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Newsletter

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From the Relieving Principal

I will be out of the school for a Far West Network meeting and a conference from Thursday 18th March until Friday 28th March. Andree Morgan will be in charge Thursday and Friday this week and Kelly Sharwood will relieve in Week 9.



School Times

We have had a lot of students arriving to school as early as 8:00am. As much as we love that kids love coming to school, this is just a reminder that students are not allowed on site before 8.30am as there is no supervision. Please also make sure you are here to pick up students at 3:00pm.

Excursion Notes

Stage 2 and 3 excursion notes went home last week. Stage 2 will be heading off to Lake Cullulleraine and Mildura and Stage 3 to Ballarat and Bendigo. Deposits and permissions are due back as soon as you can so we can finalise planning and numbers. If you need any assistance with making these payments, please contact the school office.

Harmony Day

Our school will be participating in Harmony Day the Friday, 21st March. Each stage will be rotating across the other classes to be involved with a variety of activities. Julie in the canteen will also have some specials that will need to be preordered. **Envelopes have to be sent home today (one envelope per student).**

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students with their great effort with NAPLAN. Everyone has given it their best shot and worked hard to get the tests finished. The results will help us direct learning to better support your child.

Uniforms

It has been great to see so many students in uniforms this year and feeling proud to be a part of Alma. School uniforms build confidence and a sense of community connection. Just a reminder, that girls are also able to wear grey/red shorts if required. New school hats have arrived, the cost is \$13.00.

New Bubblers and Water Bottles

We are lucky enough to be getting all new bubblers installed for students in the coming months. These bubblers will be filtered and chilled and accessible for all students. Students can refill their water bottles using these bubblers also.

Unfortunately, we have had some incidents with students getting hurt by metal water bottles at play time. These water bottles are quite heavy and can warm up in the sun. Starting this week, metal water bottles will need to be left with lunch boxes at play time and will not be able to be carried around the school.

PSSA

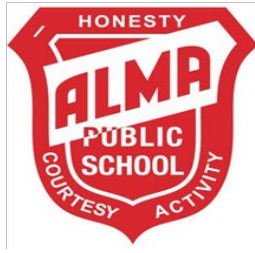
Congratulations to Javi, Rory, Ivy, Vance and Chet who have been selected to represent Barrier at the state carnivals. Good luck and we hope that you have a great time!

Ruby Church

Relieving Principal

Ngayi Alma, we start our week of learning by acknowledging the Wilyakali people. The Wilyakali people are the traditional owners of the land we are on today. On behalf of Alma Public School, we remember Wilyakali people from the past, present and emerging. Their country, our country and our School. We hope you have a great week of learning.





2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM

School Captain- Ivy Parker & Geordy Garden
Vice Captains- Georgia Fernando & Ava Bray
Prefects- Ryder Marcon, Remy Lennox Baxter Hutchinson & Calex Morris

SEMESTER 1 SRC REPRESENTATIVES

K/6R	Riley Pistotnik	
K/6W	Hugh Dean	
K/6C	Oliver Sforcina	
1/2B	Isla Harvey	Nevaeh Tonkin
1/2J	Pippa Brymer	Nevaeh Lawrence
1/2K	Penny Schuster	Chase Maiden
3/4A	Vance Jones	Aarav Ekanayake
3/4M	Charlie Slattery	Billy Barraclough
3/4H	Harper Linley	Rory Charnock
5/6P	Javi Reberger	Cadence Bartley
5/6S	Stephanie Dennis	Charlee Casey
5/6G	Rihannon Heffernan	Ava Richards

SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS

HOUSE	CAPTAIN	VICE-CAPTAIN
MARSHALL	Mollie Morgan	Lucy Chesworth
CUTHBERT	Mackenzie Blake	Sonny Rankin
STRICKLAND	Zoe Millstead	Aaliyah Lawrence
LANDY	Brooklyn Mannion	Lakyn Dennis

JUNIOR AECG MEMBERS

PRESIDENT- Keeley Thompson	VICE PRESIDENT- Elijah Dowling
TREASURER- Kaiden Kennedy	PUBLICITY OFFICER- Jamain Gilby-Quick
PUBLICITY OFFICER – Brax Chadwick	Calex Morris
Georgia Fernando	Xavier Dowling
Stephanie Dennis	Lakyn Dennis
Remy Lennox	Gema Argent
Ryder Marcon	Regan Greeney
Conar Dowling	



Week 6 assembly superstars! CONGRATULATIONS

Student Name

- Arthur Maxwell
- Joziyah Jones
- Shiloh Cochrane-Adolfson
- Mylee Harvey
- Willow Charnock
- Willow Hipwell
- Chase Edgumbe
- Cali Lehman
- Henley Bracken
- Sonny Rankin
- Aaliyah Lawrence
- Hugh Dean
- Jackson Jones
- Mae Maxwell
- Dominic Quin
- Campbell Brymer
- Elijah Dowling
- Brooke Pearce
- Chace Read
- Ellason Deery
- Zander Adams
- Owen Edgumbe
- Leonardo De Silva
- Parks Caldwell
- Kaleb Stephens
- Maxine Rouse
- Tate Forrest



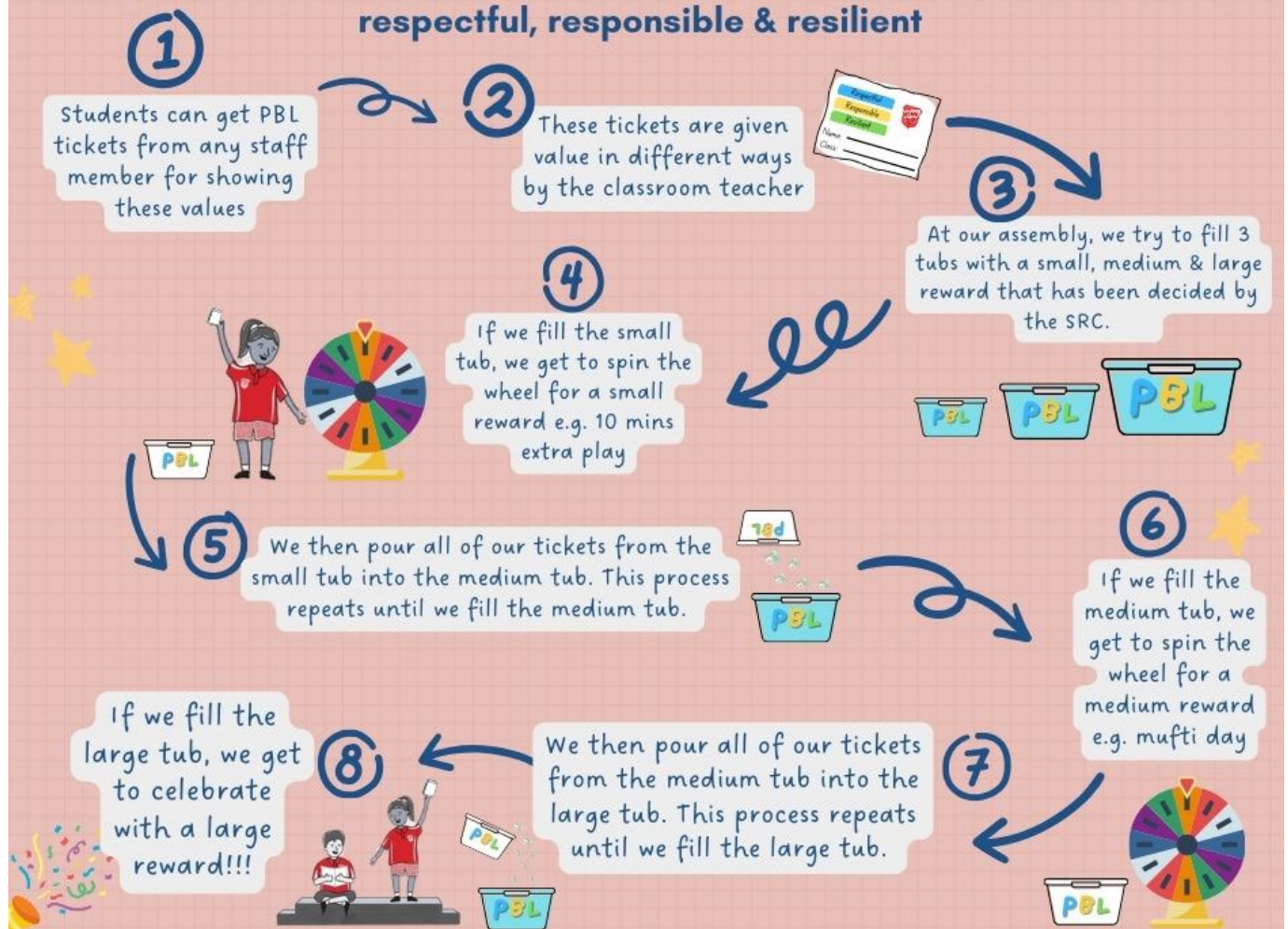
Term 1 Calendar 2025

WK 8	17 Mar NAPLAN	18 Mar NAPLAN	19 Mar NAPLAN	20 Mar NAPLAN Scripture	21 Mar NAPLAN Assembly Harmony Day
WK 9	24 Mar NAPLAN	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar
WK 10	31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr Scripture	4 Apr School Cross Country Assembly
WK 11	7 Apr P&C Meeting	8 Apr	9 Apr ANZAC Day Assembly	10 Apr Easter Hat Parade	11 Apr Last day of Term

How PBL works at Alma Public School



Our core values include being;
respectful, responsible & resilient



PBL Focus Week 8: WE ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME

T1W8

What's on this week at Alma PS?



- Monday-** NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- Tuesday-** NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- Wednesday-** NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- Thursday-** NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
- Friday-** NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
Harmony Day Students wear orange
Assembly item presented by 5/6P



Coming up...

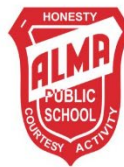
- Week 9** NAPLAN continues Year 3 & Year 5
Author Visit Year 3-6
- Week 10** Alma Cross Country



We are in the right place at the right time

NOTES TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL

- 2025 Family Information Sheet
- 2025 Permission to Publish and Consent
- Year 6 into Year 7 Expression of Interest
- Stage 3 MQ Roads permission note
- Year 6 t-shirt order form and deposit
- Stage 2 Lake Cullulleraine excursion permission and deposit note
- Stage 3 Ballarat & Bendigo excursion permission and deposit note
- JAECG T-Shirt note and deposit



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

A casual opportunity exists for a School Administration Officer from Term 2 with a possibility of an ongoing temporary contract.

A School Administrative Officer provides administrative, financial and student welfare/wellbeing support and assistance in relation to office and classroom activities, including but not limited to the following school settings: administration office, sick bay, and work room.

Essential Requirements:

- Working with Children Check
- First Aid Certificate or willingness to undertake First Aid training.
- Administration of Medications – training to be provided based on student needs.

Desired Skills

1. Demonstrated capacity to work effectively as part of a team.
2. Administration skills including a knowledge of computer software programs such as Microsoft Office.
3. Effective oral and written communication skills.
4. Ability to meet deadlines.
5. Ability to work with teachers and students.
6. Ability to perform tasks in one or more of the following areas: office procedures; accounting procedures; sick bay; student health; WHS.

Interested applicants should contact Ruby Church- Relieving Principal on 08 8088 2181 for further information.

Rural and regional school travel

Apply online for free school travel in rural and regional NSW. You only need to complete one form, even for journeys using more than one operator.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for free school travel, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.

Who needs to apply

You only need to apply if the student has never been approved for free school travel before. Students in a shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody) should submit a separate application for both addresses.

How to update your details

You need to update student details online if the student is changing their name, address, school or campus, or their Transport operator. You can update them at transportnsw.info/ssts-update

Frequently asked questions

Does the approved free travel include travel outside school hours?

Approved free school travel is only for travel to and from school. So for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays, students will need to buy a ticket.

What if there's no public transport in my area?

In areas where there is no public transport, you may be able to get a subsidy for driving the student to school. For details, visit transportnsw.info/school-students

How do I apply if the student needs to travel from two addresses because the parents live separately?

Each parent (or the student if aged 16 or over) needs to apply separately for each address. The same minimum distances apply.

How to apply for free travel for the first time

You can apply for free school travel for next year from the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once you have enrolled your child at the new school, apply online by giving your home address and telling us which bus company the student needs to travel with between home and school. You can apply online at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

The school then confirms to us that your details are correct.

Step 3

We will then work on your application. You will get an email confirming if the student is approved for free travel. If so, we will tell your local bus company who may send a school travel pass (if needed) to your school or, in some cases, the bus company will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students aged 15 years and under. Students who are 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

What my card will look like



Want to know more?

For more information, visit transportnsw.info/school-students

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

Privacy: For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the [Opal Privacy Policy](#) at transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal-privacy-policy and the [School Pass Terms](#) at transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms



FOUNDATION MEETING

When: Thursday | 20 | March

Time: 7.30pm

Where: Willyama High School Library

Parents and community members are invited the foundation meeting of Willyama High School P&C.





ORL JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE SOCIAL LEAGUE TAG REGISTRATION DAYS

Ages 5 - 17 years

MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025,
3.30-4.30PM,
Menindee Central School
Back Oval, Menindee

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2025,
4.00PM -5.30PM,
Lamb Oval, Broken Hill

Ensure to register on the day to receive
your free pair of playing shorts and
playing socks for the 2025 ORL season!



All enquiries to Poi Birtles :
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0468 964 724

BROKEN HILL

WEDNESDAY

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**APRIL
2025**

COMMUNITY NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A FUN
NIGHT OF SCIENCE
& DISCOVERY

FREE ENTRY

WHEN

6:00PM - 7:30PM

WHERE

YMCA BROKEN HILL
78 CHLORIDE STREET,
BROKEN HILL NSW 2880

FOR
EVERYONE!

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

Activities include:

PLANETARIUM

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It all adds up ~ your attendance matters

SCHOOL EVERYDAY



Start that good habit today

TERM 1 SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ROSTER

FRIDAYS 2PM KESTER HALL

WEEK 1

No School

WEEK 2

No School

WEEK 3

14.02.25

No
Assembly

WEEK 4

21.02.25

Student
Leadership

WEEK 5

28.02.25

No
Assembly

WEEK 6

07.03.25

Induction
Assembly

WEEK 7

14.03.25

No
Assembly

WEEK 8

21.03.25

5/6P

WEEK 9

28.03.25

No
Assembly

WEEK 10

04.04.25

1/J



WEEK 11

11.04.25

No
Assembly