Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**New Arrival**
Mrs Lugnan is finally a grandmother. Her grand-daughter Neriah Lee Rika arrived into the world last Tuesday. Mrs Lugnan will be returning to work this week. We are all happy for her return.

**Questacon**
I have heard that the Questacon visit was excellent and all students had a wonderful time. I am booking Stage 3 into Questacon this week for next year. Something to look forward to!

**Basketball Knockout**
On Friday the Alma boys competed in the Western Region Knockout finals. Unfortunately we were beaten but the boys never gave up and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the parents and the P&C for their support of these boys.

**BINGO**
Tonight the P&C will be running their first Bingo competition in the Kester Hall 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. The cost is $20. We look forward to a great turnout. Remember all funds raised are going towards our multi-purpose court that all students present and future can enjoy. Bring along your family and friends. It will be a great night.

**Barrier Athletics**
This Friday we have 12 students from Alma representing Broken Hill at the Barrier Athletics at the Picton Oval. We wish these students all the best in their endeavours.

**Police and Dog Responsibility Talks**
These talks were well received by both the primary, infants and preschool students. There were many interesting and challenging questions asked by the students.

Regards
Sharon DeGoumois
(Relieving Principal)

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**THIS WEEK AT ALMA**

**TONIGHT!**
Friday 21st
Bingo in Kester Hall - 6.00pm for 6.30pm start - $20 per person
Assembly Kester Hall - KM & KW Hosting

**NEXT WEEK AT ALMA**

Monday 24th
Broken Hill Eisteddfod

Thursday 27th
Book Week (Book Sales Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday - see inside)

Friday 28th
Stage 2 Excursion Instalment Due

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**2016 Kindergarten & Preschool Enrolments now being taken**
On **Monday 24th August** Alma School Choirs will be performing in the Eisteddfod at the Broken Hill Civic Centre. Notes have been sent home today to choir member.

**Uniforms:** Both choirs are required to wear their full winter school uniform to this event.

Please make sure that your child wears full school uniform to the performance. This means that girls will wear long checked pants with a **RED** shirt and boys will wear long grey pants with a **RED** shirt. All students should wear white socks. Jumpers will be worn on the day but will be taken off when the students are on stage to reduce the risk of overheating from the lights. Girls should also have their hair tied back neatly.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you need uniform items for your child, please be aware that these are only available from the Uniform Shop during trading hours (Mondays & Thursdays:3.00pm-3.15pm).

A packed recess will be required in case we are there over recess. Please return permission notes and $3.00 bus fare by this Friday 21st August.
Alma staff member Marnie Howe has been selected as a state representative for the South Australia Indoor Bowls State Championships. The competition will be held at Warrnambool over 6 days from 23rd to 28th August. We would like to congratulate Miss Howe on her achievement and wish her the best of luck for the competition!

A huge THANK YOU to Brian Casey for sending in some lemons for the Stephanie-Alexander Kitchen. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Far West Regional Talent Contest is being held on September 1st & September 2nd at the Broken Hill Civic Centre. Alma Public School have a Stage 2 and a Stage 3 group performing in the contest. Thank you to parents/carers of these students for allowing them to take part in this very special concert.

It is the first time that all public schools in Broken Hill have come together to showcase the creative talents of our students.

Tickets are now on sale and are available on-line through the Broken Hill City Council’s website, at the Broken Hill Civic Centre during normal office hours or prior to each performance (but these tickets may be limited)

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Primary School Hard Ball Cricket will recommence in Term 4. The season goes over Term 4 on Saturday mornings and concludes at the end of Term 1, 2016. (Year 7 students will be able to complete the season in Term 1 2016)

When: Training will begin TOMORROW Wednesday 19th August
Where: Duff Street Park
Time: Approximately 3.15pm-4.30pm.

Students from years 4-6 are invited to come along to training and decide if they want to play. More Expression of Interest forms are available from the office at the Alma Public School.

Any enquiries please contact Mr Mortimer at the Alma school on (08) 8088 2181

Please contact the school on 80882181 if you have changed any of the following: phone numbers, address, emergency contact details, student medical information, or any change in circumstances eg: separations, court orders etc.

It is extremely important that our records are kept up to date for the safety and well being of your child.
Wonderful range of books available!

**Book Week**

Come and celebrate book week with us on Thursday 27th August

We are running a 2nd hand book sale. Donations for the sale would be greatly appreciated.

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Join us in reading with your child in their classroom at 10.30am

Stay for lunch at 11am and enjoy a $2 sausage sizzle.

Come and watch the Book Character Parade at Kester Hall at 11.50am.

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Book Week Invites will be sent home with students this week.

Out and about at Alma School!!

**Premier's Reading Challenge**

Reading records are due back to Miss Horwitz by Thursday 20th August for any students in years 3-6 who have completed the challenge. All students in K-2 have completed the challenge as a part of their Library lessons this year.
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.

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
**Attendance Matters!**

**EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....**

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**Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day...**

**Check the time your school starts. DON’T BE LATE!**

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**HEARING awareness WEEK**

Hearing is precious and fragile

Sunday 23 – Saturday 29 August 2015

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**RMHC RIDE FOR SICK KIDS SA**

**THE BROKEN HILL COLOUR RUN**

**WHEN:** Sunday 23rd August

**WHERE:** Sturt Park, Chloride Street

**TIME:** - Registration from 10:30am
 - 11:30am Start

**COST:** Adult - $20, U13 years - $10
 & U5 years - Free

Pre-registration - Silhouette Salon or NAB

- Inflatable Slide
- Bouncy Castles
- Cake Stall
- Merry-Go-Round
- BBQ
- Ronald McDonald Guest Appearance

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