The countdown is on!

Preparations are well under way for the Alma Public School’s 125th Anniversary Celebrations which will be held on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th November 2014.

123 days to go!

If you were part of Alma Public School in any way or know of someone who was, please spread the word to your family and friends!

Oldest Alma student

We are looking for the oldest Alma student to be part of this celebration in November. Do you know someone who fits that description? If so, then we would love to know. Please contact the school on 08 8088 2181.

Opening the capsule

The time capsule will be opened during the celebrations and a new time capsule will be sealed. The new capsule will be opened in 2039 which will be the 150th Anniversary of Alma Public School. It will be a very exciting moment for past students when the capsule is opened.

How times change!

The Barrier Miner newspaper was first published in 1888 and served the growing mining community of Broken Hill when the area was the site of the first gold discovery, and later vast iron ore mines commenced by the Broken Hill Pty Co Ltd company. The newspaper was published by Henry Fenton, Augustus Sydney Knight and George Alfred Mills and was distributed to Broken Hill, Tibooburra, White Cliffs, Wilcannia, Menindee and Ivanhoe. The ‘Flashback’ articles that will appeared in this edition show just how much things have changed at Alma Public School since it was built.

Souvenirs for sale

Alma Public School is taking pre-orders for the souvenir items shown in the picture above. Pre-order information and order forms are available on the school’s website at www.alma-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Don’t forget to visit our Facebook page: Alma Public School Broken Hill NSW 125 Years 2014
From the Principal.....

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a wonderful morning of singing at the Entertainment Centre yesterday for the school’s section of the Eisteddfod. Both our infants and primary choirs looked magnificent in their school uniforms and sang beautifully. There were many glowing comments about our choirs. Congratulations to all students and to Miss Horwitz and Miss Marsh for your time and preparation of our choirs.

Last week we discussed issues arising from social media. It appears that on the Facebook page, “Broken Hill Citizen’s Right To Speak”, parents and community members are venting their disapproval of individual schools regarding bullying. Alma has an Anti-Bullying Policy that is accessible on the school website, www.alma-p.schools.nsw.edu.au or from the front office. If parents have any concerns regarding bullying, can they please come and make an appointment with the executive. This would enable them to discuss their concerns and allow us an opportunity to solve the problem, rather than taking it to Facebook. It is important that parents lead by example for their children and discuss the issues face to face with the appropriate school staff.

The KICK website is still causing concerns with the senior students. Can parents please check what your children are posting and receiving. It is relevant to be aware of what your children are posting when an employer can check Facebook before they hire a prospective employee. This is an important message for our students to understand.

On a happier note, there will be a 125 Year meeting on Monday 1st September at 4.30pm in the staffroom.

From the Principal (continued)

With only 11 weeks before this special occasion, we still have some planning to organise. Look forward to seeing you there.

Sharon DeGoumois
Principal (Relieving)

ALMA SPELLING BEE

In week 4 selected students from Years 3 to 6 participated in a school Spelling Bee competition. A big congratulations to all those students who came along and had a go! The winners on the day were:

Juniors: First place - Amy Harrap
Second place - Tayissa Smith

Seniors: First Place - Seth Brown
Second Place - Brawley Brennan

These students will be participating in Remote Schools Video Conference Final of the Premier’s Spelling Bee on Thursday the 11th of September. Well done and good luck!

Mrs Kilday and Miss Arthur

2014 Stage 2 Excursion

Expressions of Interest notes were sent home last week for the Stage 2 Excursion to Mutawintji and Kinchega National Park. No money is required until notes have been returned as sufficient numbers are needed for the excursion to go ahead. The expected cost of the excursion is approximately $85.00.

If you are interested in your child attending the Stage 2 excursion, please return the note to your child’s class teacher by this Friday 30th August.

14th December 1938
GOOD PROGRESS

Remarkable progress was made by the Parents and Citizens’ Association. From 18 members in 1937 it now has a membership of more than 150. The objective is a membership of 300. From the association’s funds more than 100 new library books have been purchased. Prizes valued at more than £5 had been provided.

2nd September 1947
WIRELESS AT ALMA SCHOOL

A wireless set has just been installed at the Alma School. A letter from the Principal (Relieving) explains:

A wireless set has just been installed at the Alma School. At tonight’s meeting of the P. and C. Association members will see and hear the set.

20th March 1953
Alma School Example

At Alma School six boys and seven girls have been nominated to attend the National Fitness Camps conducted by the physical education branch of the Department of Education. The camps will be held from April 16 until April 30, and the fee is £4/2 for boys and £4/7 for girls. Travelling expenses are additional. The girls’ camp, consisting of weatherboard lodges, is situated, at Point Wollstonecraft, 17 miles from Sydney, on the north shore of Broken Bay, and is approached by ferry from Hawkesbury River, 34 miles from Sydney. The children will follow a daily instruction in hygiene, physical culture and outdoor activities.

Assembly this Week
Friday
2.00pm
Kester Hall
5.45 Hosting
Bugdlie Preschool

OVERDUE FEES
All overdue fees for Bugdlie Preschool MUST be paid. Term 3 fees are due by Tuesday 16th September 2014.

If you are unable to pay due to financial difficulty, please contact the school to make an appointment with the Principal, Glynis Lugnan.

WHITE LEADS WETLANDS
Dragon Diagnostics
Selected Stage 2 students had the opportunity to participate in a field day study program to White Leads Wetlands today. The Leading program titled 'Dragon Diagnostics' is an authentic science investigation and examination of local place and offers the students the opportunity to investigate and explore just to name a few. The students will also participate in a field study with special focus on the inland bearded dragon.

Education Week 2014
BOOK FAIR SUCCESS!
Last week's Book Fair was a huge success with thanks to all the students and families who purchased books. It was wonderful to see parents come along and share reading activities with the children. Funds from the book sale will go towards the purchase of new books for the library.

P&C
FATHERS’ DAY STALL
Week 8 - Friday
5th September 2014
Next week, the P&C will be holding a Fathers' Day Stall on Friday. Gifts will be available for students to purchase with prices ranging from $1.00 to $6.00. Photo frames, mugs, calculators, tools, pens and hats are just some of the gifts that will be available for purchase on the day.

Note: This is also Footy Colours Mufti Day for gold coin donation.

Healthy Munching and Jumping in Outback Schools
This week in the Healthy Munching and Jumping in Outback Schools program, year 3-4 students learnt about what and how much food they should be having every day to stay healthy and how much 'sometimes' food they're allowed to have. Students have homework on seeing what and how much they eat for dinner over 2 days and a personal goal to set around meeting recommended serve sizes. Please have a look at what they set as their goal and sign off on this before next week. For more information, check out http://www.eatforhealth.gov.au/food-essentials/how-much-do-we-need-each-day.

2014 BROKEN HILL ATHLETICS
The Broken Hill Athletics competition was held earlier this term. A number of Alma students competed at this event and put in a fine effort. Bianca Johnstone, who was also one of the talented girls' basketball players (pictured above) also won the 11year girls Broken Hill Athletics Age Champion.

Congratulations Bianca!

BOOKS FOR ALMA SCHOOL
The Alma School library has had many additions during the last two or three months. Through the donations received from the P and C, the Zinc Corporation and the New Broken Hill Consolidated mines and the efforts of the school children the sum of £60 was raised for new books. Over 300 new books have been added.

ALMA SCHOOL PETS DAY
The annual Alma School pets' day will be held in the school grounds next Saturday, October 15. Besides the pets there will be prizes for dolls, best decorated bicycles, scooters, perambulators and carts. There will also be a soap box derby.

More than £16 was raised by an ugly man competition conducted at the Alma School recently. Mr. L. Coles was the winner, and the remaining entrants finished in the following order: Messrs. Byrne, Slee, Kenny, Townsend and Maiden. All contestants were members of the male teaching staff of the school. The headmaster (Mr. W. F. Kenny) presented Mr. Coles with a silver cup at an assembly of the school on Wednesday morning.
Next Week at Alma...

**FUNDRAISER**

**Footy Colours Day**

Next Week, Friday 5th September 2014

Children may come to school dressed in their favourite footy colours. No inappropriate clothing, slogans or footwear is to be worn.

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**ENROLMENTS**

**2015 KINDERGARTEN**

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.

**2015 BUGDLIE PRESCHOOL**

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.*

**SILVER CITY SHOW Colour-In Competition**

All students are eligible to enter the 2014 Silver City Show colour-in competition. Entry forms were distributed during Week 6 and Week 7. More entry forms are available from the front office. Entries are due back to school by next Friday 5th September.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PCYC Blue Light PJ & Onesie Party**

Saturday 30th August from 6.30-8.00pm for kids aged 5-12 years

Cost: $4.00 per person

Dress in your PJ's or Onesies!

Lots of games and prizes! Canteen facilities available. Fully supervised including police presence. No pass outs. No smoking. No alcohol. Broken Hill PCYC - 58 Gypsum Street

Phone: 8087 3723

**MENINDEE 2014 FISHING CHALLENGE**

Saturday 6th September 2014

Fishing 8am - 5pm

Sunday 7th September 2014

Fishing 8am - 1pm

Camp Oven Cook Off

Sunday 12.00pm - 2.30pm

Markets - Family Activities

Crick Park - Bank Fishing Only

Food & Refreshments available each day. Early Registration at Menindee Rural Transaction Centre 08 8091 4392 from Monday 1st September 2014 - OR - on the day at Crick Park.

Adults $10—Children U16 $5 (parental permission required with supervision on the days of fishing)

*All fishing laws and requirements are to be adhered to.*

Major sponsor: Menindee Lakes Caravan Park.

Proudly supported by Menindee, Broken Hill & Sunraysia businesses and individuals. Proceeds to Menindee community projects. Organised by CDSC Menindee Development Committee (s355)

Over $4000 in prizes

Alcohol free event

16th October 1909

**ALMA SCHOOL DISPLAY**

The third annual display in connection with the Alma Public School will take place on the Oval, South Broken Hill on Tuesday afternoon next. The usual exercises in physical drill, maypoles, dumbbells, clubs swinging, etc, will comprise the programme, and the presence of the American Boys will add to the attractiveness of the display.

14th December 1938

**ALMA SCHOOL FUNCTION**

The Alma School held a break-up concert in the Metropole Theatre this afternoon when the headmaster (Mr. Kenney) read his annual report and prizes and trophies were awarded. The headmaster’s report showed that during the year 346 pupils had been enrolled, but 41 had left either to go to other schools or to start work. The year closes with 305 pupils on the roll.

Referring to the attendance, Mr. Kenney said that it had been most satisfactory during the year, but pointed out emphatically that parents who kept their children from school without good reason were falling down on their duty. Two pupils, Edward McDonald and George Pascoe, had not missed a day from school this year, and received special prizes.