Dear Parents and Community Members,

**AFL Mini Visit**
Today students from Stage 1 and Stage 2 had the opportunity to participate in a mini AFL clinic.

**School Exchange**
Miss Jameson and Miss Townsend held a teleconference with Lindfield Public school located in the northern Sydney area. Stage 2 will be engaging in a range of activities between the two schools culminating in an excursion later in the program.

**AFL PSSA**
Congratulations go to Adam Slattery, Aidan Slattery, Marcus Purcell and Harry Butcher who have been selected as members of the PSSA AFL team. Well done!

**P&C Meeting**
A P&C meeting will be held tomorrow night in the P&C room in G Block commencing at 7.00pm. The Alma P&C are a very friendly, approachable group. Being involved in the P&C helps give insight to the many activities that are undertaken throughout the year and welcome anyone who would like to attend.

**Assembly this Week**
There will be a short assembly this week where our school leaders will be acknowledged.

**Dr Jonathon Welch Workshop**
Dr Jonathon Welch Workshops will be held as part of the Broken Hill Fringe Festival in early March. Information is attached at the end of this newsletter if you are interested in attending. Please inform the school by this Friday 20th February so we can add you to the register.

Regards
Glynis Lugnan
PRINCIPAL
The first assembly for 2015 will be held this Friday in Kester Hall. Kester Hall is located towards the Wilson Street end of the school grounds. Everyone is welcome to come along to the assemblies. The assemblies are hosted by the prefects and/or classes and a notice will go in the newsletter to let you know when the assembly will be on and who will be the hosts.

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Library News

Library is taught by Miss Horwitz on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Students are encouraged to return and borrow their books during their class lesson or during first break. All students need to use a library bag when borrowing. Kindergarten is allowed to borrow one book. Years 1 - 6 are allowed to borrow 2 books.

When is my Library day?

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Book Club

Book Club orders are due back by Friday 20th February.

We are now using the new LOOP Ordering system. This replaces the online credit card payment system previously used. Alternatively, you may still return your orders to the school with correct change.

Scan the QR code to watch a tutorial on how to order using LOOP.

Kellie Treloar

A huge THANK YOU is extended to Kellie Treloar who has recently retired after many years as an executive member of the Alma P&C Association.

Urgent!

It is extremely important for the safety and welfare of your children that a form is filled out for EACH child in the family that attends Alma Public School.

The Student Information and Long Term Permission Notes were due back to school last Friday. It is a matter of URGENCY that these forms are returned to the school. More forms are available from the front office if required.

2014 Browzer’s Presentation Day Gift Vouchers

All Browzer’s vouchers received from the 2014 Presentation Day MUST be redeemed by Saturday 28th February. Vouchers will be invalid after this date.
PEDAL PLAYGROUP
AT ALMA
PEDAL playgroups are open to all families with children 0 – 5 yrs.
Play experiences are set up for children to choose and explore the resources using their imagination and creativity, giving them a strong sense of identity and becoming confident learners and effective communicators. Parents are encouraged to join in their child’s play.
The dates for Alma PEDAL Term 1:
Thursday 19th February,
Thursday 5th & 19th March
Thursday 2nd April
Time: 9am – 10.45am
Venue: Alma School, G Block
Cost: FREE
Please come in play clothes and bring a piece of fruit to share at morning tea.
For any information please call Meg at CentaCare 80873477.

‘Little Beats’ Music Lessons
Simon from Music Stars is now running music lessons under his own business in his studio. 'Little Beats' will be running individual and group lessons in keyboard and guitar. He hopes to see old faces as well as new ones. Each class runs 30 minutes, $10 for group and $20 for individual lessons.
You can contact him on 0419 116 513. Lessons commence February 16th.

School Banking
Starts TOMORROW
Wednesday
18th February
A P&C member will be under the COLA from 8.30am to collect your child’s school banking.
Children need to have an account with the Commonwealth Bank.
Please remember to complete the deposit form and let your child know to bring the book and their money in on Wednesday.
This is a great way for your children to learn to save.
BROKEN HILL FRINGE
DR JONATHON WELCH WORKSHOP

The Broken Hill Fringe Committee cordially invites you to a workshop to be conducted by Dr Jonathon Welch, renowned opera singer and creator of the Choir of Hard Knocks.

As a result of the workshop Jonathon will assemble and conduct a choir of local residents who will perform at the "Family Picnic in the Park" event which will be held in Patton Street Park on Saturday, 7th March 2015. If you like to sing come along and be part of the Broken Hill Choir of Hope and Inspiration. The workshop will be held over two days and is a free event.

Where: Philharmonic Hall (Cnr Crystal and Sulphide Streets)
Times
10.00 am-1.00 pm - Friday, 6th March &
11.00 am-2.00 pm - Saturday, 7th March 2015 (please note that this time slot differs from the Fringe Program due to circumstance)

If you are interested in attending, please contact the school on 8088 2181 or call to the front office BY THIS FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY so we can add you to the register.

Jonathon Welch Sings the Great Tenor Classics

Enjoy an evening with Jonathon at the Regional Art Gallery on Friday, 6th March 2015.

Time: 5.30 pm-7.00 pm
Cost: $20 per person which includes nibbles.

Tickets are on sale at the Regional Art Gallery, 404/408 Argent Street (Cash payment only). Numbers are limited, to avoid disappointment please purchase your tickets soon.