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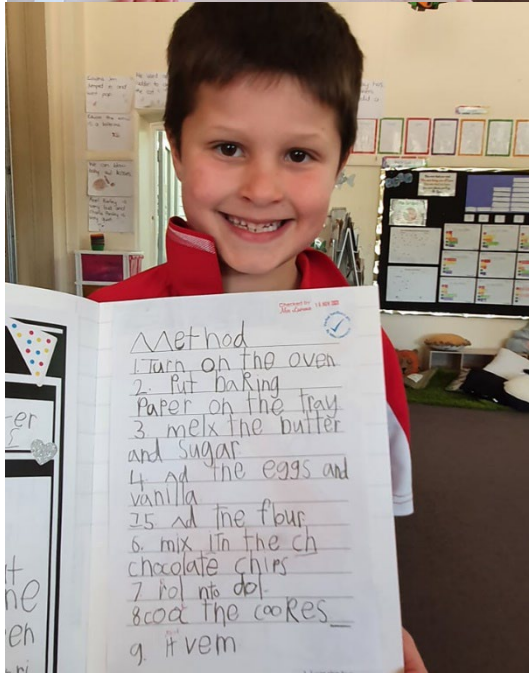
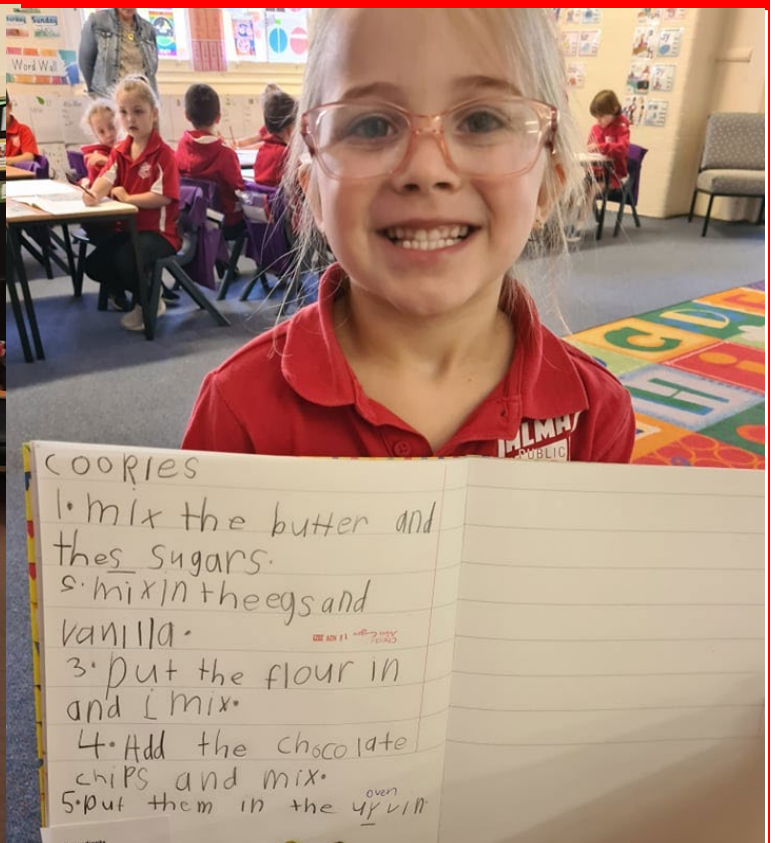
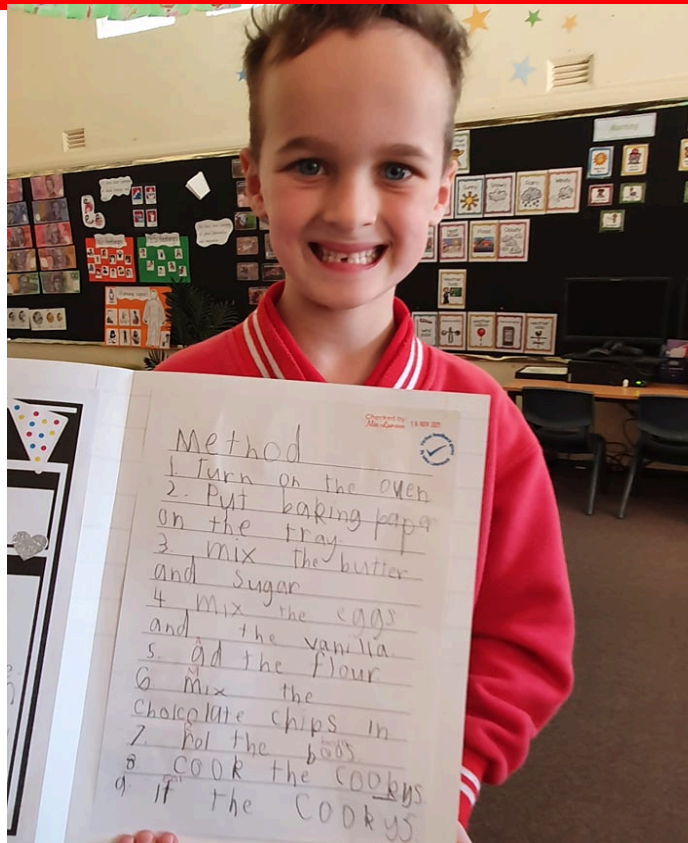
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Term 4
Week 8

Newsletter

Monday 22nd November 2021

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Kinder Master Chef
Kindergarten have been learning all about measuring, volume and capacity as well as procedure writing. So far this week we have made cookies and wrote the steps to make them. Bring on play dough and smoothies!

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From the Principal



We are getting closer to the end of 2021 and while it has been challenging with COVID19 it did have its advantages in that we had some time to upgrade the school. Over the year there has been a few projects happening to brighten up our school and purchase some much needed resources. Hopefully you have noticed but if not here are some of the improvements we have made and are still working towards.

- New signage at the main site and Bugdlie preschool.
- Preschool frontage painted, new shelving inside as well and new artificial grass flooring
- Basement areas cleaned out and one turned into our own Alma Art studio.
- Staffroom upgrade- new carpet, painting and carpet wall display areas
- A new reading resource room
- A new Professional learning centre for staff training/meetings
- New playground markings for students
- New seats and seating for students across the outdoor areas
- New Alma flags
- Kinder hall upgrade with painting of stage area and new furniture for display of resources
- Trees audited and removed or trimmed if dangerous
- Paving areas remedied
- New garden edging commenced
- New uniform rooms for sales to families

Along with our own projects the Department has been busy also with maintenance projects. We are now a fully reverse cycled airconditioned school. Known as the Cooler Classroom Project, we no longer have the old evaporative air cons or gas heaters in the classes. Thank you to the contractor - Sumtin who did a fabulous job and worked with us around our busy school schedule.

We now have solar panels on our hall which will reduce our electricity consumption and bills moving forward. All gutters and outdoor lights have been cleaned.

After contacting council re the uneven pathways outside our school, we now have confirmation that they will be worked on in early 2022.

We still have many other ideas for improvements, and I am hoping that in 2022 we have families who are keen to join the P&C. Unfortunately, we have not had a fully operational P&C this year, but I am hopeful that next year we can reset and rebuild a fully functional P&C. We cannot do this though without you. Parent and School Partnership is vital if we are to continue to 'Build the Best' at Alma. Our canteen is also in need of a supervisor and/or parent volunteers to provide a service to our students daily. If you are interested, please let us know. A P&C general meeting and AGM will be held early Term 1 2022.





2022 Starting Dates

2022 Term begins as follows:

Teaching staff return Thursday 3rd February, Friday 4th February and Monday 7th February.

Students return Years 1-6 Tuesday, 8th February

Kindergarten start Friday 10th February (Best start testing will be held 8th & 9th Feb)

The office will be open from Friday 4th February to purchase uniforms.

This Week's Focus

Respectful – We are considerate of our peers

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a school wide program that encourages positive behaviours to improve academic and social outcomes for all students. At Alma Public School, we are focussed on our three core values – Respectful, Responsible and Resilient.

This week's focus is: We are considerate of our peers

Being considerate of our peers means thinking of other people. We can be considerate of others by being polite and caring to make someone's day a little more enjoyable. It would be appreciated if you could discuss this with your child.

Examples of this include:

- Including others in games at break times.
- Keeping your learning space clean, tidy and organised.
- Asking your family how their day was.

PBL Winners: 3-4S Cleo Banning, K-6W Brayden Hagum-Hoare, 1-2S Indiana George, 1-2W Markallyn White, 1-2B Jesse Hagum, 3-4N Latrey Langdon, KJ Billy Barraclough, KL Willa Keenan, 5-6M Daniel Howell, 5-6H Peyton Burns & 5-6S Kiri Johnson

Kindergarten 2022 Orientation

Next year's kindergarten first Orientation session was very successful and all the new students for next year appeared very happy after their visit to the school.

SESSION TWO

When: Thursday 2nd December 2021.

Time: 1pm - 2.30pm

Where: Parents and children meet out the front of kinder hall - Comstock St gate.

What to bring: Children will need to bring along a lunch box with a healthy snack and water bottle.

As per the COVID-safe measures for orientation, one double vaccinated parent/carer is allowed to bring their child onto the school site for the orientation. The nominated parent/carer will be required to show evidence of their vaccination status to a school staff member on arrival. Please note parents/carers will only be allowed outdoors and will not be in close proximity to other cohorts of students.

Broken Hill Toy Run – DONATIONS PLEASE

The Broken Hill Toy run will be held on Friday 3rd December. The riders will come to the School at 11:10am and the school captains will hand over the toys. If you would like to donate have your child/ren bring in an unwrapped new toy to their classroom for collection.

Successful Diabetes Awareness Day



The school ran a Blue Day to encourage Diabetes Awareness last week and \$237.75 was raised towards the cause. August Keenan dressed in blue like all the other students and was proud to share her Type 1 status.

Attendance All-Stars!

Most improved attendance.

Class	Attendance %
K-6B	87.79
K-6W	90.05
KJ	93.61
KL	91.06
1-2B	92.47
1-2S	92.11
1-2W	88.92
3-4N	91.69
3-4S	91.04
3-4W	90.83
5-6H	92.05
5-6M	94.13
5-6S	91.11

The winning class Term 4 Week 6

1-2S

LIMITED CANTEEN OPEN

Heidi and Co have done a great job of running the limited canteen on behalf of the P&C.

The canteen is open every day in a limited capacity. Students will be able to buy snacks and drinks. They will access the canteen in their Stage groups. The canteen is now open for both breaks.