Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Education Week
What a fantastic week we had at Alma to celebrate Education Week. The Pyjama Day was a great way to start due to the very cold weather we have been experiencing. Some great pyjamas! It was great to see so many students joining in and donating money to a very worthy cause.

The softball match was so much fun with the staff just winning. The final game will be the decider and will be played next term. Some great plays by Jake Boddington and Ripley Celotto.

The Open Classrooms allowed parents and grandparents to see a snapshot of the educational activities that occur daily at Alma.

At the Choral Festival held at the Entertainment Centre both Alma choirs sounded and looked fantastic. Congratulations to all students and also to Miss Marsh and Mr Small for their conducting. Can I also congratulate Mrs Morgan for her organisation of the Choral Festival. A massive job which ran very smoothly.

Thank You to the P&C
A great big thank you to the P&C for all their hard work this week organising the sausage sizzle and catering for the Choral Festival. I have had so many positive comments. The money raised is going towards the multipurpose court for all children present and future to enjoy. I encourage everyone to get behind this project.

Basketball Knockout
This week our girls and boys basketball teams will compete in the Broken Hill section of the NSW State Basketball Knockout. Following our outstanding success last year, I wish all students competing the best in their endeavours. The winner of each section will go on to compete in Bathurst in a couple of weeks.

Questacon
This week notes will be sent out for a visit from Questacon’s Science Show. Can I encourage all students to attend as it is a wonderful opportunity to see the experiments and activities that are only found at Questacon in Canberra. The cost is $5 per student.

Organisation for 2016
We are now organising our staffing for 2016 and would like to ask for your assistance. If you have a child who is starting at Preschool or Kindergarten, please come in and see Mrs Files. She will have the appropriate paperwork for you to complete. If you know any friends or neighbours who have children ready to start, can you pass this information on to them. In addition, if you know that you will be leaving Alma at the end of the year, please inform us also.

Sharon DeGoumois
Relieving Principal

**THIS WEEK AT ALMA**
- Friday 7th: Jeans for Genes Day - Gold coin donation
- Assembly Kester Hall, 1G Hosting
- Stage 2 Excursion $50 Instalment Due

**NEXT WEEK AT ALMA**
- Monday 10th: P&C Lamington Drive orders can be picked up from the P&C room
- Wednesday 12th: Responsible Pet Program K-2
- Thursday 13th: Questacon Science Show P-6

**2016 Kindergarten & Preschool Enrolments now being taken** (See page 4)
Next Wednesday, students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will participate in the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program.

If your child has an allergy to animals or is very nervous of animals, please contact Mrs Morgan at school on 8088 2181.

K-2
Wednesday 12th August
K (9.00am-9.40am)
Yr 1 & Yr 2 (9.50-10.30am)

P-6
Thursday 13th August

P-Year 2: 10.00-11.00am
Years 3-6: 12.00pm-1.00pm

Notes will be sent home today for the Questacon Science Circus. All students from Preschool to Year 6 are invited to attend. The cost of the show is $5.00 per child. Permission notes and money are due by next Tuesday 10th August.

P&C Uniform Shop
NEW OPENING TIMES
Mondays & Thursdays
3.00pm - 3.15pm
Out and about at Alma School!
Alma Public School 2016

Kindergarten
2016 Enrolments

Alma Public School is taking enrolments for the 2016 Kindergarten year.

Transition school activities will begin in early term 4.

Please pick up an enrolment form from the front office or contact the school on 80882181 for further information.

Bugdlie Preschool

2016 Enrolments

Bugdlie Preschool is now taking enrolments for 2016. We are offering two sessions for children turning four (4) by 31st July 2016 with priority given to Aboriginal children.

Session 1 – Monday, Tuesday 8.45am – 2.45pm and Wednesday 8.45am – 11.45am

Session 2 – Wednesday 12.15pm – 2.45 pm and Thursday, Friday 8.45am – 2.45pm

Enrolment Forms can be obtained from Alma Public School or you can contact the school on 8088 2181 for further information.

Please return applications by Friday 18th September to assist with processing.

New Offer!

Bugdlie Preschool 2016-3Year Old Enrolments
Aboriginal children turning three (3) by 31st July 2016 are eligible to enrol in the new sessions being offered at Bugdlie Preschool in 2016

If you know any friends or neighbours who have children ready to start, can you pass this information on to them. If you will be leaving Alma at the end of the year, please inform the school by calling to the front office or phoning 8088 2181
If your child misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education!

Why is arriving at school on time important?

It ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert...

It helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine..

It gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore...

...reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption!

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and MUST be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence!

Please contact the school if your child is going to be away. A medical certificate is required for absences of 3 days or more.

Missing school leaves gaps in your child’s education!
Major Raffle
Gold Coast Holiday
The P&C will be sending notes home today regarding the major raffle for a Gold Coast Holiday. The prize is a 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS
18th August
Bingo evening
3 & 4th September
Fathers day stall
4th September
Fathers’ Day Breakfast
Last week Term 3
P & C Disco

“Real humanity is shown when we care for others” Professor Fred Hollows
The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred’s vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who follow in his footsteps by showing care and compassion for others. After three successful years in the ACT the Award is expanding into NSW with the support of NSW Premier Mike Baird.

Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate a compassionate Year 6 student through the online nomination form by August 21. It’s a great opportunity for students to be recognised outside the sporting and academic realm. All nominees and their parents will be invited to a presentation ceremony in Sydney to announce the NSW winner. To nominate a student and learn more about the award go to www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward

Alma Public School P and C
presents a fun filled night of
BINGO

On Tuesday 18th August 2015
6pm for 6:30 start
Kester Hall (Alma Public School)