Dear Parents and Community Members,

Alma School App
This week is the launch of the new Alma Public School mobile phone app. We are very excited as the app will give parents the ability to instantly access the newsletter without going on the website, send an absent note, access the school calendar to stay in touch with what is happening in our school community and much more. We will share more of the features over the coming weeks. Please read the detailed section in the newsletter about how to download the app to your iPhone or Android.

Cross Country
Last week’s cross country went off without a hitch. Congratulations to everyone who participated, particularly our placegetters. A huge thank you to the P&C for running a sausage sizzles and drinks stall, it was greatly appreciated by all.

Mothers’ Day Morning Tea
A reminder to all Mothers, Grandmothers and Caregivers about our Mothers’ Day morning tea being held in the kitchen on Friday 8th May at 10am. Could you please return the slip to confirm if you will be attending. The morning tea is to raise funds for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Program and will cost $5.00 per person. Please come and support, while enjoying a hot cuppa and something nice to eat.

Barrier Basketball
This week Mrs DeGoumois is in Wollongong with Aiden Slattery, Harry Butcher and Adam Slattery as they represent Broken Hill in the Barrier Basketball team. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about the results on their return next week.

ANZAC Day Ceremonies
Thank you to all of the students and parents who attended the ANZAC Day service on Saturday. It was a very cold and chilly morning. We were very pleased with the number of students and how they represented our school community. Thank you also to all of the families who brought in flowers to make the wreaths for each class. It was a lovely way for each class to reflect and commemorate the ANZAC Day Service.

Late Arrivals
Last Wednesday we had 0 late arrivals at school. This is a very rare occasion, which we would like to acknowledge. We do still have a significant number of children who arrive after 8:55am each morning, some by 5 minutes others by an hour or more. Each time your child is late it is recorded on the Department Education System. When your child is away please remember to contact the school, with a suitable explanation. Remember that you will now be able to use the new Alma Public School app to do this.

Stage 3 Excursion
A reminder to all Stage 3 parents and students to return any excursion expression of interests notes to the front office by Friday. The decision to cancel the excursion will be made next week if we do not have enough interest.

Have a great week

Andree Morgan (Relieving Principal)
What’s that you may ask!

It is an application that sits on your phone and gives you instant access to our school information when you click on it. The app is going to give parents the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, or to send in a sick note while you stand outside the school because you forgot to write a paper note or give us a call!

We will be sharing many of the other features with you over the coming weeks, but, for now, download it to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for Alma Public School. Please make sure you allow ‘Push Notifications’ so you will know when new messages have been posted.
How to install our app

On Apple—iPhone & iPad
- On your iPhone or iPad, open the App Store and search for our school’s name - Alma Public School OR
- Open your pre-installed QR Scanner and scan the QR Code
- Press Install
- Enter your iTunes password
- It will commence downloading immediately

On Android
- On your Smartphone, open the Android/Google Play Market and search for our school’s name - Alma Public School OR
- Open your pre-installed QR Scanner and scan the QR Code
- Press Install
- Your app will start installing instantly

To Open our App
- Look for our school’s All icon on your phone screen
- Press the icon once
- It will open automatically
- When prompted, select yes to receive notification and use your location (this will make sure the google maps and pop-up alerts work)

Having Trouble?
- Shut down the app and/or your phone to refresh the phone’s memory
- Uninstall your app and reinstall it
- Contact support@activeschoolapps.com.au for help within 24 hours
ALMA CROSS COUNTRY - Year K-6

Congratulations and well done to all students who competed in the Cross Country Carnival

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Well done to all students who participated in the Alma Cross Country last Thursday. Congratulations to the winners of each age group. Notes will be sent home soon to students 8yrs and in years 3-6 who came in the first 6 positions to compete in the PSSA Cross Country on Friday 15th May.

Winning team was Landy!
An ANZAC Day service was held at Alma Public School last Friday.

Each class laid a wreath during the school’s service. Thank you to staff, students and families for the donations of flowers and greenery which was used to make the wreaths.

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Thank you to all staff, students and family members who braved the cold weather conditions on Saturday morning to represent Alma Public School at the 100th Anniversary ANZAC Day Ceremonial march.
Next Tuesday our school library will go live with Oliver. This is the new library management system that will be rolled out to schools over the next two years.

It replaces OASIS Library which has been used for the last 25 years. Oliver will better support the current and future needs of 21st Century learners.

Alma, along with two other schools in our region, was selected as a Lighthouse school. This means we are among the first 100 schools in the state to try the new system.

During Term 1, I was involved in completing various tasks to ensure our transition to Oliver was a smooth one. On Friday OASIS Library will go down as our database is migrated to the new system. On Tuesday morning we will be ready to use Oliver.

Current loans will be transferred across and there should be no disruption to normal borrowing.

Miss L. Horwitz

**BOOK CLUB** Due Friday 1st May 2015

**STEWART HOUSE**
Stewart House donation envelopes are due back to school by Friday 8th May 2015. All donations returned will be eligible for the draw to win a $4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

**NEW!**
**Mothers’ Day Morning Tea**
Friday 8th May
Time: 10.00am in the Kitchen
Cost: $5.00 per person
Please notify the school if you are able to attend for catering purposes.

**Mothers’ Day Stall**
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th May
Gifts range from $1-$6

**P&C BOTTLES & CANS RECYCLING**
The P&C are recycling bottles and cans. If you have any bottles or cans lying around, please bring them to school and place in the recycling bags in the garden area.
Using the Department of Education and Communities online Sun Safety for Students Guidelines, Alma executive, teachers and support staff plan and implement comprehensive sun safety for everyone.

This means that at Alma we do things like:

- Model sun-safety by advising staff to wear sun-safe hats, clothing, sunscreen and sunglasses
- Provide shade (natural and/or built) in the places where students congregate at recess and lunch and where outdoor teaching takes place.
- Implement sun-safe strategies such as staying inside during peak UV radiation times and that we schedule outdoor activities in the shade or outside of peak UV radiation times where possible.
- Support age and developmentally appropriate sun-safe strategies such as ‘No hat, play under the shade shelter/COLA.’
- Provide school and sports uniforms that are effective in minimising exposure to ultraviolet radiation and include a sun safe hat, which students are encouraged to wear.

If your child or children are in need of school bucket hats, they are available all year for purchase in the office for $8.00. (Please speak to your child’s teacher if you are having difficulty in obtaining a hat for your child or children).

Protect yourself and others?
We would like to recognise that children learn safe habits from their families better than from anyone else. Did you know that protecting yourself from the harmful UV rays of the sun as an adult is one of the best ways to teach children to do it too? Researchers, psychologists, parents and teachers have long known that children imitate adult behaviour – both good and bad. This is why when it comes to sun safety, setting the best example is so important for teachers and parents.

At school and on the weekends:
By wearing a sun-safe hat, much like the Alma school bucket hat, a shirt with a collar and sleeves, and being seen to apply sunscreen before going outside, teachers and parents not only reduce our own risk of skin cancer, but we become positive role models for children.

Want to know more?
See: Sun safety on the public schools website; google: SunSmart for Primary Schools and OSHC or call the SunSmart team on (02) 9334 1761.

Year 6 Shirts
Order forms for the Year 6 shirts have been sent home.
Order forms and full payment of $38.50 due by Friday 8th May

STAGE 3 EXCURSION
Expression of Interest for the Stage 3 Excursion to Lake Keepit is due this Friday 1st May. More notes are available from the office.

Alma Public School pride ourselves on being a Sun-Smart school:
Our school takes sun safety seriously and implements a year-round range of strategies to protect students from the damaging effects of the sun. We all have a responsibility to provide a safe environment for students and staff and this includes providing adequate sun protection.
Moxie Drama Group has started for second term at Theatre 44, 189 Wills Street. This is an opportunity for kids in Years 3 to 7 (Aged 8 to 12) to learn theatre skills such as speech, acting, working in a group, stage presence, confidence, etc. Time: 10.30 to 12.00pm Sundays. Cost: $25 per term.
Phone Marilyn Harris on 8087 9585 or Mobile 0413 905 048 for details and bookings.