Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back. Term 4 is already shaping up as another busy one.

The Stage 2 excursion heads off this week to Lake Cullulleraine with Mr Lardner, Miss Townsend and Ms Bassett-White. Have a wonderful time, everyone. I look forward to hearing all about your adventures on your return.

This morning I met with the Learning and Engagement Officer from District Office to discuss the next steps in the establishment of the Multi Categorical class at Alma in 2016. We are doing the necessary paperwork to ensure that things run smoothly from Day 1.

The plans for our Health Hub, to be built on the old principal’s residence site, are on display in the school foyer. It is hoped that building will commence before the end of the year. Fingers crossed!

Kinder Orientation begins tomorrow afternoon in Kester Hall. Prospective new families have been given the details and we look forward to welcoming all our 2016 Kindergarten students.

This week we say goodbye to Miss Chelcie Staker who has been supporting our preschool children since the beginning of last year. Chelcie is heading to Mildura to take up study for her degree in Early Childhood—she will eventually be able to run a preschool herself. Congratulations on your acceptance into the course, Chelcie. We are grateful for your work and wish you nothing but the best.

We also welcome Miss Jessica Parker who is replacing Miss Marsh when she heads off on maternity leave this week. Miss Marsh is due in about a fortnight and Miss Parker will be taking the 5/6 D class for the rest of the term.

Congratulations to Mr Small and his wife on the birth of Archie at the very end of last term. Mother and baby doing well—father is still grinning.

In the last week of the holidays, I attended a four day workshop in Melbourne with 8 of my colleagues from around Broken Hill and the Far West, including Ms Bassett-White. The workshop was run by David Langford. David is a world-renowned quality learning specialist. His views were challenging, stimulating, sometimes affirming and certainly open to robust discussion. It was an intensive week of training but well worth giving up my holidays for.

Have a great week,

Regards

Glynis Lugnan
PRINCIPAL

Term 4 Highlights

Some of the events that will be happening this term are listed below. Dates of events and more information will be published when available.

- Kindergarten 2016 Orientation Visits
- Stage 2 Excursion
- Healthy Harold
- Gold Rewards Day
- Year 6 Farewell
- Presentation Day
- P&C Major Raffle
- Party Day

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No Assembly this Week

THIS WEEK AT ALMA

Wednesday 7th
- Stage 2 Excursion Departs

Friday 9th
- Kinder Orientation 1.50pm-2.50pm
- Stage 2 Excursion Returns

NEXT WEEK AT ALMA

Wednesday 14th
- Kinder Orientation 9.30am-10.30am

Friday 16th
- Assembly 2.00pm - 5-6C Hosting
STAGE 2 EXCURSION - LAKE CULLULLERAINÉ
Wednesday 7th October - Friday 9th October

The Stage 2 Excursion to Lake Cullulleraine departs tomorrow morning.

Students will need to be at school by 6.00am sharp ready for departure
The expected arrival time for the return on Friday is 3.00pm

Kindergarten Orientation/Parent Information
For students entering school in 2016

Visit 1 for students commencing Kindergarten in 2016 will be held tomorrow
Wednesday 7th October from 1.50pm to 2.50pm

1.50 to 2.00 Parents and children meet in Kester Hall.
2.00 to 2.30 Information session for parents (children spend time with Kindergarten and Preschool teachers in the Hall: craft activity)
2.30 to 2.50 Afternoon tea-provided by school

Further visits will be held on the following dates:
Visit 2: Wednesday 14th October 9.30am - 10.30am
Visit 3: Wednesday 21st October 1.50pm - 2.50pm
Visit 4: Wednesday 28th October from 10.00am
Visit 5: Wednesday 4th November 9.30am - 10.30am

Out & About at Alma

Mr & Mrs deVries
Congratulations and all the best for the future

Alma's Got Talent!
Students had a chance to showcase their talent in the Alma’s Got Talent Competition which was held on the last day of Term 3. There were some amazing acts and the entertainment was a delight to all who attended.

Congratulations to the following winners!

K-2 Winner: Emily DeGoumois and Piper Spencer for their dance item ‘Wakka Girls’
K-2 Highly Commended: Lila, Maddison, Abbey, Millie & Stephanie for their dance item ‘Wings’
Yr 3-6 Winner: Ella McLeod & Shayla Stephens for their gymnastics item ‘Where’s the party’
Yr 3-4 Highly Commended: Brooke Westley for her singing of ‘Fight songs’

Thank you to Mrs deVries for organising Alma’s Got Talent and to all students who participated.
Alma Public School is taking enrolments for the 2016 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 is now taking enrolments for 2016. We are offering two sessions with priority given to Aboriginal children.

**Session 1** – Monday and Tuesday **8.45am – 2.45pm.** This session is for:

- Indigenous children aged three years by 31st July 2016* and
- Children turning four by 31st July 2016 who are accessing other Preschool/Day Care services.

*Please note children must be three years of age and toilet trained before commencing at Bugdlie Preschool. Enrolments can be taken prior to children turning three however they must be three years of age to attend the service.

**Session 2** – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday **8.45am – 2.45pm.** This session is for children turning four (4) by 31st July 2016 who are not accessing other Preschool/Day Care services.

Enrolment Application 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 18th September 2015 to assist with processing. Confirmation of enrolment will be provided to families by Friday 11th December 2015.

If you know any friends or neighbours who have children ready to start, can you pass this information on to them. If you will be leaving Alma at the end of the year, please inform the school by calling to the front office or phoning 8088 2181.
Fairy Tale Spectacular 2015

Songs from Frozen Fever, Snow White, Mary Poppins, The Descendants, HS Musical and others. All in costume.

Theatre 44
Saturday 17th Oct 7.30pm
Sunday 18th and Sunday 25th October at 2.00pm. Tickets at door.
Adults $15, Concession $10

Winter is over…..Spring has arrived…..and summer is on the way! We are enforcing the rule NO BUCKET HAT NO PLAY IN THE SUN - Caps will not be accepted.

Children who are not wearing a hat will be confined to shade areas. Our climate can be extremely hot and all children need to be wearing hats for their own safety.

Hats are $10.00 and can be purchased from the Uniform Shop or the Front office.

Reminder...
Please ensure any outstanding Preschool fees are paid

2015-16 FAR WEST ACADEMY NETBALL TRIALS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Athletes that reside in the Far West Region (ie area bounded by Lake Cargelligo-Lightning Ridge-Trangie-Broken Hill)
Athletes must turn 13 - 16 years of age in 2016 (i.e. born from 2000-2003)

BROKEN HILL
When Saturday 10th October 2015
Where Broken Hill Netball Courts, Wolfram Street, Broken Hill
Time 8am – 12:00pm

OR

WARREN
When Sunday 11th October, 2015
Where Warren Sporting Cultural Centre, Victoria Park, Udora Road, Warren
Time 11am – 3.00pm

Athletes only need to attend the trial that is closest to them.

Transport
Athletes are required to coordinate their own travel to attend trials. The Academy suggests car pooling where possible.

What to bring
Netball training gear, quality training shoes, water bottle, towel, tape for strapping if required, Lunch & Snacks.

How to enroll
For further information or to enroll please contact the Far West Academy of Sport
Phone (02) 6047 3638
Fax (02) 6047 3651
Email programs@fwas.com.au

Additional information
The Academy may use the first training day to finalise the 2015/16squads.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE
Friday 9th October 2015

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