Dear parents and community members,

Thank you to all the parents who gave us positive feedback following the lockdown last week. We really appreciate your comments. Thanks also to Mrs DeGoumois and Mrs Morgan who managed the incident so well, including the parent and student information, notifications to the Safety & Security Hotline and police. Incidents like this are fortunately rare and I commend students for their sensible behaviour when the lockdown was enacted.

The Book Fair is on this week. Every class had an opportunity today to view the books that are available. They will be on sale for the next three days before school, and during both breaks.

Sometimes when children get upset, frustrated, angry or bored, they leave the teacher’s supervision without permission e.g. they walk out. This seems to be suddenly on the rise, and we are dealing with walkouts on a regular basis. Teachers have a legal responsibility to supervise all students, and when one leaves the classroom or the school, it disrupts the whole class while the teacher manages the situation and / or may put the student in harm’s way. Some students walk out to avoid doing their work or because they are having issues with another student. There are alternatives to walking out e.g. tell the teacher, ask for permission, ask for some ‘down time’ etc. We are treating these walk outs very seriously—from tomorrow, new protocols are in place.

If a student leaves a supervised area without permission:

1. The student will spend the rest of the day in the front office, with appropriate work. This means no playground time and no return to the class for the day. If the incident occurs late in the day, the student will be required to spend the following day in the front office.
2. The student’s parents will be phoned.
3. If another walk out occurs, the parents will be asked to attend a face to face interview. A third walk out may result in suspension.

There is a large cardboard box outside the office for donations for the White Elephant Stall. Toni will collect donations at the end of each day.

The Executive and I are currently looking at staffing for next year. With three maternity leaves to cover, special education and SLSO positions to fill as well as several school-based initiatives to staff, we are already signing contracts for temporary staff for 2016. At this stage, it looks like we will have two Kinder, three Year 1/2, three Year 3/4 and two 5/6 classes. Our Preschool will operate a two day 3 year old group for Aboriginal children and children accessing other services and a three day 4 year old group.

None of this is locked in yet but we are hopeful that we maintain or grow our enrolments to allow this configuration.

Regards
Glynis Lugnan
PRINCIPAL
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Saturday 5th December
Alma Float
Theme: ‘Christmas Presents’
Children wishing to be part of the Alma float in the Christmas Pageant can come dressed in Christmas clothing. More information will be sent home when available.

Is your family leaving Broken Hill in 2016?
If your family is leaving town and your child/ren will no longer be attending Alma Public School in 2016, please contact the school on 8088 2181 to assist us with class organisation for next year.

Photos from the P & C Halloween Disco

Alma Public School and the canteen would like to thank Brock Cicak’s family for kindly donating apricots to our canteen.

Preschool Fees must be paid by the 27th November 2015

Remember!
**Book Fair**

We are having a Scholastic Book Fair this week.

There will be a fantastic range of books, posters and stationery to choose from. All purchases will benefit our school!

A preview day was held today for all students to make a wish list before sales begin which will help you in knowing how much money to send to school with your child for their purchases.

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**You could win a book!**

When you purchase an item from the Book Fair you will go into a draw to win a book!

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**Ulysses Toy Run - Donations Wanted!**

The Ulysses Motorcycle Club will be helping Santa to collect donations of hamper items and new or used toys that are complete. Please dig deep and see if you are able to assist other families to have a good Christmas. Donations can be brought in to the front office.

We will be coming to Alma Public School on Friday 4th December

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**LINDFIELD FUNDRAISER**

Please help us raise money for the kids to go to Lindfield by purchasing a yummy treat Thursday

Most goodies only 50c
5 different MMs cookies
Marshmallow Cones
Cakes and Slices

Guess how many Jellybeans in a jar
50c per guess Drawn 20th November
**Major Gold Coast Holiday Raffle**

The P & C would like to thank the families that have supported this fundraiser. **The raffle will be drawn 8th December during the Alma Presentation Day, Whitehouse Convention Centre at 12.00pm.**

Someone in the Broken Hill Community will win this raffle. Booklets of 10 or 20 tickets are still available. Please help support the P & C. All money raised will go to the Multi-Purpose Sports Court. **Please return tickets and money to the school BEFORE December 1st.**

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**White Elephant Stall**

The P&C are after goods to sell at the ‘White Elephant’ stall at the fete on the 19th November (next week). If you have anything to donate (toys, clothes, household items, books etc) please contact **Toni on 0409 756 972** or **Chrissie on 0439 186 297**. We can arrange for pick-up or items can be left outside the school office.

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**P & C Fete**

Stall holders are wanted for our fete on **19th November**. 
Bring your own table. **$15.00 per site.**
**Contact Anita 0447 885 786**
or **Chrissy 0439 186 297**

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**Hamburgers and Baked Potatoes**

Don’t forget to check out the Canteen on Fete day. Delicious hamburgers and baked potatoes will be on sale.

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**BROKEN HILL Y’s Men’s club SANTA LETTERS**

The Broken Hill Y’s Men’s Club would like to ask ALL of the Children in Broken Hill and Surrounding Districts to post their letter to SANTA early this year as Santa is VERY busy at this time of Year.

The Santa letter boxes are out waiting for YOUR letter at the following locations:

- **TOWN n COUNTRY CYCLES 411 ARGENT STREET**
- **YMCA 78 Chloride St**
- **YMCA AQUATIC CENTER 336 McCULLOCH ST**
- **South Post Office Patton Street**