Parents and community members,

It has been a very busy start back to term three and I would like to thank the school community for your support over the past week. Mrs Lugnan is still away and the baby has decided that he or she would like a little longer before they join the rest of us.

Parent/Teacher meetings are being held this week. Mr Mortimer’s and Ms Clark’s parent meetings will be postponed at this stage and will be rescheduled for later in the term. Parents will be advised on when this will occur. Once again I thank you for your support.

Next week is Education Week and we will be celebrating the week by having a Pyjama Day on Tuesday the 28th July. All students are asked to dress in their pyjamas and make a donation to “Give Me Five for Kids”. I ask that the students please wear sensible shoes as we will be going out onto the oval in the morning for a teacher’s vs student’s T-Ball rematch. The T-Ball match will be followed by open classrooms from 10:15 till 11:30. Please come into the classrooms and see all of the wonderful work that your children have been learning about this year. From 11:30 the P & C will be hosting a BBQ and families are invited to come and share lunch with us.

Wednesday is the Choral Festival at the Broken Hill Civic Centre. Alma is hosting the event this year and would love all families to come and support not only your own children but all of the children in the Broken Hill community. Our senior choir will be performing in the first session starting at 11:30 and our junior choir will be performing in the second session starting at 1:00pm. Please come down to the Civic Centre for a day of uplifting and moving singing.

Mrs DeGoumois will be back on Friday and we are looking forward to hearing about her Queensland adventure. Mrs Files will be returning next Wednesday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff that have stepped up in to the higher duties roles.

Have a great week

Andree Morgan
Relieving Principal

Uniform Shop
Narelle Butcher is now the new uniform shop coordinator. Alma Public School and the P & C would like to say a big “Thank You” to Narelle Stenhouse for all of her hard work and commitment to running the uniform shop for so many years.
**Education Week 27th July - 31st July**

*On Tuesday 28th July we will be holding a great fun day with many activities.*

### T-Ball rematch
Teachers v’s Students
Will be played on the Alma oval in the morning. Please wear sensible shoes.

### Open Classrooms
Classrooms will be open from 10.15 until 11.30am.

### Pyjama Day
**This Tuesday 28th July**
Gold coin donation
Wear your pyjama’s this Tuesday and help raise money for Give Me Five for Kids Day.

### BBQ
The P & C will be running a BBQ
Tuesday 28th July
From 11.30am

### Lamington Drive
The P & C are holding a lamington drive.
Notes have been sent home. Orders and money to be returned by **FRIDAY 31st July**.
Collection will be from the P & C room on Monday 10th August. More forms are available at the administration office.

### Jeans For Genes Day
Friday 7th August
Gold coin donation.
Help raise money for a great cause.

The P & C requests assistance for the following events.

- **Choral Festival** - Term 3 - Alma school hosting and catering the event. We will need assistance with baking goods and sales on the day.
- **If you can help on any of these days or for any queries please contact**
  - Anita Hoysted on 0447 885 786 or Chrissy Slattery on 0439 186 297.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **28th July**: BBQ for Education week
- **29th July**: Catering for Choral Festival
- **31st July**: Lamington orders and money due
- **18th August**: Bingo evening
- **3 & 4th September**: Fathers day stall
- **4th September**: Fathers’ Day Breakfast

Major Raffle for Term 2 & 3: Gold Coast Holiday for 4 people, Staying at the Sea World Resort with entry to theme parks and a fuel voucher included. Raffle will be drawn on presentation day.

Tickets will be $2.00 each.

We are happy to announce that the P & C are well on their way to achieving their goal for a Multi-Purpose court. The P & C have raised $30,000 so far for this wonderful project.

**IMPORTANT UNIFORM INFORMATION**

Please note that there will be a price increase to all uniform items from the 1st August 2015. Revised prices will included in next week’s newsletter.
Barrier Schools Choral Festival Rehearsal 2015

Wednesday 22nd July

Uniforms

Please ensure your child has the full winter uniform requirements for the rehearsal day Wednesday 22nd July and the performance day on Wednesday 29th July.

Uniform items, including pre-loved, can ONLY be purchased from the Uniform Shop during opening hours on Mondays and Thursdays from 2.30pm—3.15pm.

Stage 2 Lake Cullulleraine Excursion

The excursion will depart Tuesday 6th October and return on Thursday 8th October. A parent meeting will be held this term to provide more information about the excursion.

PERMISSION NOTE AND THE $50.00 Deposit were due LAST FRIDAY 17th JULY.

If you have not returned your permission note and deposit, please send your deposit and permission note to the front office as soon as possible.

More permission notes are available at the front administration office.

Next Payment due: Friday 7th August $50.00

Book Club

Book club is due THIS THURSDAY. 23rd July.
Please see Miss Horwitz in the Library.
**Infant Massage Workshops**

Infant massage is a beautiful experience for you and your baby. Attending the workshops is also a great way to meet and share experiences with other mums. If the workshops aren’t for you I am happy to do individual home sessions.

For more information and registration please contact me @ CentaCare, 08 80873477. I look forward to sharing something special with you and your baby. Meg Hurst

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**Pedal Playgroup @ ALMA School in Broken Hill**

**Time:** Every second Thursday from 9AM – 10.45AM

**Venue:** ALMA Primary School, Broken Hill, G Block

Thursday 23rd July, 6th & 20th August
Thursday 3rd & 17th September

**PEDAL stands for Play, Explore, Discover And Learn.**

**PEDAL groups are open to all families with children aged 0-5.**

Play stimulates learning. It helps children gain a strong sense of identity, connectedness and well-being while becoming confident learners and sometimes communicators. At PEDAL group play sessions are set up in a way that children choose activities and explore and use resources while being guided by their imagination and creativity. Parents are encouraged to join in with their child’s play.

**What do you need to do?**

Come in play clothes, provide a picnic lunch or a shared finger platter at morning tea time; Recycle and contribute resources (tissue paper, egg cartons, boxes), help out when you can (a) with preparation of morning tea, pack up. Upon arrival sign in.

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For more information:

Phone or visit the team at CentaCare Wilcannia-Forbes

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**Upcoming events & festivals:**

- Community Festival of Wellbeing
  - Games, BBQ, Fun for ALL
  - Burke and Wills Oval
  - Ph: Steve McLean 02) 6884 9815
  - 10:00am to close
  - Saturday 1st August 2015

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**Act Belong Commit**

Maybe you know someone who is lonely?

Give them a call – drop by and say g’day; let them know when things are on in town. Sometimes, all it takes to help someone feel as if they’re important is to simply let them know they’re not forgotten. Let them know they belong as part of the community.

[actbelongcommit.org.au](http://actbelongcommit.org.au)