## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 WEEK 10 19TH JUNE 2024

#### Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 19th June SRC PJ Day
- Friday 21st June
   Last day of Term 2
- Tuesday 16th July School resumes for students



Ms Saleena

Ms Troy

See you in October





#### Principal's Message

Week 10 - hard to believe as the term has flown by so very quickly!

#### Leadership Changes

From the start of next term we have a few changes in our Leadership team. I have been asked by our Department to take on a 'Subject Matter Expert Role' for the significant ICT projects rolling out over the next few years to all schools in the NT- The Enterprise Management project and the ICT Service Model. I have previously worked in the Department leading such projects and have significant expertise in this field. This will mean Tuesdays and Wednesdays I am off-line from day to day business at Alawa and focussing on supporting these projects with the corporate teams. I will still be fully based at Alawa and committed to my role as Principal. In recognition of the use of my time we have been allocated the funding for an additional Assistant Principal - Mr Jed Henderson will assume this role however will continue teaching in his current class 8hrs a week. Mrs Joanne Baines will then step up into role of Senior Teacher Primary Years. Mrs Barnett, Mrs Thorne and Mrs Henschke as well as Ms Sharon continue in their current roles in the Leadership Team. Ms Kate Scott will be joining us and teaching in the 5/6 rooms.

#### End of Semester Reports

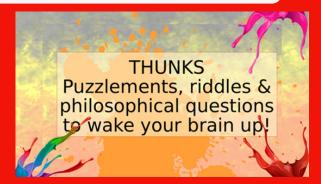
Reports are now available in Xuno from Tuesday 18th June. They have also been emailed to students in Years 3-6 Wednesday 19th June.

If you require a paper copy please just contact the front office

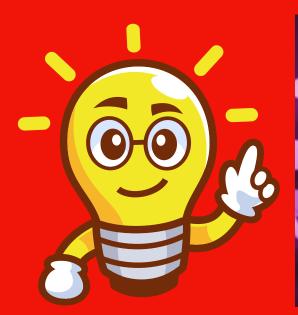




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#### Staffing Updates

- Ms Kate Scott will be joining the team and teaching in the 5/6 rooms, mainly in 5/6 Henderson-Scott and also six hours a week in 5/6 Baines.
- Madison Gargan as a classroom support and admin officer working in 3/4 Gardner and also the front office.

#### Week 10 at Alawa

Full programs continue this week right through to the last day of the term. All students will be engaged in core Literacy lessons as usual as well as Maths investigations around the Olympics Theme as we start winding up for the big event in Paris. If any family has other plans which will mean the children at not at school it is important you discuss this with myself or Mrs Barnett ASAP.

#### PJ Day

What a sea of colour this morning as our SRC hosted our first ever PJ Day - raising funds for Project Flying Fox. Huge thanks to Mrs Barnett and the SRC for coordinating this and to everyone who got involved.

Huge thanks to everyone at Alawa for their continued efforts to sustain a vibrant, dynamic learning community - where we all work together for targeted improvement!

Safe and happy holidays

Sandy Cartwright [Principal of the Best School in the Multiverse]



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#### Assistant Principal's Message

Hi Alawa Families,

Week 10 already! How the time flies when you are having fun!

It has been a fabulous term at Alawa Primary School, and I have been reflecting on all of the wonderful activities, programs and achievements our school community has accomplished. Whilst I could never list them all here, some of my highlights have included:

- Alawa Speech and Occupational Therapy Program
- · Preschool Picnic Night
- Mother's Day Movie Night
- Sports Day
- Masterchef
- SO MANY great assembly presentations
- Gala days galore
- Music lunchtime performance by our Monday music students (picture below).

There are so many more things I could mention. As I reflect, it is clear that none of these events or programs could go ahead without our wonderful Alawa Primary School staff, so I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to the learning and experiences of our students this term.

I am very proud of the efforts of our students also, which is shown in the growth that can be seen in their Semester I Reports which are going home this week.

As we wind up the term and head toward the three-week break, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. See you in Term 3.



Rachel Barnett
[Assistant Principal]



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 19th June	Pyjama Day	All day
Friday 21st June	Hockey Gala Day NAIDOC Assembly hosted by 5/6 Henderson Last day of Term 2	All day 8:40am All day
Monday 15th July	Staff Professional Development Day No school for students	All day
Tuesday 16th July	First day of Term 3	All day
Monday 22nd July	School Council Meeting	5:30pm - 7:00pm
Friday 26th July	Darwin Show Day- Public Holiday	All day

## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

The school council met with the After School Care sub-committee on Monday night, to discuss the ongoing negotiations between the school and the potential service provider.

While there are still some details to finalise with the potential provider and the school, for both short-term and long-term solutions for offering OSHC at Alawa, significant progress has been made.

We appreciate the parents' efforts in identifying and liaising with a potential provider, the teachers and principal working to identify a temporary space, as well as the dedication shown by the school and the sub-committee in working towards a solution for families.

We will continue to keep the school community updated as decisions are made.



# HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTION



The following students will receive their Honour Awards this Friday 21st June:

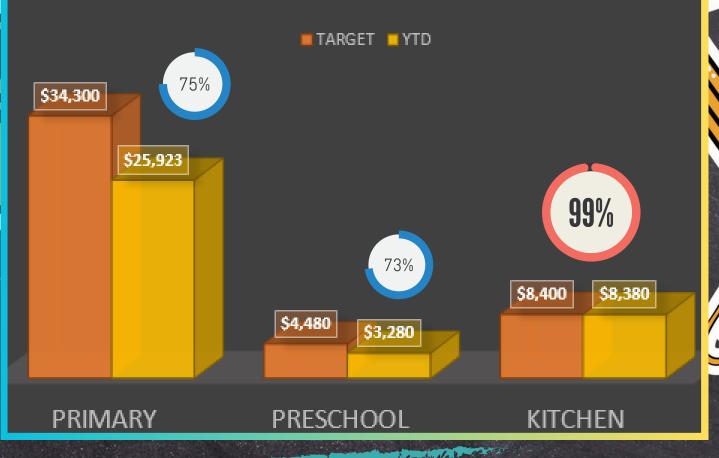
Saidi Rashidi	Savannah Winn	Shannon Gleeson	Huey Saunders
Rafael Clark	Emily Tannock	Keisha Woods- Petterson	Avery Cianciano
Nieva Bui	Jaxon Royal	Harrison Cockfield	Dieume Pwisa
Dakoda Tweedie	Stephanie Cockfield	Rosalee Rutledge	Jacob Marasigan
Maebe Thomson	Marley Petterson	Stella Wedel	Arham Shaikh
Jackson Pearson	Indi Vujcich	Indiana Jeffery- Kent	Nemea May- Presley
Tommy Jenner	Kassius Wunungmurra	Yanni Fountis	Kiana Nickels
Ezra Smith	Fern Russell	Casey Raby	Gabby Lee
Amuri Rashidi	Kavya Thakar	Genevieve Briggs	

Alawa students have been doing such an incredible job of using their ALLE tools and displaying the Alawa values that our assemblies for the remainder of the year are full for students receiving their Honour Distinction Award!

This week we have Tommy Jenner receiving an Honour Distinction!

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PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS HELP ALAWA PRIMARY
SCHOOL TO BE THE BEST SCHOOL IN THE MULTIVERSE,
BY PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF EQUIPMENT AND
CONSUMABLES, INCLUDING LIBRARY BOOKS, LITERACY
AND NUMERACY RESOURCES, ICT EQUIPMENT AND
ART AND CRAFT SUPPLIES.

## PRIMARY NEWS

The happy campers arrived at the Katherine Outback Experience last Wednesday, eager to make the most of their time there. Tom Curtain's show was a hit, as was the homemade pizza dinner. After a few rounds of spotlight, [an Alawa camp favourite], it was time for showers and bed, ready for another big day ahead.

Students came back and and were very excited to share some of their highlights from camp. It was really hard to pick just one thing as the whole experience was...AMAZING!!!

River - playing spotlight

Xavier - the Katherine Outback Experience show

Rafael - Cutta Cutta Caves

Shannon - roasting marshmallows around the camp fire

Finlay - the camp food

Aria - EVERYHING!!!



Masterchef was a big success once again with our Year 4 students showcasing their culinary talents.

The student kitchen was filled with delicious aromas and intense competition.

They definitely did not make it easy for the judges, who were able to pick one team only for the win!!!

It came down to which team's dish had the most bold flavours and creative use of ingredients.

Well done to everyone who participated!!!!!!



## LIBRARY NEWS

With School Holidays upon us it is that time to start thinking about what is happening for kids and families around town. The local libraries always have fun activities most of which are offered for free across the holiday period.

City of Darwin's Fun in the Parks and Libraries School Holiday program can be found at:

https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-06/SchoolHolidayProgram JuneJuly%202024.pdf

City of Palmerston Library School Holiday program can be found at:

https://palmerston.nt.gov.au/SchoolHolidayProgram

If you have a writer in the house the City of Darwin is currently running the Young Territory Author Awards. Entries are open to residents of the Northern Territory aged 18 years and under. Entries close on August 27th and more information can be found at:

https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries/kids-and-teens/youngterritory-author-awards



Need help keeping the	kids entertained these	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?			
Join us @ City of Palm	erston Library for our S	chool Holiday Program! 3	weeks - Mon 24 June - Fri 1:	2 July	
All sessions are FREE 1	for ages 5-12 & activitie	es kick off 10AM DAILY.			
SAVE THE DATES:					
Monday 24 June	Tuesday 25 June	Wednesday 26 June	Thursday 27 June	Friday 28 June	
Science Magic: Messy	Science Magic:	Juggling Show	The Amazing Drumming	Friday Flic:	
Mayhem	Crazy Gadgets	Michael Connell	Monkey	Trolls Band Together	
Donal Vaughan	Donal Vaughan			(PG)	
Monday 1 July	Tuesday 2 July	Wednesday 3 July	Thursday 4 July	Friday 5 July	
Movie Monday:	Witladla	Cultural Wildlife	Aboriginal Artwork	Storytelling though	
Bran Nue Dae (PG)	Aunty June Mills	Encounters	Dingo Cockatoo	poetry	
		Dingo Cockatoo		Melanie Mununggurr	
Monday 8 July	Tuesday 9 July	Wednesday 10 July	Thursday 11 July	Friday 12 July	
Movie Monday:	Leaf Expression Art	Children's Mosaic	Sand Card Art	The Amazing Drumming	
Migration (PG)	Kajal Patel	NT Art Storms	NT Art Storms	Monkeys	

Happy holidays
Ms Sacha [Library/ICT]

## PLAYGROUP NEWS

Such a fun morning we had at playgroup on Friday. We started our morning with cup of teas and chats, and playing with our friends and even met some new friends again this week! We drew beautiful pictures on the whiteboard, and bounced the colourful balloon balls. We worked on puzzles and loved making creations with the green playdough too! Then we headed down to the farm to visit our furry, feathered and scaly friends. We had a great time with the chickens, watching them peck around and patting them gently, then we went to say 'hello' to the fluffy bunny and guinea pigs, we peeked in to say 'hey' to Hei Hei the 'dragon', and then we went to give some banana leaf snacks to our goat friends.



It was time to go back to pre-school so we waved goodbye to the farm and with our time we had left couldn't wait to have a big play outside! We went racing on the bikes, sliding and climbing on the playgyms, climbing and hanging upside down on the climbing frames and having the best time with our family and friends! It was a lovely way to end the week.

There will be no playgroup this Friday as we are getting ready for our big mid year holidays so have fun everybody and be safe.

Ms Erin [Playgroup Coordinator]

#### FARM NEWS

Larrakia Season: Mayilema (knock'em down season) Gulumoerrgin (Larrakia) people are starting to collect Magpie Goose eggs as the local Speargrass has started flowering. We are selling lots of eggs at our Thursday market stall ranging from quail eggs to duck eggs.

Farm News: Our baby guinea pigs are ready for their new homes, we know they will be well looked after and wish their new families much joy.

Farm Highlights: Highlights this week have been growing some sweet seedlings and designing our show entries.

We will be attempting to win the best Community Gardens, with an awesome display for a consecutive year, and entering a range of other produce and animal entries. We are putting in our beloved Goats, Delilah and Skye and 'Showgirl' the very distinct chicken, you certainly won't want to miss him!

This year Transition classes have been designing a Scarecrow! We need some Donations of hessian bags, pirate and fairy accessories, bright wigs, old overalls and gum boots, so please bring in your spare wings and cutlasses to the front office for those house points! All by week I T3 please.

Have a wonderful break, as always thank you to our volunteers and we will love seeing you and your family next term!

2024 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants Program



We're thrilled to announce that we have received a 2024 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for our project, to create a 'Yarning Circle' at the Farm.

Recipient of a 2024 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant



In semester 2, our year 4/5 classes will be learning about the importance of a traditional "Yarning Circle" to First Nations people. They will then be undertaking the design and redevelopment of their own Farm "Yarning Circle". Hopefully we will be creating a space that all students and classes feel comfortable to tell a story, reflect or just be in nature.

Alawa Primary School is one of 1,041 primary schools and early learning centres across Australia to receive a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions.

The children and teachers are looking forward to getting their hands dirty and learning from this project – we'll keep you updated!

Click on the <u>Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants map</u> to read more about our project and others. <u>Yarning Circle</u> - <u>Alawa Primary School (juniorlandcare.org.au)</u>









Mrs Cleary and Farmer Bob [The Farm Team]

## PRESCHOOL NEWS



Loose parts exploration is an important component of our preschool program. We always have a loose parts area as one of our activities during investigations. Loose parts consist of a variety of materials that can be manipulated and moved around to bring ideas to life or help facilitate imaginative play.

The loose parts featured at preschool depend on the interests and needs of the children at the time. Recently our loose parts table became a collection of natural materials for a 'make your own mini beasts' area.

We provided provocations through photographs and examples.

Children helped to collect sticks and different coloured leaves from our yard to use in their play. Some critters looked like familiar insects, and some were purely imaginative. There were wooden frames for children to compose their creations inside. Some magical creatures were created, and children were very proud to show what they had made from the loose parts.





Ms Henschke, Ms Churchman, Ms Kelly, Ms Flor, Ms Katie
[The Preschool Team]

## SCHOOL PHOTOS



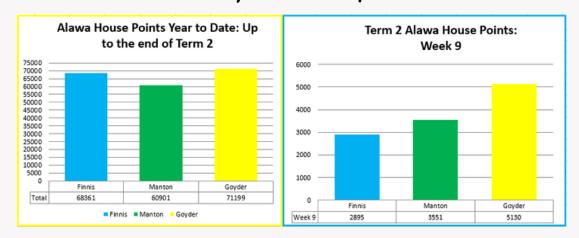
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PHOTO DAY
COMING UP ON
7TH AUGUST 2024

## HOUSE POINTS

Students at Alawa receive raffle tickets [house points] for their attitude and behaviour in the playground and out the front of the school at the end of the day. Points are then counted on a Friday along with the points for students in full uniform, wearing house shirts etc.

At the end of each term, we also include the point's earnt through the recycling project and water bottle checks. Parents can also earn points for their houses by volunteering at the school- Whether it's in the kitchen, the farm, the library, the canteen or even in the classroom, parents can earn 100 points each time they volunteer. Make contact with your classroom teacher or the front office to find out more information.

In Week 9 of Term 2 Goyder was ahead with 5130 points! In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 71199 points!

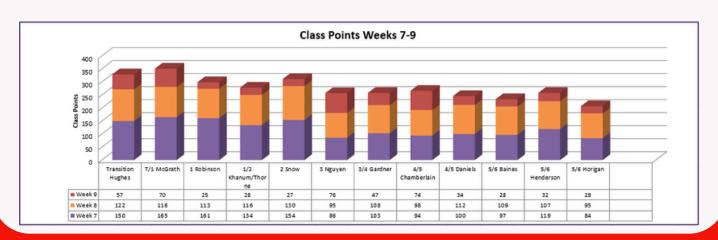


## **CLASS POINTS**

Muster is held at Alawa after each recess and lunch break - this gives us an opportunity for everyone to settle from playtime, share any celebrations and work on consistency of messages and expectations.

Each week we allocate class points during Muster time recognising those students who were ready and waiting to go back to class calmly and quietly after break times. The winning class from each 3 weeks will receive ice-blocks from our Principal and get to choose 3 songs that will play before our bells for the following 3 weeks.

The class with the most points in Week 9 of Term 2 was....3 Nguyen with 76 points!!! The winning class for Weeks 7-9 is....T/I McGrath with 351 points!!! Way to go!!!

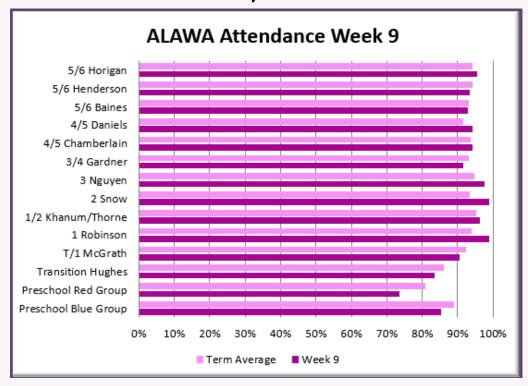


## ATTENDANCE

Primary School Average for Week 9 Term 2: 93.97% The class with the highest attendance for Week 9:

2 Snow with 99.00%!!! Amazing job!!!

In the lead for Term 2 ia....1/2 Khanum-Thorne with 95.26%!!!





#### Family holidays / absences during school time:

We request that any families who are considering holidays or being away during school time discuss this as early as possible [at least a weeks notice] with the Principal or Assistant Principal so a program of work can be negotiated [for a limited period of time not extended]. If this does not happen according to departmental guidelines the absences are recorded as unacceptable in the student administration system.

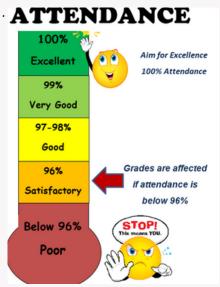
#### LATES

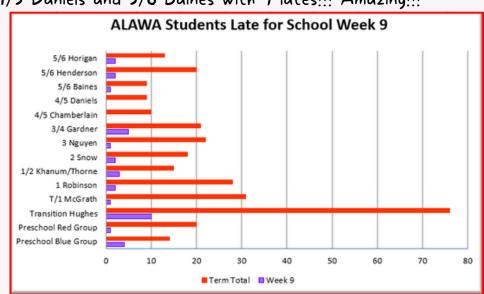
Arriving late for school has a significant impact on your child's learning and engagement in the education program.

There were 34 lates in Week 9!

For Week 9 it was fabulouso to see NO lates at all for 4/5 Chamberlain and 4/5 Daniels!!!!

In the lead for Term 2 is...4/5 Daniels and 5/6 Baines with 9 lates!!! Amazing!!!





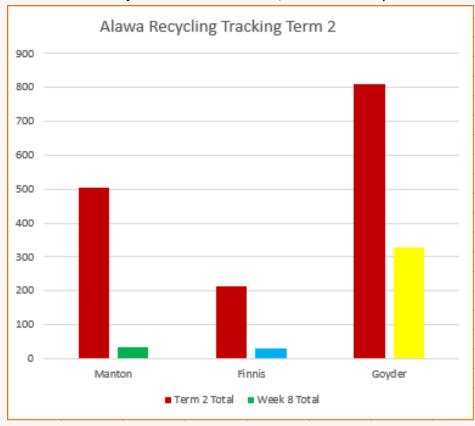
### RECYCLING





Our recycling bags are up and ready for deposits in their usual location in the back car park hanging on the fence.

Each bag represents a house and all items will be recorded as a point for your house. Items can be delivered during school hours and placed directly into the bags.



Get the whole school community involved!

Start collecting your dental care items like toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, floss containers and electric toothbrush heads to be recycled through the ntrs TerraCycle Recycling Program.

For every eligible item collected, ntrs will donate 10c back to the school until the end of June 2024.

Email Lisa.Roberts@ntrs.com.au to register and arrange for a recycle bin.





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