Dear Parents and Community Members,

Thank you to those students, teachers and parents who joined the conversation with Mark Crouch, last week, around Aboriginal education at Alma. I will receive a written report based on the information received from the interviewees and the school data that Mark collected around attendance, suspension, NAPLAN and PLAN results, student leadership, school culture surveys, student participation in a range of events (sporting and academic), Preschool, Aboriginal perspectives in classroom programs etc. I will publish a summary when it is received for your information.

Yesterday afternoon, staff received training in “The Essentials of Epilepsy” through a webinar from Perth. This was in addition to the Department of Education training already undertaken through our emergency care certificates. Early next term, some of the staff will do some advanced training in epilepsy.

During this week and next, your classroom teacher will be involved in one full day of training during Stage Planning Days. These days are used to put all the teachers on a stage together to analyse term data, plan units of work for next term, undergo specific training as required (e.g. reciprocal reading processes, programming for enrichment groups, managing specific learning conditions etc). They are so valuable for the collegiality and collaboration that occurs and align with our School Plan goal of developing high expectations and teaching quality.

At home, parents are responsible for the physical and emotional wellbeing of your children. At school, teachers also have that responsibility. One way we make sure that happens is to follow some basic guidelines – some are Department of Education rules, others are legal requirements. I have summarised some below:

- Let us know if someone else is authorised to collect your child from school.
- Give us copies of any court orders pertaining to your child
- Call/write to explain any and all absences.
- Do not touch another person’s child or reprimand them physically or verbally. Report any concerns to a staff member. (on the bus, please report children who are misbehaving to the driver or to the school).
- Model good manners, polite language and self-control at all times when dealing with children or staff.

I want to thank EVERYONE for such a terrific term, so far. The kids have been fantastic, the staff are really busy and the parents are enthusiastic and supportive. Alma is a great school and the positive “community” relationship between school and families is what makes it so.

Regards
Glynis Lugnan
Principal

Assembly this Week
2.00pm
Friday 4th March
5-6S Hosting

Please make sure your child knows road safety when going to and from school. This includes walking, riding a push bike or scooter and travelling by bus.
The Broken Hill PSSA Swimming Carnival was held last Thursday afternoon. Congratulations to all students who participated on this day. Alma is very proud of you. Thank you to all the staff and parents who assisted with this event. These great events are not possible without your continued support.

To our talented students that made the Barrier selections held last Friday.

**AFL:** Marcus Purcell and Bryce Langdon.

**Netball:** Imogen Jeffrey.

**Soccer:** Bryce Langdon.

**Basketball:** Natasha Edge and Kendra Bugmy.
P&C Pie Drive
Order forms were due back today.
Orders available for pick up from 2.00pm in the P & C Room on Friday 11th March. Please note: Orders must be collected. There are NO storage facilities.

Stage 3 Canberra/Snowy Excursion
Sunday 7th August 2016 to Friday 12th August 2016
Permission notes were sent home today. If you are interested in your child attending, please pay a non-refundable deposit of $60.00 to the front office by FRIDAY 18th March 2016. The deposit MUST be accompanied by the permission note. One will NOT be accepted without the other. A payment plan has been provided with the permission note for your convenience. Please contact the administration office with any queries.

Stage 2 Sydney Excursion
Tuesday 9th August 2016 to Saturday 13th August 2016
Permission notes were sent home today. If you are interested in your child attending, please pay a non-refundable deposit of $50.00 to the front office by FRIDAY 18th March 2016. The deposit MUST be accompanied by the permission note. One will NOT be accepted without the other. A payment plan has been provided with the permission note for your convenience. Please contact the administration office with any queries.

March
Friday 4th
♣ Assembly 5-6S Hosting
Tuesday 8th
♣ Cricket Gala Day
Friday 18th
♣ Assembly 5-6A Hosting
Wednesday 23rd
♣ Easter Disco
Thursday 24th March
♣ Easter Hat Parade

April
Friday 1st
♣ Rugby Gala Day
Friday 8th
♣ P&C Walkathon
♣ End of term 1

What’s on this term!

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please take the time to come to the office, or make an appointment using the Alma App and we will endeavour to assist you.

We are here to help!

Please contact...
any of your
family information
or contact details

Telephone: 8088 2181
Fax: 8087 3691
Email: alma-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
or via the Alma App

Wanted!
Water Donations
It would be greatly appreciated if parents could donate a box of water to be placed in the fridges in your child’s class so that they have cold water when needed.

You can access the Alma Public School Website on www.alma-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
If you would like your child to participate in any of these competitions:
- Complete the form below and place it inside an envelope with the correct money.
- Mark the envelope with: University Competition: Student’s Name and Class and return to your child’s class teacher.

**Dates and Costs are:**

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**Alma Public School**

NSW University Competition

I would like my child ___________________________ of class ________________ to participate in the University of New South Wales Competition(s) in (Please tick):

Mathematics [ ]  Spelling [ ]  English [ ]  Digital Technologies [ ]  Science [ ]  Writing [ ]

Enclosed is payment of $____________________

Signed ___________________________ Date ______________