Dear Parents and Caregivers,

YAHOO!!! We have made it to the last week of term in relatively one piece. With the number of staff and students who were sick this term, I didn’t think we would. Let’s hope that the 2 weeks break and the glorious weather over the weekend will blow away all the bugs and Term 4 will see us all fighting fit.

This week Mrs Lugnan has flown to Hobart to attend the National Principals’ Conference as a NSW representative. This is a great opportunity for her and we look forward to her report when she returns.

Last week was a busy but rewarding week for Alma staff and students.
- Road Safety talks for students in Yrs 3-6
- Yr 1-4 students walked to the basketball stadium and enjoyed coaching from the SA Development Officer.
- K-2 students enjoyed the Royal Flying Doctor Simulator. The students along with the junior choir were also filmed for a promotion for the RFDS.
- Our garden won the school’s section of the annual gardening competition. Congratulations to Mr Hopcraft, Mrs Roe and all our 3-6 students.
- Our boys participated in the Gala Day for basketball and were successful in both grades going through undefeated. Well done boys.
- Our girls participated in the Gala Day for soccer and won some of their games and had a great day.
- The Erebus Longitudinal Study of the Early Action for Success was also conducted at school and we received glowing comments regarding staff and students from the assessors.

This week is also very busy.
- The P-2 students will participate in their Athletics Carnival on Wednesday and we look forward to a great day of fun.
- Girls will compete in the Gala Day for basketball and the boys will compete in the Gala Day for cricket. We wish these students good luck.
- Alma’s Got Talent will be held on Friday this week with rehearsals being held yesterday. Miss Horwitz does a wonderful job organising all our students.
- The Short Black Opera program for students from Year 4-6 is being held this week with seven students from Alma participating.

Congratulations

Over the holidays, Miss Horwitz will marry Fabian de Vries. We would like to wish them all the best on their special day. 🌸 🌸 🌸

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Sharon DeGoumois
Relieving Principal

| Wednesday 16th   | • Gala Day - Cricket (boys) & Basketball (girls)  
|                 | • P-2 Sports Day - Alma Oval  
| Friday 18th     | • Alma’s Got Talent - 11.30 - Kester Hall - All Welcome  
|                 | • Term 3 Concludes 3.00pm  

WEEK 1 NEXT TERM AT ALMA
- Term 4 Commences  
- Stage 2 Excursion Departs  
- Kinder 2016 Orientation Visit 1 (1.50pm - 2.50pm)
**P-2 Athletics Carnival**
**Tomorrow - Wednesday 16th September**
**Alma Oval - 9.30am Start**

Come and join us for the P-2 Athletics Carnival! School canteen open.

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**Stage 2 Excursion Lake Cullulleraine**
**Wednesday 7th October - Friday 9th October**

Coloured forms were sent home previously and MUST be completed and returned urgently!

Full payment due on or BEFORE this Friday 18th September

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**Soccer Gala Day**
**Wednesday 16th September**
**Norm Fox Oval**

Canteen facilities available on the day.

**REMEMBER:** All students who are participating in the Gala day, please remember to bring *mouthguards, shin pads, boots/sneakers, sunscreen and water*.

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**Girls Basketball Gala Day**
**Wednesday 16th September**
**Sanderson Basketball courts**

Canteen facilities available on the day.

**REMEMBER:** All students who are participating in the Gala day, please remember to bring *mouthguards, sneakers and water*.

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**P&C DONUT STALL - SILVER CITY SHOW**

If you are feeling hungry at the Silver City Show then look for the Alma Public School P&C donut stall which will be located near the entrance area of the pavilion. The stall will be running on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Hot chips, drinks will also be on sale so come along and support Alma Public School.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

If you are able to assist at any time on these days, please contact Chrissy Slattery on 0439 186 297

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**Alma's Got Talent!**

This Friday 18th September - 11.30am - Kester Hall

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME ALONG!

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**Kindergarten 2016**

Letters will be sent home today with an information brochure for the 2016 Kindergarten Orientation Days.

The first visit will be held on Wednesday 7th October (Term 3, Week 1) from 1.50pm - 2.50pm in Kester Hall. Parents will attend an information session and children will enjoy art and craft activities.

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**Silver City Garden Club**

**2015 GARDEN COMPETITION**

**Alma Public School**

**BEST SCHOOL GARDEN MAINTAINED BY STUDENTS**

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**Out & About at Alma**
Book Club Photos
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

Bugdlie Preschool is now taking enrolments for 2016.

We are offering two sessions with priority given to Aboriginal children.

**Session 1** – Monday and Tuesday **8.45am – 2.45pm.** This session is for:

- Indigenous children aged three years by 31st July 2016* and
- Children turning four by 31st July 2016 who are accessing other Preschool/Day Care services.

*Please note children must be three years of age and toilet trained before commencing at Bugdlie Preschool. Enrolments can be taken prior to children turning three however they must be three years of age to attend the service.

**Session 2** – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday **8.45am – 2.45pm.** This session is for children turning four (4) by 31st July 2016 who are not accessing other Preschool/Day Care services.

Enrolment Application 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 2015 to assist with processing.

Confirmation of enrolment will be provided to families by Friday 11th December 2015.

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.
CHILDREN’S SAFETY COMES FIRST

Care in dropping off and picking up children is paramount. Broken Hill City Council Rangers have been monitoring school zones and remind parents/carers of their responsibilities in ensuring children’s safety. Council’s Rangers have issued a number of infringement notices as motorists have failed to obey school signs and signage. Not only are the fines larger than fines outside a school zone, but demerit points also apply to certain offences within a school zone.

The most common offences detected are:

**Stopping in a No Stopping Zone:** A driver must not stop at all in the zone to drop off or pick up a child. $319 fine and 2 demerit points.

**Stopping on or near a Pedestrian Crossing:** Stopping within 20 meters of the approach side and 10 meters of the departure side of a crossing is an offence, and includes stopping to let a passenger out of or into the vehicle, regardless whether someone is using the crossing. $425 fine and 2 demerit points.

**Stopping/Parking on a Footpath/Nature strip:** It is illegal to park on a footpath or nature strip. That means it is an offence to stop or park anywhere at all between the kerb of the road and a property boundary, including a driveway. $177 fine and 2 demerit points.

**Stopping in a Bus Zone:** It is an offence to stop in Bus Zone, which means you cannot stop to pick up or drop off a passenger. $319 fine and 2 demerit points.

**Double Parking:** It is an offence to stop/park on a road to pick up or drop of a passenger, next to a vehicle that is parked at the kerb of a road. $319 fine and 2 demerit points.

**Stop within 10 meters of an Intersection or Junction:** It is an offence to stop within 10 meters of the approach or departure side of an intersection of Junction. It could result in a $248 fine.

Council thanks parents for being responsible and keeping the protection of children in school areas front of mind.