Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a wonderful and busy week at Alma Public School with another fabulous week to come. We would like to thank our P&C for hosting a fabulous Fathers’ Day breakfast and stall. It was fantastic to see so many families attending with their children and a great way to start a weekend that celebrates the important male role models in our lives.

Many Alma Public School students have been showcasing their amazing talents around our state. Congratulations to our students who competed in the Broken Hill/Sunraysia Barrier Athletics Carnival. Abbey Chaplain, Kendra Bug-my Imogen Jeffery, Mason McCully, B-Jay Adams, Destiny Wheatley, Jazmine Ryan, Chloe Reeves and Bianca Johnstone all competed as representatives from Alma Public School at this carnival with a number of them now being eligible to go on to compete at state level in an upcoming Sydney carnival.

Our Girls’ Basketball Team, coached by Mrs Sharon DeGoumois, have also made us all feel very proud with their efforts to win the state championship held in Bathurst on Monday.

Even though Term 3 is nearing completion, this week brings many more exciting activities.

We will be having another disco on Thursday night in the school hall.

Preschool to Year 2 students will be able to attend from 5-6pm and students in Years 3-6 are asked to join us from 6-8pm. There will be a $2.00 entry fee and snacks available to purchase.

Friday, September 12th, 2014, is a very busy day for Alma Public School. Our P-2 Athletics Carnival will be held on Alma Oval this Friday along with many of our students, in Years 3-6, attending sporting gala days. Please remember sunscreen and hats for these events.

Due to such a busy day, our last assembly for the term has been postponed until Friday, 19th September, 2014, which also happens to be the last day of Term 3. We look forward to seeing you all at these upcoming events.

Katie Bassett-White
Assistant Principal (Relieving)

Congratulations!!!!

The excitement was felt through the simple words attached to the photo below in an email received by Mrs DeGoumois yesterday afternoon: “Alma are the state knockout champions. Yah are we excited!”

Congratulations to our senior girls’ basketball team who won the state basketball competition in Bathurst. The team won the final game with a victorious score of 49 to 29! The girls and Mrs DeGoumois are very excited with their win and have done Alma Public School and Broken Hill proud!

The winning team is pictured above right. Back: Shante King, Chloe Reeves, Sammarah-Lea Williams, Jazmine Ryan, Olivia Gittoes Front: Ella Hosking, Olivia Harman, Elyscia Mackiewicz, Bianca Johnstone, Mrs DeGoumois (Coach)

CANTEEN

Help is URGENTLY needed in the canteen on Fridays from 8.30am to 2.00pm.

Friday is the busiest day for the canteen and Julie Holmes, our canteen manager, is currently operating Fridays on her own. It would be a shame if it wasn’t able to open due to lack of helpers. Special events and fundraisers usually occur on a Friday and the canteen helpers also take pride in dressing up on some of these days to the delight of the children. If we are able to get more than one helper, then an alternate weekly roster could be put in place. Please see Julie in the canteen or contact the school on 8088 2181 urgently if you are able to help!
Footy Colours Day
Cancer Fundraiser Success
The footy colours day held last Friday raised $105.40. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Special thank you also to the management and staff from Pepes who donated their patrons donations of $376 to bump Alma’s tally up to a grand total of $486.40. THANK YOU!

Stage 2 Excursion
Kinchega and Mutawintji National Parks
Notes were sent home yesterday with Stage 2 students for the excursion to Kinchega and Mutawintji National Parks. Students will visit Kinchega National Park on the 16th October and Mutawintji National Park the following week on the 23rd October. A non-refundable deposit of $40.00 is due by Wednesday 17th September (next week) with the final balance of $45.00 required by Friday 10th October, which is the first week back after the coming school holidays.

Healthy Munching and Jumping in Outback Schools
This week is the last lesson in the Healthy Munching and Jumping in Outback Schools program, where Year 3-4 students have investigated the importance of healthy meals and snacks!

Students have a homework interview with a family member and have to talk to a parent/carer about how to change a meal or snack to make it healthier. They also have a personal goal on healthy food choices. Take a look at their goal and sign it off before next week if they’ve given it a go!

Remind students to hand in their folder, so stamps can be counted and prizes given out! If folders are not handed in the final week on party day, they can miss out on a prize.

For more information on healthy snacks for kids, check out:

Alma’s Got Talent!
Thursday 18th September
11.40am - 1.20pm
Roll up...Roll up!
Alma’s Got Talent is on again next week! Students from Alma have been practising for the chance to showcase their talent. The event will be held in Kester Hall between 11.30am and 1.20pm.
All Welcome!

Disco!
This Thursday
11th September
Preschool - Year 2
5.00pm to 6.00pm
Year 3 to Year 6
6.00pm to 8.00pm
$2.00 Entry

There will be no assembly this Friday due to the P-2 Sports Day and the 3-6 Gala Day. The final assembly for Term 3 will be held next Friday, 12th September.
P&C
FATHERS’ DAY
BREAKFAST
AND STALL
What a fantastic day last Friday! It was wonderful to see so many fathers and grandfathers celebrating their special day with the students at the Fathers’ Day breakfast.

The P&C Fathers’ Day stall was also a HUGE success, raising over $1,400! There was such an overwhelming response that the P&C would like to apologise for not being able to allow the students to spend as much as they would have liked in order to have enough gifts for all the classes. Thank you for the wonderful support!
A great time was had by all at the fathers' day breakfast!
COMMUNITY NEWS

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3,5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and the USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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Did you know it’s only 66 sleeps until the 125th Anniversary Celebrations start at Alma Public School?

Don’t forget you can also visit our Facebook page: Alma Public School Broken Hill NSW 125 Years 2014