Dear Parents and Community members,

Congratulations to all the award recipients at yesterday’s Presentation Day. It was wonderful to see all the parents and family members join us to celebrate this special day. Our choirs sang beautifully and our outgoing school captains, Connor and Olivia, and vice-captains, Harry and Ella, performed their duties admirably. Congratulations to our 2016 Captains and Prefects (see page 2).

It doesn’t matter how carefully we plan or how often we double check the organisation of days like this, there will always be something that gets missed….I didn’t sign some of the Presentation Certificates. My apologies. If you would like to have them signed, please bring them to the office.

Last night the Year 6 students had their Farewell Dinner with their parents. What a lovely evening. The kids looked great and it was an absolute pleasure to share their stories of Alma.

Next week, we will be recognising students with excellent behaviour records on our Gold Day. Full supervision will be in place for those students remaining at school. There will be a free BBQ at lunchtime for ALL students.

This Friday is mufti day for the school, to raise funds for the Junior AECG who are planning a bush tucker garden and ‘yarning circle’. Gold coin donation, please.

Stage 3 are having their party day on Friday this week. All other stages are having their party on Tuesday next week. **School finishes on Wednesday 16th December at 3 pm. Students in Year 1-6 return on Thursday, February 4th.** I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break.

Glynis Lugnan
Principal

The staff of Alma Public School would like to wish everybody a fantastic Christmas and happy New Year!!
The Alma Public School Captains and Prefects for 2016 were announced at the school’s Annual Presentation Day which was held at the Whitehouse Convention Centre yesterday.

**CAPTAINS**
- Danika Hoskins, Campbell Quintrell

**VICE CAPTAINS**
- Imogen Jefferies, B-Jay Adams

**PREFECTS**
- Ella Knowles, Shakur Johnson, Jorja Bray, Jake McDonald, Kendra Bugmy, Shaina Burns

**HELPERS MORNING TEA**
Friday 11th December at 11.00am - Alma Public School Staff Room
A morning tea will be held in the Staff Room for parents / caregivers who assisted in any way at Alma Public School throughout the year.

**Christmas Mufti Day**
This Friday 11th December
Come dressed in your Christmas attire for a gold coin donation Christmas theme fundraiser for the Junior AECG

**2016 Start Dates**
- **Year 1 - Year 6**
  - Thursday 4th February
- **Preschool**
  - Monday 8th February  
  (as per sessions)
- **Kindergarten**
  - Monday 8th February

**Kindergarten 2016 Best Start Testing**
Kindergarten Best Start Testing will be held next year on Thursday 4th February, Friday 5th February and Monday 8th February by appointment times.
If your child is commencing Kindergarten in 2016 and you have not yet received a Best Start appointment time, please contact the school on 8088 2181 as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Ella McLeod’s dad Aaron McLeod who won the P&C Major Gold Coast Holiday Raffle which was drawn yesterday at the Alma Public School Presentation Day.
Farewell to Year 6 Students
The staff and students of Alma Public School would like to farewell all the Year 6 students and wish them the best of luck and every success as they graduate from Year 6 into High School in 2016.

The Year 6 Farewell was held in Kester Hall last night. The hall looked wonderful with thanks to the P&C. Thank you to all Year 5 parents/carers, staff, community members and students who assisted in any way from decorating to organising the cake, making salads, cooking the BBQ, serving and cleaning up.

Junior Choir

From the garden...
A huge thank you to all students, staff and families who dressed up in their Christmas cheer and braved the extremely hot weather to participate in the 2015 Christmas Pageant. Special thanks to Angela Langdon and Julie Holmes for organising the float and a big thank you to Travis Casey for the loan of the car and trailer and to Chris Bray for driving.

The Ulysses Toy Run is always a highlight of Term 4 and creates a lot of excitement for the students. A big thank you to all the students, families and staff for the support in making Christmas special to those less fortunate.
Today, Alma Public School has a visit from retired Sydney Rabbitoh player Beau Champion. Beau spoke to Years 3 - 6 students about his rugby journey, highlighting his drive to be a rugby player at school. He was well received by the students who also had the opportunity to ask questions and get an autograph.

Borrowing has finished and all books are now due back. Please check if you have any library books at home and return to the library as soon as possible.

Gold Level Rewards Day

Monday 14th December

The Gold Level Rewards Day will be held on Monday at the Broken Hill Silver City Cinema, followed by a BBQ at Alma Public School. There is no cost for this excursion. FREE return bus travel will be provided for students to the cinema.

Requirements: Students need to wear their “mufti” clothes and bring water bottle to the cinema. Popcorn will be provided to the students.

Activities: Students will watch the G rated movie, ‘Inside Out’ at the Broken Hill Cinema. This will be followed by a FREE BBQ lunch for all students at Alma Public School. There will be organised activities at school with the BBQ commencing at approximately 12.30pm.

Permission Notes Must Be Returned as Soon as Possible

Parents are most welcome to join in the afternoon games at school.
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.

Alma Public School and Bugdlie Preschool are currently accepting enrolments for 2016. Please call to the Alma administration office to pick up enrolment forms. For any enquiries, please contact the school on (08) 8088 2181

Canteen will be opened right up to the last day of term with limited stock. Thank you to all volunteers, staff and families who have supported the canteen throughout 2015. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Julie Holmes - Canteen Convenor

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Only 16 Sleeps ‘til Christmas! Time certainly does fly!

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