

# ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 1  
17TH JULY  
2024

## Leadership Message

### Dates to Remember

- 27th & 28th August  
Year 3/4 Camp
- 5th September  
Community concert & event  
[Olympic Opening Ceremony  
Theme]



Welcome to our team:

- Fiona Henry Arts / PE
- Kate Scott Year 5/6
- Madison Gargan - class support and front office

### Welcome to Term 3 at Alawa Primary School!

What a fab start to the Semester with so many smiley faces joining us for our first assembly back Tuesday morning. Did you see the video Ms Katie posted on Facebook from our first day?

We have another action packed term planned with continuing the high quality teaching and learning all around the school in the classrooms as well as in our fabulous outdoor learning spaces such as the Farm. We have the Year 3/4 camp coming up at the Territory Wildlife Park as well as our major concert and community night early in September. The children start dance sessions right from this Friday preparing for the big event and exploring their bodies through movement.

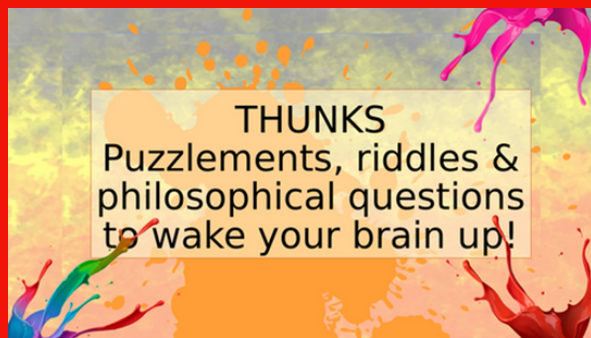
We have welcomed a few new families to the school community and later this week say farewell to a few other families who are heading off on a new adventure.

- Huge thanks to Erin Holden for all her contributions as a parent and staff member and we wish you and Ellie and Nieva all the very best as you relocate interstate.
- Theodore from Transition is heading overseas with his family for exciting new adventures as well.

Over this week and next I will be visiting each Year 5/6 for our quarterly Pep Talks. Mr Henderson will visit Year 4/5 and 3 and 4 while Mrs Barnett will visit Early Years classes. This term we are focusing on the usual reflections, celebrations from the previous term along with attendance, student perception and behaviour data.



## Leadership Message contd.



### Think of the week

What would happen if Pinocchio said "my nose is about to grow"?

Brooke Hughes



For Term 3 the Thunks have been submitted by various students across the school. We will continue to share responses at Muster after lunch on Thursdays and students will receive house points for their efforts.

### Reminder re Leadership Changes this Semester:

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 from the central budget [not the Alawa budget] 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 the 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.

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

**I LIKE KNOWING  
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Monday 22nd July</b>	<b>School Council Meeting</b>	<b>5:30pm - 7:00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th July</b>	<b>Dripstone Middle School Parent Info Session</b>	<b>5:30pm - 6:30pm</b>
<b>Friday 26th July</b>	<b>Darwin Show Day- Public Holiday</b>	<b>All day</b>
<b>Wednesday 31st July</b>	<b>Preschool Bike-a-thon</b>	<b>8:40am - 10:30am</b>
<b>Friday 2nd August</b>	<b>Track &amp; Field Gala Day 100 days of Transition celebrations</b>	<b>All day</b>
<b>Monday 5th August</b>	<b>Picnic Day - Public Holiday</b>	<b>All day</b>
<b>Tuesday 6th August</b>	<b>CEP Radical Writers Festival Dripstone Middle School Parent Info Session</b>	<b>8:30am - 1:30pm 5:30pm - 6:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 7th August</b>	<b>School Photos Preschool Open Session</b>	<b>All day 5:00pm - 6:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday 8th August</b>	<b>Earth Science Incursion</b>	<b>All day</b>
<b>Friday 9th August</b>	<b>Assembly hosted by Transition Hughes</b>	<b>8:40am - 9:15am</b>
<b>Friday 16th August</b>	<b>Touch Gala Day Book Parade</b>	<b>All day</b>
<b>Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st August</b>	<b>Student Led Conferences</b>	<b>3:00pm - 6:00pm</b>

# PERFORMING ARTS CONTRIBUTION

Each year at Alawa we have a focus in Term 3 on the Performing Arts and we secure the support from an external provider specialising in dance / movement etc for the term and we then have a culminating event later in the term as major community event and fundraiser. In 2024 [as we did in 2023] we are working with the fantastic team from Royal Existence. We have met with the team to design the program for this year, allocate dance and music to each class and they have now developed the routines and choreography.

The team come in each week and lead dance session with each class through the term. They work with the children and teachers on the performance item which we all get to enjoy on September 5th.

Our theme this year will be An Olympic Opening ceremony.

This program costs in excess of \$9 000 per year and is generally funded through the support from parents allocating \$24 per student through their Back to School Vouchers [BTSV] for the program. From reviewing our record it appears some families elected not to contribute any of the funds from BTSV this year to this program so we are asking those families for their consideration of an additional payment of \$24 towards the program for this year.

Funds can be paid any of the following ways:

- Through the front office
- Via [hone on card
- Direct deposit to our bank account reference Arts Program

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL – Payment plan details:

Account Name: Alawa Primary School Council  
BSB: 085-928  
ACCOUNT NO: 50-816-1921  
Reference: [Child name/s]

Thanks for your support  
Alawa Admin Team

## YEAR 3/4 CAMP TO TWP

Our Year 3/4 camp to the Territory Wildlife Park is 6 weeks away. If you already haven't, please send us an email advising if your child will attend.

There will be 3 payment instalment dates throughout the lead up time to camp. Please take note of these suggested instalments date below.

Parents also have the option of full camp payment at any time prior to the payment dates noted.

First Instalment	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	\$60
Second Instalment	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	\$50
Final Instalment	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	\$50

SCHOOL

CAMP





# LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3. We have a busy term ahead with Book Week activities including a Reading Challenge which will be coming home in week 2, the Book Parade on Friday Week 5, August the 16th and our Scholastic Book Fair running throughout Week 6.

This years Book Week Theme is Reading is Magic. I know as a working mum how busy things can be and finding the time to organize a costume can be hard. Check out the links below or browse the internet for ideas and hacks you can use to create a fun easy costume for the parade.

<https://madisonlibrary.com/2021/08/01/book-week-easy-costume-ideas-from-things-in-your-wardrobe/>

<https://www.bountyparents.com.au/expert-advice/easy-book-week-costumes/>

<https://newywithkids.com.au/book-week-costume-ideas/>

Your paragraph <https://www.learnfromplay.au/book-week-2024> text

Happy reading and crafting  
Ms Sacha [Library/ICT]

## Alawa Primary School Book Week Celebration



### Events:

**Reading Challenge** - Week 2 & 3 [22/07 - 02/08]

**Library Scavenger Hunt** - Week 4 [29/07 - 02/08]

**Book Week Parade Friday** - Week 5 [16/08]

**Book Fair** - Week 6 [19/08 - 23/08]

# PRESCHOOL NEWS



As you enter the preschool you may notice a new display. We have created a parent information display with lots of useful information and forms about our service and other general information. Please feel free to take any copies of the pamphlets and information sheets.

The things we provide in here will change as the year goes on and the needs of the children change. Feel free to let us know of other topics you are interested in so we can provide these as well.

In the coming week we will also be putting up a display of our Quality Improvement Plan [QIP] that the children will be helping us to create! All services have a QIP, it is how we ensure we are on a continual cycle of improvement - event though we think we are already pretty great!!



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

# SCHOOL PHOTOS

# CHEESE!



**SAVE THE DATE  
AND LOOK YOUR  
BEST!**

**PHOTO DAY  
COMING UP ON  
7TH AUGUST 2024**



# ALAWA PLAYGROUP

**Alawa Playgroup is held each Friday  
from Week 4 of Term 3 (9th August)  
through to  
Week 9.**

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

**\$5 per family per session**

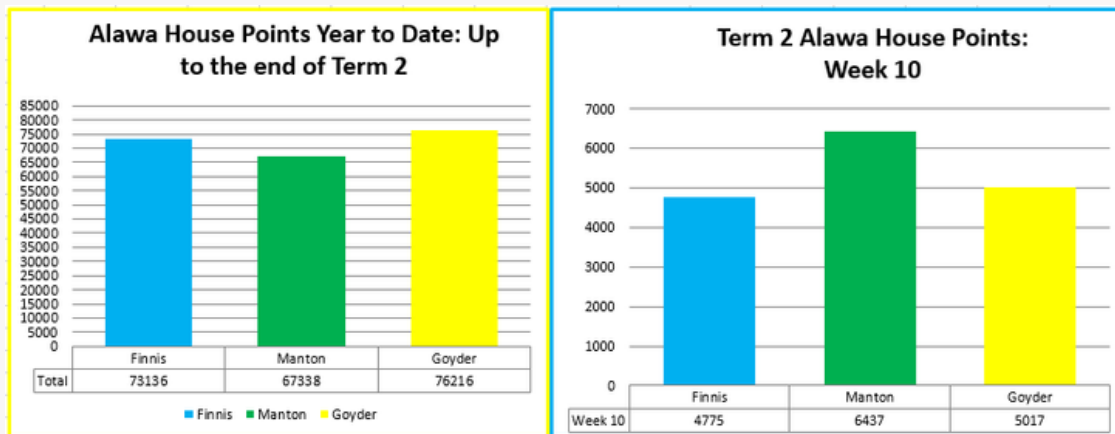


# HOUSE POINTS

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 10 of Term 2 Manton was ahead with 6437 points!  
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 76216 points!**

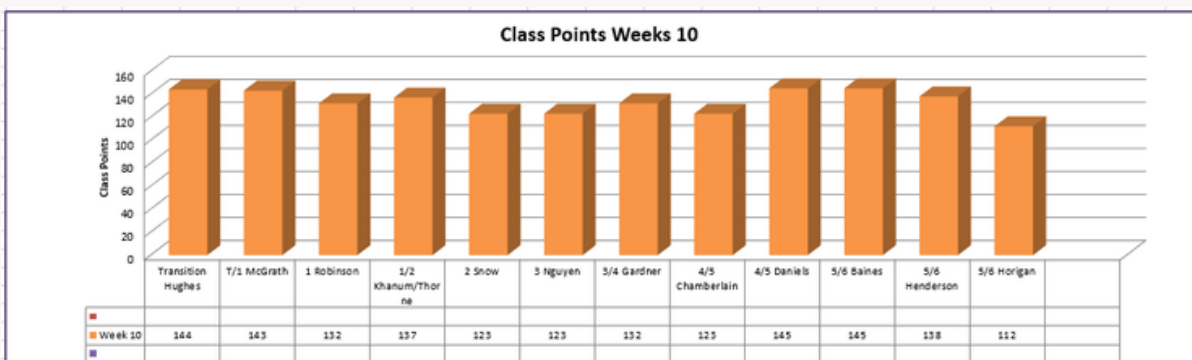


# CLASS POINTS

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 10 of Term 2 was....4/5 Daniels & 5/6 Baines with 145 points!!!**





# ATTENDANCE

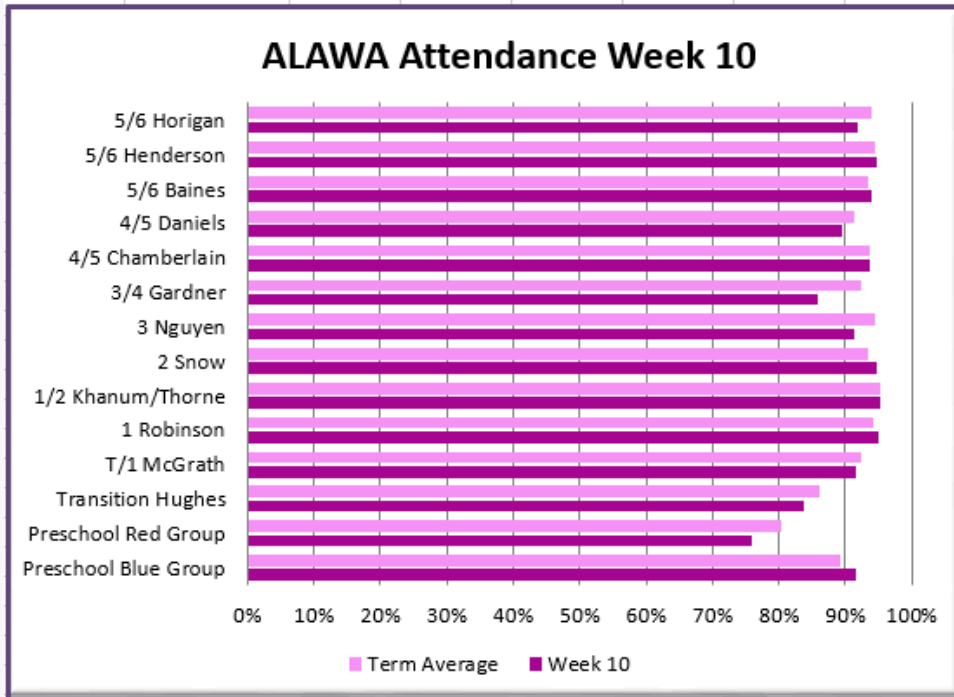


Primary School Average for Week 10 Term 2: 91.74%

The class with the highest attendance for Week 10:

**1/2 Khanum-Thorne with 95.22%!!! Amazing job!!!**

**The winning class for Term 2 was...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

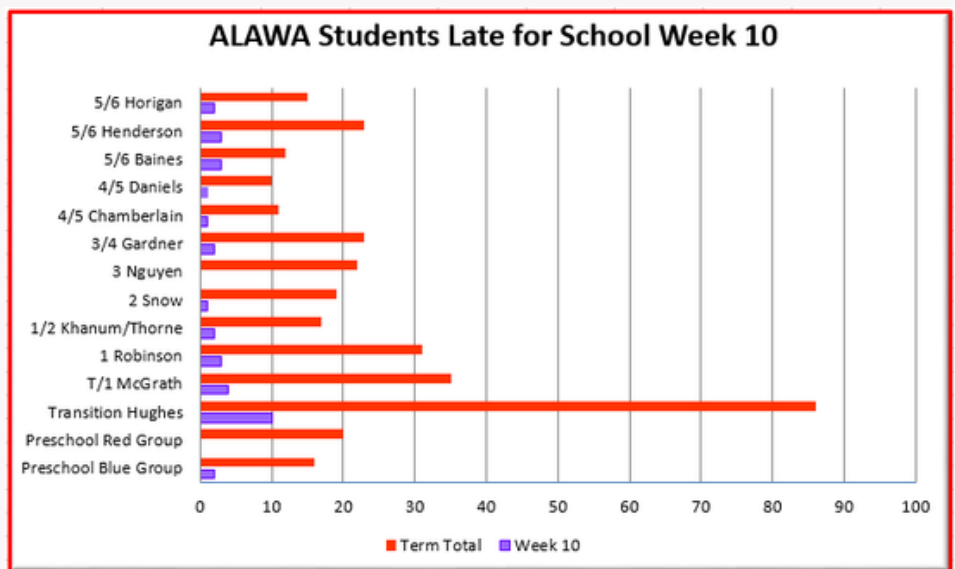
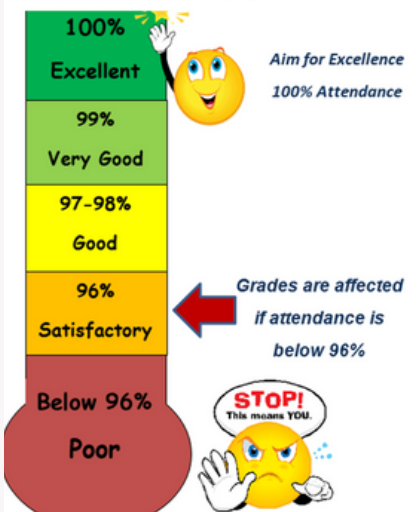
Arriving late for school has a significant impact on your child's learning and engagement in the education program.

There were 34 lates in Week 10!

For Week 10 it was fabulouso to see NO lates at all for Preschool Red Group & 3 Nguyen.

The class with the least lates for Term 2 was...4/5 Daniels with only 10 lates all term.

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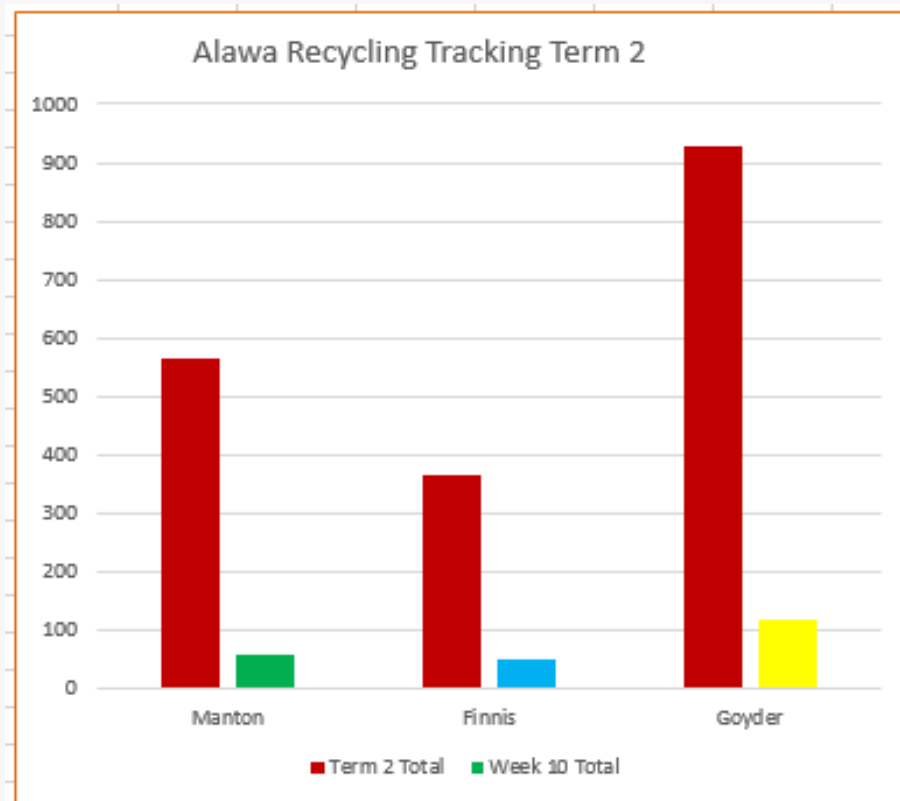


# RECYCLING



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.**

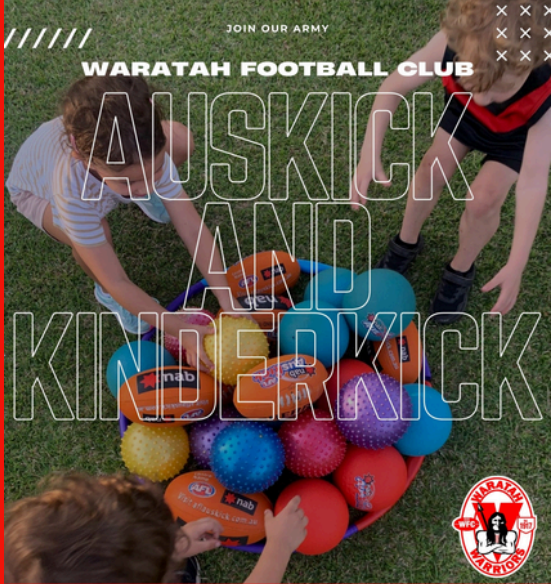
**Email [Lisa.Roberts@ntrs.com.au](mailto:Lisa.Roberts@ntrs.com.au) to register  
and arrange for a recycle bin.**

**ntrs**   
TERRACYCLE  
**RECYCLE CHALLENGE**

  
**Colgate® Oral Care  
Recycling Program**



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**AUSKICK**  
AGES 5-12  
WEDNESDAY'S FROM 24 JULY 5-6PM  
GARDENS OVAL  
\$100

BEST WAY TO INTRODUCE KIDS TO OUR GREAT GAME  
REGISTER ONLINE

**KINDERKICK**  
AGES 2-5  
SATURDAY'S FROM 27 JULY 8:30 OR 9:15AM  
GARDENS OVAL 2  
\$40

SCHOOL SPORTS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

## YEAR 6 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AND SCHOOL TOUR FOR ENROLMENT IN 2025

**NIGHT 1**  
WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024  
5.30pm to 6.30pm in the School Library

**NIGHT 2**  
TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024  
5.30pm to 6.30pm in the School Library

Ph: 8983 7777 | E: dripstone.middle@education.nt.gov.au | 10 Delamere Street, Tiwi NT

## AUSTRALIA CUP PLAYOFFS 2024

### AUSTRALIA CUP 2024 PLAYOFFS RETURN TO DARWIN JULY 23 & 24

GET TICKETS | AUSTRALIA CUP

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT MAJOR EVENTS

## THE ARRAY [ ]

### TERM 3: Aug to Sept 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>4:00 - 5:30 PM</b> Game Development Teens (12 - 15) 7 weeks \$210  <b>6:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Game Development All Ages 7 weeks \$280	<b>4:00 - 5:30 PM</b> Digital Art Youth (14 - 24) 5 weeks \$150  <b>6:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Digital Art All Ages 5 weeks \$200	<b>4:00 - 5:30 PM</b> VR Painting Youth (14 - 24) 6 weeks \$240  <b>6:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Audio Production All Ages 8 weeks \$320	<b>4:00 - 5:30 PM</b> Learn to Animate Teens (12 - 15) 8 weeks \$240  <b>6:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Learn to Animate All Ages 8 weeks \$320
SATURDAY			
<b>9 AM - 9:50 AM</b> Code Club - Scratch Kids (9-13) 8 weeks FREE	<b>10AM - 10:50 AM</b> Code Club - HTML Kids (9-13) 8 weeks FREE	<b>11 AM - 12:15 PM</b> Build IT Up Amateurs Kids (11+) 8 weeks \$200	<b>12:30 PM - 1:15 PM</b> Build IT Up Tinkers Kids (11+) 8 weeks \$120

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