

# ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 WEEK 7  
29TH MAY  
2024

## Principal's Message

Welcome to our Week 7 news - 4 weeks of Term 2 to go and honestly so many in our community are a tad weary right now - parents, staff and students. We have had a very busy time with lots of learning, sport, the movie night, Preschool family picnic, student led conferences etc etc.

We are all doing our best to stay focussed and positive but at times some silly choices are being made by students in the playground and the classrooms which has necessitated in consequences and follow ups. We certainly appreciate parental support for when these incidents happen and discussions with students about the better way to behave. This is particularly at the moment with regards to play time and staying within agreed boundaries where staff are supervising for safety, being back at muster on time and playing carefully and respectfully. If behaviour continues to be against the expected way at Alawa students will miss out on play and those older students may be risking their attendance at the upcoming camp and gala day.

It was terrific to see so many family members come along to the assembly last Friday hosted by the super persuasive cherubs from 3 Nguyen. So many children recognised for their efforts and Ms Layla receiving her Honour Distinction.

## Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday 5th June**  
9yrs and up Field events & 800m
- **Friday 7th June**  
Alawa Sports Day

## Staffing Updates:

Ms Amy Troy [our PE / Arts teacher] has made the tough call to resign from her role effective the end of this term for personal reasons. Ms Troy has been with us since April 2023 and we thank her for her efforts and commitment in her role. We are currently advertising for a replacement - if you know of anyone interested please ask them to contact the front office.



## End of Semester Reports

Teachers continue to review progress and achievement through the school to inform parents as well as further targeted teaching.

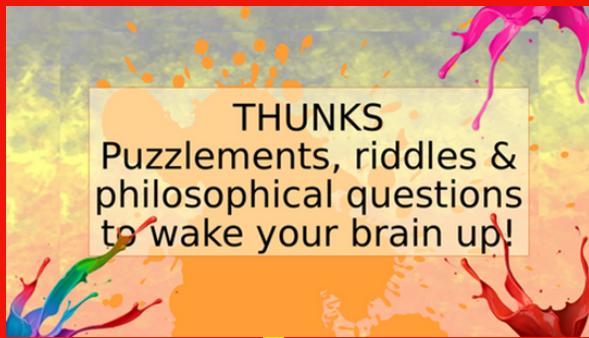
Reports will be available in Xuno Tuesday 18th June.

They will also be emailed to students in Years 3-6

Wednesday 19th June.



## Principal's Message contd.

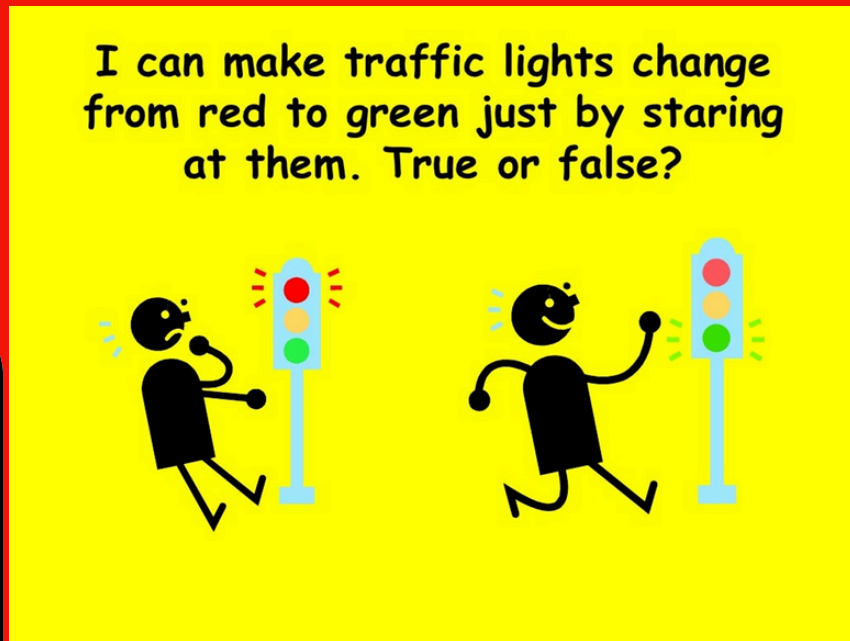


### Year 5/6 Camp: Notification & Payment Reminders

Our Year 5/6 Camp to Katherine is fast approaching - only 2 weeks away. So many of our students are super excited [and maybe the parents?].

Permission forms have gone home with students and are required back at school by Monday 3rd June.

Reminder re the payment due dates.



**Note: Failure to return the permission form by the due date and meet the payment schedule may result in your child unable to attend the camp.**

Payment Date	Amount due each date	Total over time
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April (Week 3)	\$80	\$80
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May (Week 5)	\$80	\$160
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May (Week 7)	\$80	\$240
Monday 3rd June (Week 8)	\$80	\$320

### Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day is coming up very soon - next week and is held over 2 days. The Wednesday morning and the full day Friday. We look forward to seeing many family members at the end. A few reminders:

- We very much appreciate parent / family member volunteers on the day. If able to support please contact the front office
- During recess and lunch breaks ALL Alawa children will be expected back inside the main gates - parents are welcome to come in as well or stay on the oval
- A special lunch offer is being made available
- School aged children [who are enrolled at other schools] are expected to attend their own school and NOT be at Alawa

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

## Assistant Principal's Message



### KIDS FITNESS BOOT CAMP

AS part of our wellbeing as well as preparation for our school Sports Day on June 7th, today we recommence fitness bootcamp on a Wednesday morning.

We ask for all children to arrive at school by 8:15am Wednesdays and we all gather on the oval for 30minutes. Parents and family members are also invited and encouraged to come and join us.



Hi Alawa Families,

Welcome to week 7!

Last week included our first of two paediatric clinics for the term with Dr Corey Driscoll, as well as the completion of our six-week Speech Pathology program with Lily Hamilton in partnership with Latrobe University and Early Start Australia. The Occupational Therapy program continues for a further two weeks, with great results being seen for our participating students.

Alawa Primary School is aware that health and wellbeing can have a significant impact on student learning, which is why such programs are a priority in the school. Such partnerships mean that students [and families] can be provided with a wrap-around service to support their child to thrive at school and beyond. If families have any questions about such services offered by the school, please get in touch at any time.

We are on the countdown to Sports Day now which will be held in week 8, and bootcamp is in full swing in preparation for this. As always, we are looking forward to a fun filled, active day for all students.

The SRC announced last week that there will be a free dress day, Wednesday 19th of June [Week 10]. The theme will be PJ Day! SRC are asking for a gold coin donation for those who wish to participate as they are raising money for "Project Flying Fox". As always, sun smart attire is essential! We will send out more communications about this in the lead up to week 10.

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." B. B. King.

**Rachel Barnett [Assistant Principal]**



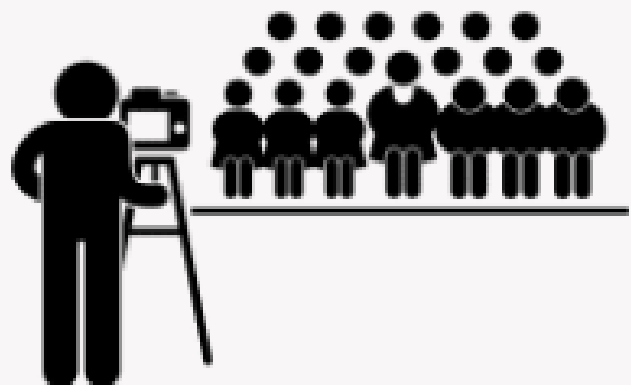
**I LIKE KNOWING  
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 30th May	Young Achievers at DMS	All day
Tuesday 4th June	Masterchef	3:00pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday 5th June	Years 3-6 Field Events Preschool races and tabloid events	8:40am - 10:30am 9am onwards
Thursday 6th June	Year 6 Orientation Day at DMS	8:45am - 1:00pm
Friday 7th June	Sport's Day	All day
Monday 10th June	King's Birthday - Public Holiday	All day
Tuesday 11th June	Dr Corey's Paediatric Clinic	All day
Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th June	5/6 Camp in Katherine	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

## COMING UP.....

**SCHOOL PHOTOS  
2024  
HAVE BEEN  
BOOKED FOR 7TH OF  
AUGUST**





# HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTION

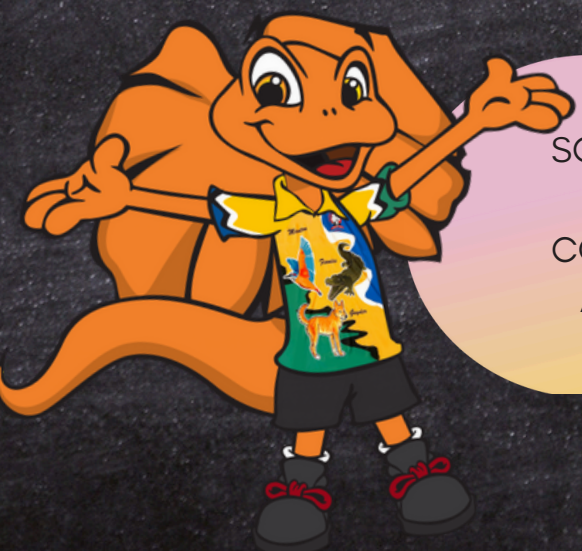
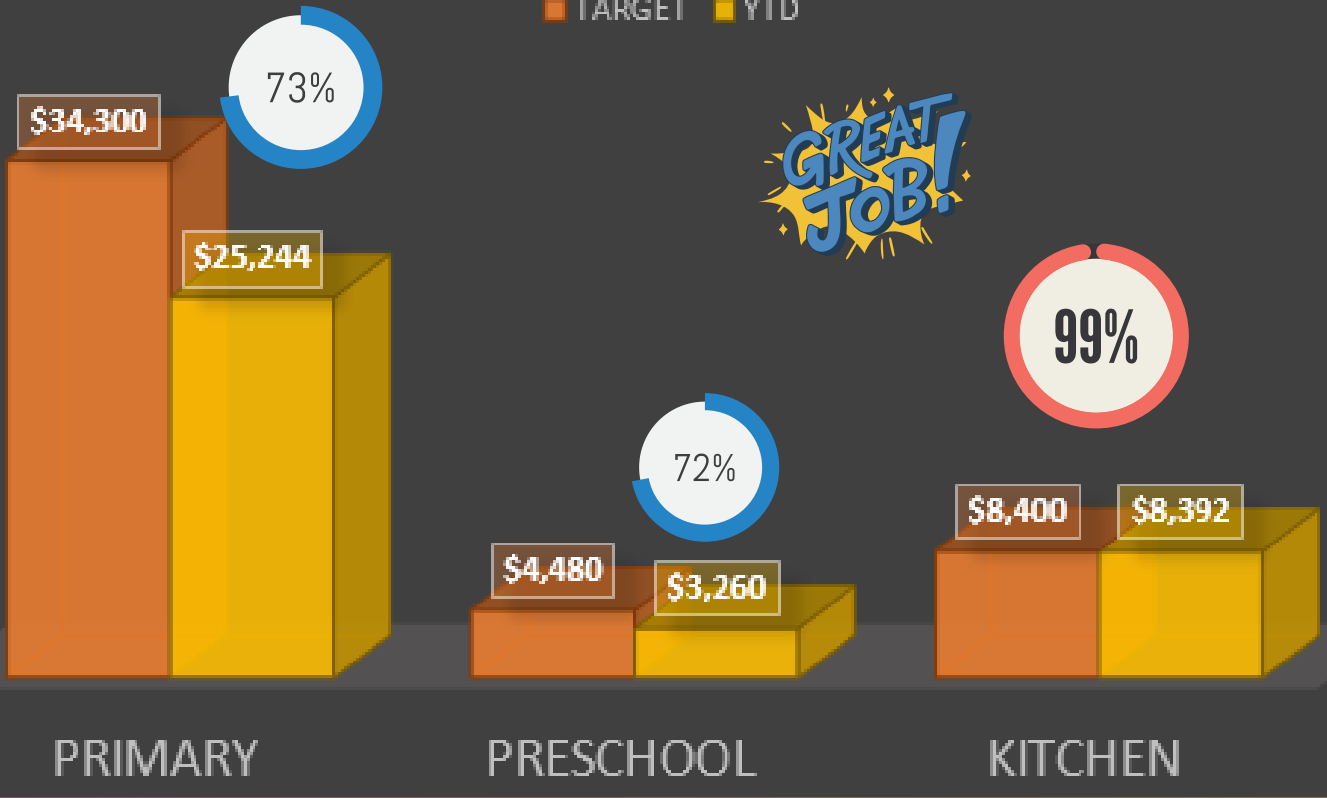




# ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 2024 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

TARGET YTD



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.

# LIBRARY NEWS

It has been fantastic to see all the creations, discussions and fact finding missions that were sparked by the Simultaneous Storytime book *Bowerbird Blues* this last week. Our Bowerbird nest in the library was added to, pictures of Bowerbirds drawn and I have seen movies, collages and more as I have walked through classrooms. I look forward to seeing what is in store for next years Simultaneous Storytime.

## In the Spotlight

### **Timeless by Kelly Canby**

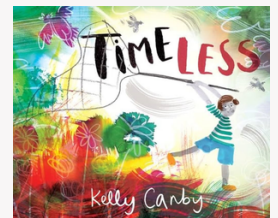
*Timeless* is shortlisted in the Picture Book of the Year category of the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year awards for 2024.

Blurb: Emit (whose parents turned back time to name him) is surrounded by busyness. Dad is too busy to read stories, Mum is too busy to play games and Emit's brother and sister are simply too busy doing nothing to do anything, at all. Emit tries everything he can think of to get more time, he tries to catch it, wait for it, but it's not until Emit tries to buy some time that he learns the secret which is, if you want time, you have to make it.

This is a book full of bright colours and lots of movement. Full of common time related idioms such as "running out of it" it is a great conversation starter around the concept of time. This is a story to give us pause to think about our lives and how we spend our time.

Check out [Alphabet Soups interview with the Author:](#)

[Alphabet Soups interview here](#)



Ms Sacha [Library/ICT]

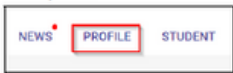
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Any questions?

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# PLAYGROUP NEWS

Wow, What a busy playgroup we had on Friday! We have been seeing new faces every week. It was our farm visit this week and there was a whole tribe of us so I'm sure the farm animals were wondering who the noisy herd was that were heading their way but we were welcomed to the flock when we visited the chickens with our little bucket of seeds! The playgroupers (and chickens) were so excited for the handfuls of food to be sprinkled around and the little hands held out for happy beaks to peck, peck, peck! Then we went around to visit all of our farm friends to say 'hello' before heading back to the pre-school room for some outside play!



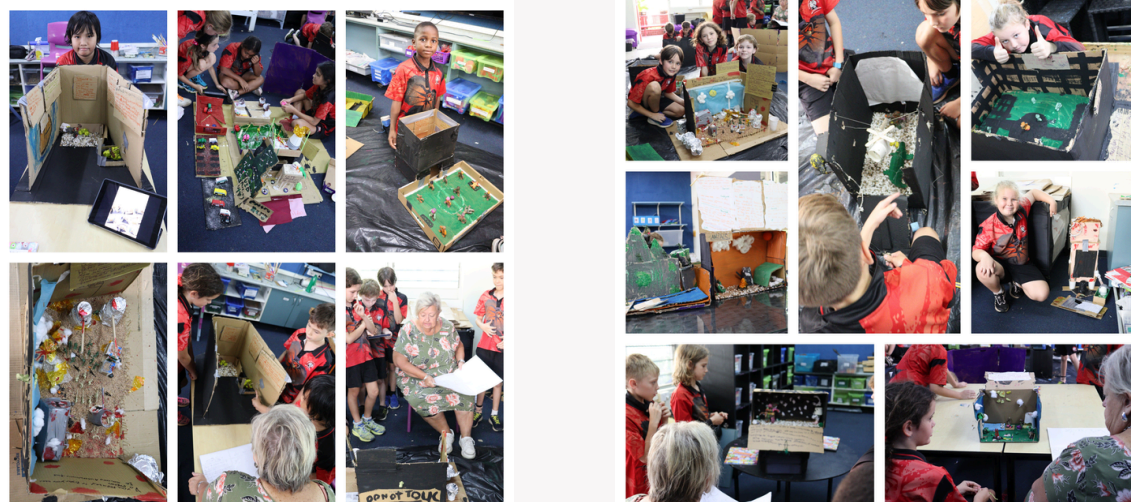
We had so much fun outside, playing on the slides, climbing and balancing like monkeys do, and making delicious sand pies in the sandpit for our parents and grandparents to eat! Yum yum. We went racing on the bike track and had a great time with the barnyard animals too. And of course we love getting to see our friends at pre-school, that always brightens our day! This week we will do some cooking. Looking forward to seeing you there.

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## 4/5 Chamberlain

Recently our class spent time engaged in our STEM room projects. We had to use our critical thinking and problem solving skills to design an artefact for our class museum stand.

The students thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on experience as they enthusiastically designed and created some amazing masterpieces.





# PRESCHOOL NEWS



We have a few upcoming preschool event's we wanted to share with everyone!

## **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL!**

Preschool is invited to the whole school sports day on Friday the 7th of June. Preschool Blue will attend with Ms Churchman at 9am to race in front of the whole school. Any children from Preschool Red who would also like to race are more than welcome to attend for the race, but a parent must stay with them the whole time. If you are coming for the race make sure you are there well before 9 as the times are only a guide and could be earlier or later. The Preschoolers run the first race of the annual carnival and the whole school is there to cheer them on in House teams. Children and families are encouraged to wear their House Colour shirts and accessories.

However also on Wednesday the 5th of June both preschool classes will be hosting a mini athletics carnival for all the preschool children to be involved. We are inviting families to come a watch their children if they are available and would like to see them race! Below is the timetable we will be following below, please keep in mind it is just a guide:

8:40 – Bell rings and we commence our morning routine to get ready to head out to the quadrangle

8:50 – Parachute activities

9:00 – Toilet break

9:10 – 50m race on the big oval track. Come cheer us on!

9:25 – Toilet break

9:30 – Tabloid activities, children will rotate through 4 athletics carnival activities in the quadrangle

10:15 – Recess break in the preschool

10:45 – 11:30 – regular preschool program continues

If families are staying for the morning activities and wish to take their child home at 10:15am that is fine – just remember to advise the preschool teacher PLUS sign out through the front office.

## **PRESCHOOL BIKE-A-THON!**

In Term 3 Wednesday the 31st of July, we will be hosting the annual preschool Bike-A-Thon this is a fun filled morning for the children that is also our major fundraiser for the year! We are continuing to fundraise for our very own water play pump and creek. More information will be coming out about this soon. At the moment the preschool team is busy getting ready for the event and our amazing preschool parent committee have been busy sourcing some amazing prizes for the event!

In the mean time we need our families help. We are looking for some crafty families that can make some arches for the children to ride through as they whiz around the track. Please let us know if you are able to make an arch for the event. Here are some examples of ones that families have made in the past!

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

# KITCHEN NEWS

Kitchen has been a lot of fun over the last 2 weeks. We explored the flavours of China and made our own hand-made wheat noodles. It was fun making the dough and cutting the noodles. The groups could choose what they did with the noodles with a variety of stir fries, soups and some people choosing my yummy chilli oil sauce.

We continued with dough making last week with a slightly different recipe- Nepalese momos. These turned out really well, they were filled with mince and vegetables and steamed. We made a delicious tomato achar sauce to accompany the momos.

Keep an eye out for MasterChef notes for the competition coming up next week. I am still on the look out for guest judges, so please let me know if you are interested.



**Ms Stratton [Kitchen Teacher]**

# DSM NEWS

It has been lovely seeing parents before school in the mornings, and down at the farm. I have recently spent a bit of time down at the farm with Mrs Cleary and Farmer Bob. I find that it is a great way to connect with the students in an informal environment. It is also a great opportunity to connect with parents who are volunteering their time. Here at Alawa, we greatly appreciate the parent support and involvement.

Last week at Defence Kids Club, we had fun with colouring sheets, Guess Who, Lego and chess [which was a particular favourite with the grade 1 boys!]. This week we are starting our preparations for Sport's Day with making posters for our houses - Goyder, Manton and Finnis.

Junior Learning Commission is now in full swing for the year also! The last couple of weeks, we have kicked off with students preparing and presenting 2-minute speeches about themselves. Mrs Cleary and I learned so much about our Junior Learning Commission students, and were very impressed by the quality of work they presented.

**Miss Laura [Defence School Mentor]**

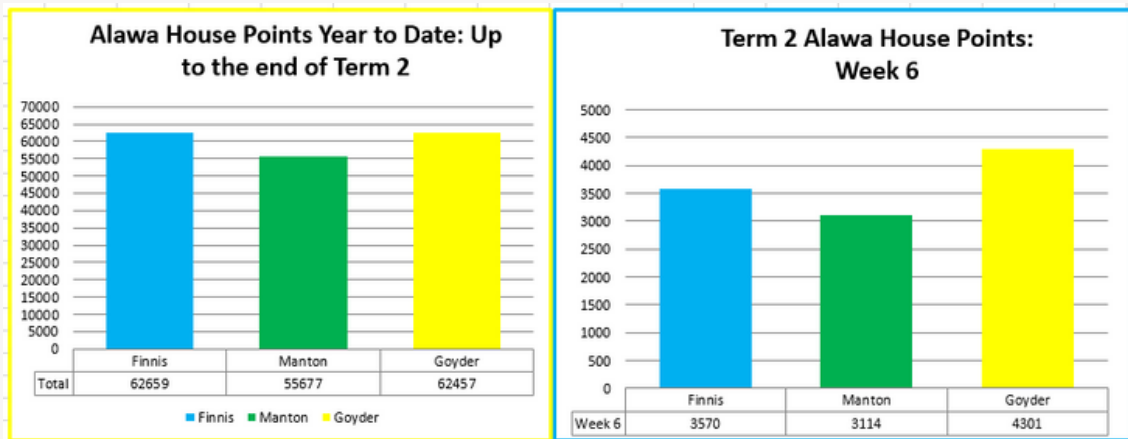
# HOUSE POINTS



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 earned 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 6 of Term 2 Goyder was ahead with 4301 points!  
In the lead for the Year to date is Finnis with 62659 points!**



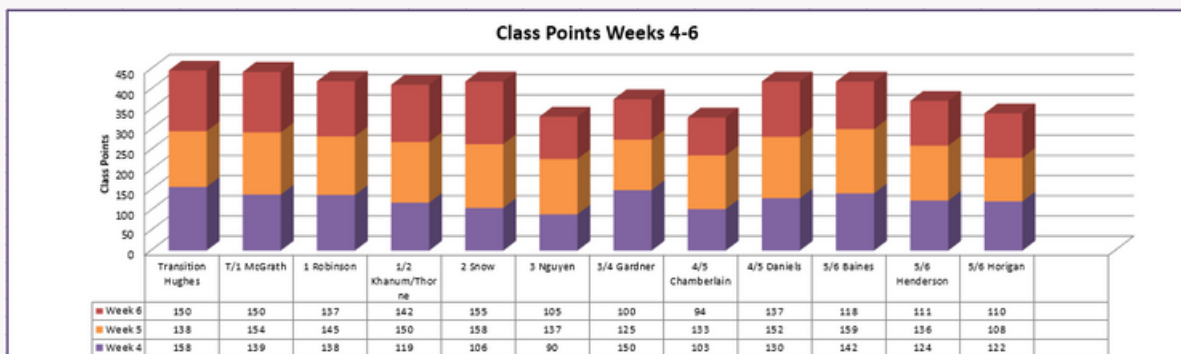
# CLASS POINTS



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.

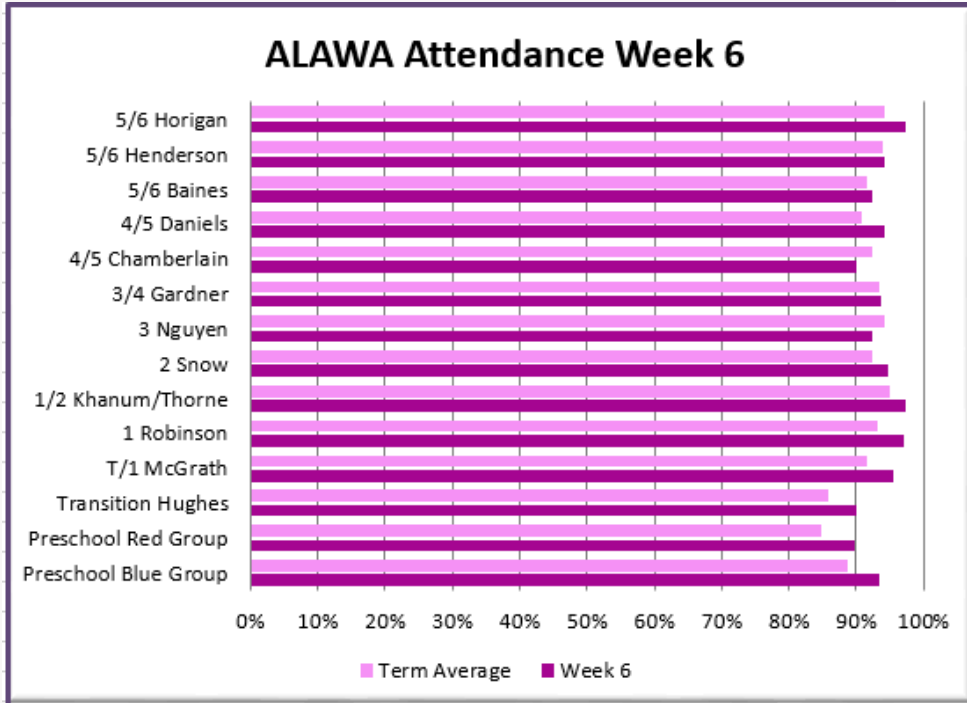
Each week we allocate class points during Muster time recognising those students who were ready and waiting to go back to class calmly and quietly after break times. The winning class from each 3 weeks will receive ice-blocks from our Principal and get to choose 3 songs that will play before our bells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

**The class with the most points in Week 6 of Term 2 was...2 Snow with 155 points!!!  
Congratulations to TransitionHughes, the winners of weeks 4-6 with a total of 446 points**



# ATTENDANCE

Primary School Average for Week 6 Term 2: 94.09%  
 The class with the highest attendance for Week 6:  
**1/2 Khanum/Thorne with 97.36%!!! Amazing job!!!**

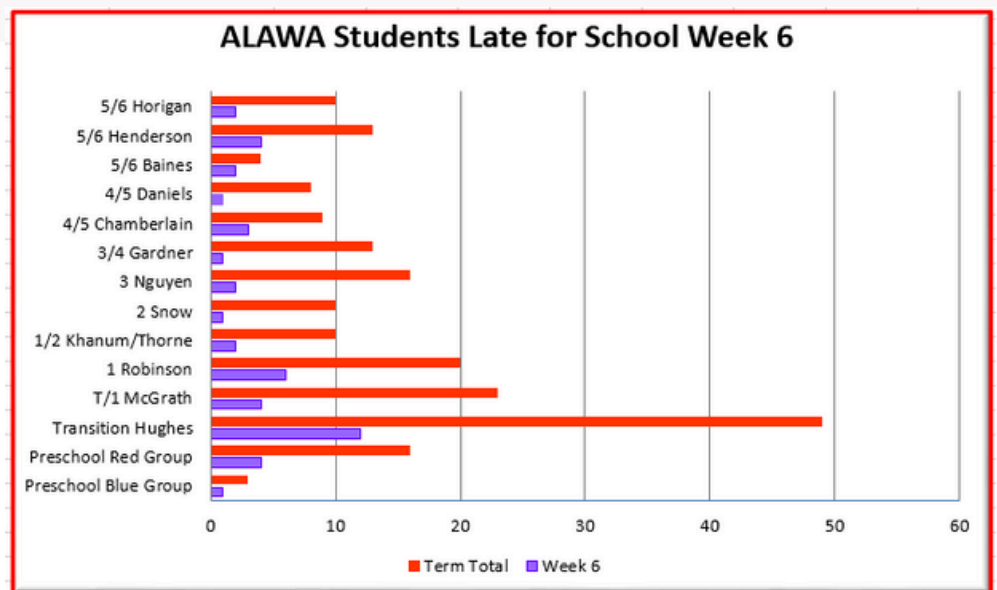
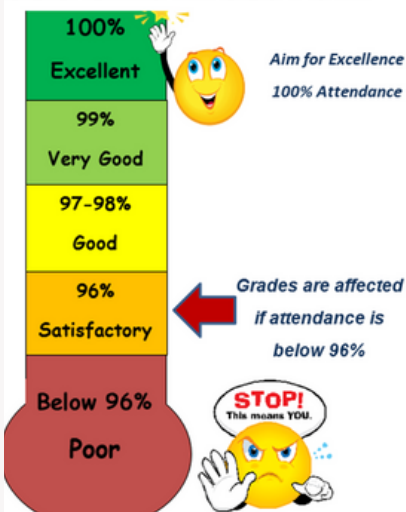


# LATES

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

There were 45 lates in Week 6!

## ATTENDANCE

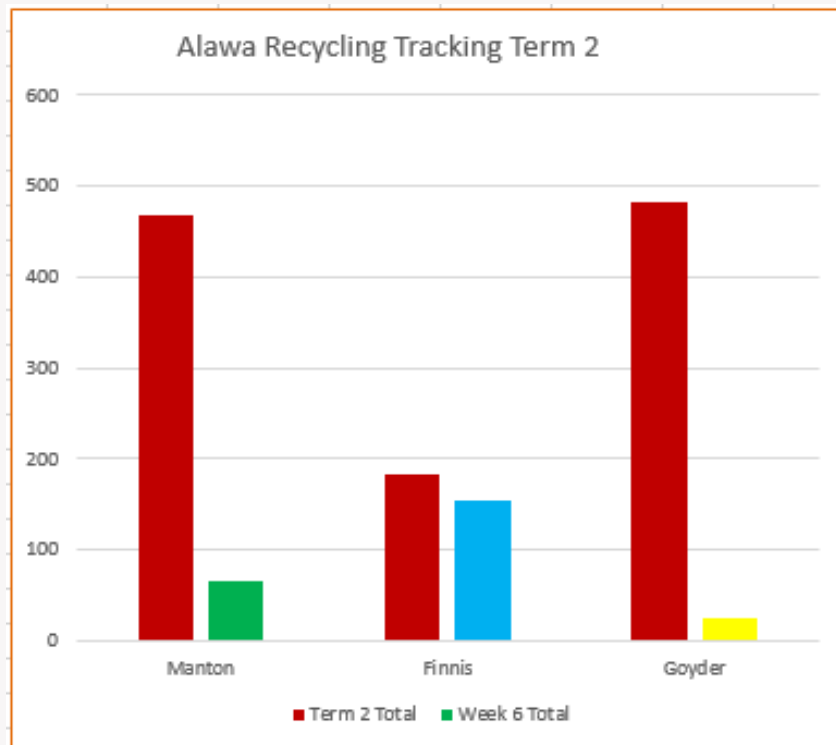


# RECYCLING



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](mailto:Lisa.Roberts@ntrs.com.au) to register  
and arrange for a recycle bin.**

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# SPORTS DAY

Sport's Day lunch order slips were sent home on Monday.  
Please return your child's slip to the Front Office. You  
can also make an eftpos payment over the phone.



## Sports Day Lunch Order Form 2024

Name:	
Classroom:	

Order	Value	Quantity
Sausage & Bread Special + Popper + Icy Pole	\$6.00	
Vegetarian Quiche Special + Popper + Icy Pole	\$6.00	
Extra Sausage & Bread	\$3.00	
Extra Vegetarian Quiche	\$3.00	
Extra Popper	\$2.00	
Extra Icy Pole	\$1.00	

Total \$	Paid Via (Please Circle) EFTPOS CASH	Date Paid:
Signature of Staff receiving payment		

## Wednesday June 5th, 8:45am - 10:30am

Students will participate in age groups over the 2 sessions

800m

Warm up stretching with house captains

8:45am - 9:30am Students turning 11 and 12 in 2024 out on the oval

9:30am - 10:30am Students turning 9 and 10 in 2024 out on the oval

Girls High Jump: 8:45am

Boys High Jump: 8:45am

9:30am

9:30am

8:30am Students from 5/6 not turning 11 or 12 in 2024 stay in class

9:30am Students not turning 9 or 10 in 2024 stay in class

# SPORTS DAY



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

7:00am: Set up

8:30am: Meet in classes to mark roll and then move to muster area.

8:40am: Principal's welcome. EY classes head out to set up for races.

8:50am: Warm up stretches and chants as UY make their way to house tents.

9:00am: 50, 75m Early Years races, 100m upper year's races

9:30am: \* Early Years games rotations in soccer pitch/muster area [6 Games set up]

\* Primary Years field event rotations.

\* Preschool game at Pre-school

10:30am - Recess- All students inside gates

After recess all students meet in assembly area for Muster as usual

11:00am - 12:00pm Upper years field rotations

11:00pm - 12:30pm Early Years tabloid rotation in quadrangle area [12:45 eating time]

12:00pm- 1:00pm Primary tabloid events

1:00-1:40 - Lunch - Muster in classes to complete paper rolls and check in [Muster area]

Meet back in house tents after lunch

Early Years classes to start inside rooms and come out to the oval and cheer etc

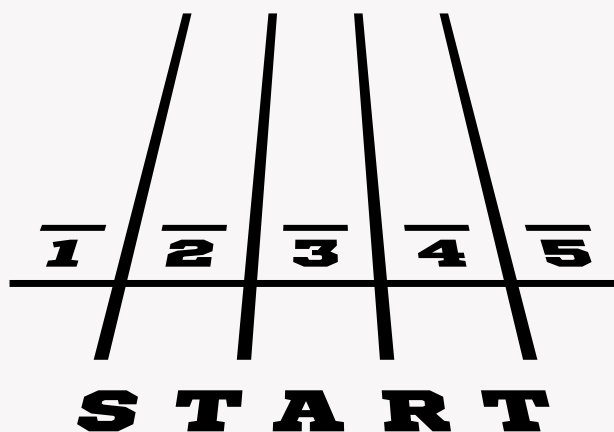
1:40 - 2:10 - Shuttle Relays 4X100m 10-12yrs in houses

2:15 - 2:30 - Alawa Cup - Parents, Teachers, Alawa students, Marines

Oval pack up coordinated by Jed, Amy and any available staff and parents

2:30- Presentation of winning team and Age Champions in Muster area

2:40- Return to class





# ALAWA PLAYGROUP

**Alawa Playgroup is held each Friday  
from Week 2 of each Term through to  
Week 9.**

**Sessions are held in the Preschool  
from 9:30am - 11:30am.**

**\$4 per child per session**





**DID YOU KNOW?**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## RULES FOR COMPETITION

THE PURPOSE OF THE RADICAL WRITERS COMPETITION IS TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE YOUNG WRITERS IN THE NORTHERN SUBURB SCHOOLS BY PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE THEIR WRITING ACHIEVEMENTS.

- The Writing Competition is open to students who attend school in the Northern Suburbs.
- All writing submitted is to be the original work of the student.
- Teachers can assist with brainstorming and proofreading only.
- Entrants are eligible to enter more than one piece of writing in all categories.
- Writing entries will be judged by a panel of local authors and educators.
- The Year 2 Paint A Poem entries will be judged by the Casuarina Library.
- SWAN category entries will be judged by a Special Education teaching panel.
- Winning school entries will be notified through their school representative and personal entries will be directly notified.
- Winners will be invited to the awards Presentation in Term 3.
- By submitting an entry, permission is given for written work, name of author and product to be displayed, published or promoted by the Radical Writers Festival and sponsors of the event.



**PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY**  
**FIRST PRIZE \$100**  
**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS \$20**

## ENTRIES

### PAINT A POEM V2

An original poem and painting for display as one piece. The poem can be written or typed and stuck to the picture. Entries to include the student's name and school written on the back of the page. Maximum size of A3. Year 2 only.

### WRITTEN ENTRIES V3-7

Original short story. Max 600 words. Original poem. Max 200 words. Word document only, font-Ariel, size 12. No illustrations/borders. Entries to include student name, year level and school typed at the top of the first page.

### STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS V3-7 AND V8-12

Original short story. Max 600 words. Original poem. Max 200 words. Word document only, font-Ariel, size 12. No illustrations/borders. Entries to include student name, year level and school typed at the top of the first page.

**ENTRIES DUE**  
**6TH JUNE**

## COMPETITION CLOSES 6TH JUNE

Written entries to be emailed in a word document to [lesley.calling@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:lesley.calling@education.nt.gov.au)

Paint a poem entries to be submitted in hard copy to the Casuarina library.



Prizes will be presented at The Radical Writers Festival Day, 12.30 pm - 1 pm on Tuesday, 6th August at Dripstone Middle School

## THE RADICAL WRITERS FESTIVAL DAY

**Date:** 6th August 2024  
**Venue:** Dripstone Middle School  
**9 am - 12 pm**  
 Students Y5-7 from Northern Suburb schools will participate in writing workshops with local authors and artists.  
**12.30 pm - 1 pm**  
 Radical Writers Competition Presentations.

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## THE RADICAL WRITERS COMPETITION 2024



**CLOSING DATE:**  
**6TH JUNE 2024**

Darwin Chorale and CDU Academy of the Arts present

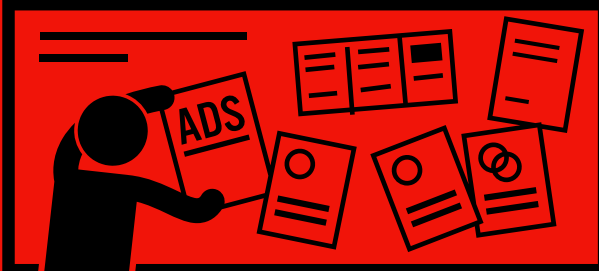
# HEROES & VILLAINS

Matinee & Evening | 5, 6, 7 & 12, 13 July 2024  
 Charles Darwin University Theatre  
 Tickets available from [www.darwinchorale.org.au](http://www.darwinchorale.org.au)

Darwin Entertainment Centre

The full Darwin Festival program has launched and DEC is home to many magical moments as some of the best circus, theatre and dance takes centre stage right here. Our Centre Club Member's presale starts now!

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