Dear Parents and Community Members,

I am very excited to announce the offer of a multi-categorical support class at Alma. We join Burke Ward, Railwaytown and Broken Hill North Public Schools and both high schools, each of which has at least one special education class. It is a great opportunity to have a designated class with a special education teacher and aide to provide equity for children with special learning needs. The staff have given 100% approval to the class and negotiations are underway to refurbish a classroom, advertise for staff and speak to families whose children might be able to take advantage of this service.

This year, Alma Public School has employed a teacher to provide all stages with dance lessons. Ms Kristil Cowdrey has been working hard with Alma students to get them ready for the Outback Spectacular which is on tonight, tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow night – a wealth of performing arts talent from all the schools in our Far West Network. I would encourage everyone to buy their tickets as soon as possible – either online or at the Civic Centre (see details in this newsletter). The Outback Spectacular promises to be a wonderfully vibrant showcase of singing and dancing. Please support Alma students in this exciting public performance.

This week we are hosting 8 students and 2 teachers from Lindfield Public School who are participating in the exchange with Stage 2. Our Year 3/4 students have been video-conferencing and writing to the Stage 2 at Lindfield throughout the year. Miss Townsend and Mr Lardner have planned school activities and local excursions for our visitors. Stage 2 children are encouraged to join in the movie night (this evening) and the trivia night tomorrow evening. We have purchased tickets for the Lindfield crew for the matinee of the Outback Spectacular and organised a bus trip to Silverton. The kids were very excited after the all-day train trip to Broken Hill – they saw kangaroos and emus! They are flying back to Sydney on Friday. What an adventure for them. We plan to take some students to Sydney to visit Lindfield Public School in return.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Book Week. The costumes were absolutely fabulous! Some parents are very creative and I am in awe! It was wonderful to see the smiles on the children and the pleasure that the parents took in sharing a book, a BBQ and the parade. Miss Horwitz tells me that we raised over $600 towards library resources – a fantastic effort.

Alma Public School and Alma-Bugdlie Preschool are taking enrolments for 2016. If you know anyone who plans to enrol children here, please encourage them to come and pick up enrolment papers as soon as possible. When we have our enrolments, I am able to submit the numbers to Sydney and we are given our staffing allocation based on confirmed student numbers.

Have a great week.
Glynis Lugnan
PRINCIPAL

THIS WEEK AT ALMA

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THANK YOU
to all our students and families for participating in our Book Week Celebrations last week. Everyone looked fantastic and many books found new homes.

Book club orders are due back at school this Thursday 3rd September 2015.

Alma's Got Talent!
Friday 18th September - 11.50am
Kester Hall
All are welcome to come and watch our students perform on this day.

2015 FAR WEST REGIONAL TALENT CONCERT
Stage 2 and Stage 3 students will be performing in the Far West Regional Talent Concert today and tomorrow.

Tickets
Tickets are on sale from the Broken Hill City Council’s website or the Civic Centre during office hours and prior to performances if not sold out earlier.

Programs
Programs are available from the foyer in the school’s front office.

ONE TEAM. ONE FIGHT!

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
WE'RE UNITING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER
This FRIDAY 4th September 2015.

This Friday is Footy Colours Day. Students may come dressed in their favourite team colours and gold coin donations will go towards the fight against cancer.
AUSKICK
HALF TIME GAME

Any Auskicker who played in the under 11’s age group this year is invited to play at half time at the A grade grand final this Saturday.

Simply come to the Jube before 3:00pm and follow the Auskick signs.
Wanted!
Canteen Volunteers
The P&C are seeking volunteers to assist in the canteen. If you are able to assist on any days, please leave your name and contact details at the school’s front office.

Pre-loved Uniforms
The P&C are seeking donations of pre-loved uniforms for the Uniform Shop. If you have any uniforms that your child has outgrown, please drop them in to the uniform shop during opening hours or to the school’s front office.

UNIFORM SHOP
G Block – Ground Floor
Opening Hours
Monday 3:00pm – 3:15pm
Thursday 3:00pm – 3:15pm

REMINDER - Bugdlie Preschool Fees
Bugdlie Preschool fees are now due. Thank You

Next Week at Alma
Tuesday 8th September RAA Street Smart Visit
Friday 11th September Gala Day (Basketball & Soccer)

Stage 2 Excursion - Lake Culleraine
Wednesday 7th October to Friday 9th October
Notes will be sent home this week for the Stage 2 Excursion to Lake Culleraine. The Department of Education and Lake Culleraine Camp organiser, Wild Side Outdoors, have various information and permission requirements for students who are attending the excursion. Unfortunately, when you receive these forms, you will find that some of the information, particularly medical, is required by both organisations. When received, all forms will need to be completed and returned to your child’s class teacher no later than Tuesday 8th September 2015.

Thank you
Thomas Casey and his family for the generous donation of fresh eggs.

Spring Holiday Camps
Don’t Miss Out

New friendships Fun Great value Safe
Our popular Spring Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular Coorong 4 Kids, Adventurer, Kids’ Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 and over and range from 1 to 5 days.

Residential Kids’ Camps include:
- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

Family Camps include:
- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

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To
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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 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 turning three (3) by 31st July 2016 and children turning four (4) by 31st July 2016 who are accessing other Preschool/Day Care services.

**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