Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Last week was a very busy one for our senior students. Our Stage 3 students headed off to Canberra on Sunday evening for a five day visit. They were complimented on their excellent behaviour at many of the venues they visited. The day at the snow was a wonderful experience and the students and staff were blessed with a great winters day. Following the excursion, some students took a mini bus to travel to Bathurst, on Friday, where they contested the Western Region Basketball Knockout competition. Both the girls and boys team played off in the finals with the girls winning their game. Our boys were defeated in their game but played really well. The girls will return to Bathurst in 3 weeks to participate in the NSW State Basketball Knockout. They are in the top 8 school basketball teams and we wish them luck at this competition. The teams and Mrs DeGoumois would like to thank everyone who has assisted them in their fundraising ventures over the past few weeks.

This week we will be celebrating Book Week. There is a book sale in the library over the next couple of days and on Wednesday you are all invited to join in the activities that Miss Horwitz has planned. All parents are invited to come into the classrooms and read with our students. This will be followed by a Book Week character parade and a BBQ.

An issue that is becoming more prevalent is the impact of social media in our school. Senior students are accessing Facebook/Kick and Instagram on a regular basis and some issues arising from these sites are making their way back into our school. **Can parents be vigilant and regularly check what is being written by your students as there are some inappropriate posts occurring. Parents of students under 13 have an obligation to regularly check what your children are posting and receiving.**

I will be out of the school over the next three weeks while I attend the Regional Principals Conference in Dubbo and some long service leave until September 11th. While I am absent, Mrs DeGoumois will be the relieving Principal and Miss Marsh will be the relieving Assistant Principal.

Early next term I will be inviting all parents and carers to take part in a forum to determine the school plan for 2015 – 2017. I will arrange for a daytime and evening meeting so that everyone has the opportunity to have their say about what you would like to see at Alma over the next three years. More information will be sent out on my return from leave.

Have a great week,
Regards
Glynis Lugnan
Principal
**Student of the week**

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**Healthy Munching**

As part of the Healthy Munching and Jumping in Outback Schools program, Year 3-4 students learnt about how important water is to keep us healthy and how much water they need every day. Students will set a personal goal around choosing healthy drinks to have. Please have a look at what they set as their goal and sign off on this before next week. Students also have some homework for next week: keeping track of what and how much they drink for the next 6 days! Drinking more water is easy, take a look at [http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/home/factsheets/choose-water-as-a-drink.aspx](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/home/factsheets/choose-water-as-a-drink.aspx) for some ideas to help you drink more water.

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**Alma Public School**

**2015 Kindergarten Enrolments**

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

Transition school activities will begin early in term 4.

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

Last week selected students represented the PSSA basketball in Bathurst

Congratulations to the players on an outstanding performance with the girls taking out 1st place in the Western Region finals and securing a spot for the state knockout finals in Bathurst next month. The boy’s were terrific finishing 2nd in a tight competition.

Well done to all players. Alma is very proud of you!

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 8.45 - 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 the Alma Public School or you can contact the school on 80882181 for further information.

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

Boys Basketball Team
Brawley Brennan, Harrison Butcher, Mason Ferguson, Callum Langdon, Kyle Mahoney, Quinn Parker, Clancy Payne, Adam Slattery.

Girls Basketball Team
Olivia Gittoes, Olivia Harman, Ella Hosking, Bianca Johnstone, Shante King, Elyscia Mackiewicz, Chloe Reeves, Sammara-Lea Williams, Jazmine Ryan.
Important Canberra Excursion News

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

A refund will be made out to the students who attended the excursion.

Last week, some of Stage 3 went on their Canberra excursion with Mr Small, Mrs Kilday, Miss Arthur and Miss Jameson. All four teachers were extremely impressed with the behaviour of the students while they were away. Over the week, the students visited many important Canberra attractions and conducted themselves in a sensible, respectful manner. At Parliament House, the students participated in a role play to pass a bill and Callum did an excellent job of being Speaker.

On the second day, the students attended the Australian War Memorial and our School Captains, Ryan and Chloe laid a wreath for Alma during the ceremony at the end of the day. During this time, the students all showed their respect by standing up tall and quietly throughout the ceremony. Stage 3 were excellently behaved throughout their time at the Australian War Memorial.

The next day, the students and teachers made their way to Thredbo for a fun-filled day in the snow. Some of the teachers found themselves becoming targets during a snowball fight. Alma was very lucky while visiting Thredbo and were allowed to play in the tobogganing area, which had decent sized slope for them to play on. Students and teachers participated in races down the slope. It was a fantastic day and again the students were exceptionally well-behaved.

Overall it was an excellent excursion and all students who attended should be proud of the way they conducted themselves over the week.
Wonderful range of books available!

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.

Come and watch the Book Character Parade at Kester Hall at 11.50am.

Stay for lunch at 11am and enjoy a $2 sausage sizzle.

Book Sale Times

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Book Club News
The next Book Club order forms will be sent out this week. They are due back to school by Friday 29th August.

IMPORTANT! We cannot order - Build Discover, Survive! Mastering Minecraft - from Star Book Club item # 402. Scholastic are unable to supply the book due to unresolved contractual issues. This notice is for this specific title ONLY and does NOT affect any other Minecraft title that Scholastic sells.

Eisteddfod News
Eisteddfod is on Monday 25th August at the Entertainment Centre. Notes with further details have been sent home for students who will be attending in the Senior and Junior choirs.

Our 2nd hand book sale started today and is still on Wednesday and Thursday! All books cost $1.00 each. Special- buy 5 and get one free! Thank you to everyone who donated books!
DRAMA WORKSHOP
with actor
Tony Nikolakopoulos
from Stage School Australia
at Theatre 44
189 Wills St
Sat 13th and Sun 14th
September
4 sessions - Cost $50
($10 discount applies if
booked before the
6th September. Family
discount applies)
All primary, high school
and adults welcome.

Bookings & Inquiries:
Marilyn Harris
8087 9585
0413 905 038 or
thestudio@westnet.com.au

Commonwealth Respite
and Carelink Centre

Support Group
for carers of kids
with AUTISM

The Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre in
Conjunction with Stacey Evers would like to invite you our
very first meeting with carers of kids with Autism.
WHERE: Barrier Social Democratic Club
WHEN: Tuesday 2 Sep 2014
TIME: 10am-12.30pm
Morning Tea will be supplied.
Come along and chat with us and let us know what
information and support you would like.

Respite can be arranged to allow you to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

You have been sent this Carers Support Group Flyer as your details are held by the Far West
Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre. If you no longer wish to
receive this notification of upcoming Meetings or you wish to change your details please contact us on 1800 052 222

Local Freecall™
1800 052 222

The Reading Hour

The Reading Hour is a nation-wide event to promote the benefits of sharing a book with your child for just 10 minutes a day, an hour a week.

The Broken Hill City Library is joining with the nation for the reading hour on
Tuesday 19th August at 6pm—7pm.

Pyjama’s Craft Stories

Broken Hill City Library is celebrating

Pyjama’s
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