure your children have their school jumpers on, with their names written on them when they come to school in the morning. Many boys and girls arrive in very cold conditions without a jumper. Let’s hope the warm weather is just around the corner.

By now all parents should have received their school photos. The children look fantastic and our school is displayed in a great way.

Our Stage 3 excursion left on Sunday with a few tears (mainly from the parents) for Canberra. They arrived safely and are having a really good time. Tomorrow they are off to the snow which will be a new experience for many of the students. They also get to have a swim at the heated pool at Thredbo after they play in the snow. We look forward to including some photos in next week’s newsletter.

Some students from the excursion are travelling to Bathurst on Thursday evening to contest the Western Region Basketball Knockout Finals on Friday. Good luck to the players and Mrs DeGoumois. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the fundraising efforts over the past few weeks.

Miss Symons, Mrs Bassett-White and I attended an Early Childhood Conference on Sydney last week. We participated in 4 workshops and 2 keynote addresses on each of the two days. Our local Preschool-Year2 Initiatives Officer, Alison King, presented one of the workshops.

Some of the topics at the conference included:
- The importance of Play
- Leadership in the Preschool
- Documentation
- Learning Stories
- Provocations
- Assessment and Rating of the Preschool.

It was really a jam-packed couple of days and I would like to thank both Gemma and Katie for their enthusiasm and involvement.

Have a great week.

Regards
Glynis Lugnan
Principal
A School Captains Honour Board dating back to 2006 has been put up on the wall in Kester Hall. Pictured in front of the new board are 2014 School Captains Ryan Braes and Chloe Reeves.

**Library News**

**Book Week**

Come and celebrate book week with us!
On Wednesday 20th August 2014

- Students are invited to dress up as a book character!
- We are once again running a 2nd hand book sale. Donations for the sale would be greatly appreciated.
- Stay for lunch at 11am and enjoy a $2 sausage sizzle.
- Come and watch the Book Character Parade at Kester Hall at 11.50am.
- Join us in reading with your child in their classroom at 10.30am

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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 – 2.45pm 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.

Healthy Munching and Jumping in Outback Schools update
This week, Years 3-4 students discovered just how important it is to eat 2 fruit and 5 veggies every day. Students will set a personal goal around increasing their vegetable intake. Please have a look at what they set as their goal and sign off on this before next week. Students may also need help completing their homework for next week: boosting the veggies in an evening meal! Getting more fruit and veg into your diet is easy. check out http://www.gofor2and5.com.au for inspiration and ideas.

Congratulations to the selected students going to Bathurst this Friday to play PSSA basketball. Good Luck!!

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING
Parents/Carers are reminded that student school banking is held on WEDNESDAYS only. Student banking is managed by the P&C and is not collected on any other day.
**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.  

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**For more information:**  
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You can access the Alma Public School Website on  
www.alma-p.schools.nsw.edu.au