

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 10
18TH SEPTEMBER
2024

Leadership Message

Dates to Remember

- Friday 20th September- Last day of Term 3
- Tuesday 8th October - First day of Term 4

Hi Alawa Families,

It is the final week of Term 3 already, and how quickly the year is passing by. As our wonderful students, families and staff prepare to head off into a well-deserved term break, I have been reflecting on the term and how many activities, achievements and events we have seen here at Alawa Primary School in the past 10 weeks. From students leading their families through their learning goals in Student Led Conferences, to Preschool families coming along to a Transition readiness session, to the amazing whole school performance in week 8, everyone in the Alawa School Community has played a part in making term 3 a successful term to celebrate.

We will have more to come, with the NT Music School showcasing their services through an Instrumental Demonstration to be held for all Year 3 - 6 students on Friday at 12:40pm. This is a chance for students to consider the option of taking music lessons here at Alawa in 2025 through the NT Music School. I am looking forward to seeing our current music students being a part of this showcase and sharing their skills with their peers through the performance.

I wish all of our students and families a safe and happy holiday break and can't wait to see you all back here at school for Term 4 on the 8th of October.

Rachel Barnett
[Acting Principal
of the Best School in
the Multiverse]

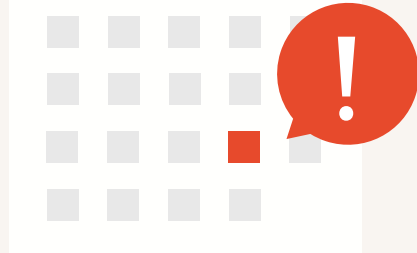


TIME FOR
A BREAK





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**DONT
FORGET**



Thursday 19th September	Young Achievers at DMS	All day
Friday 20th September	Table Tennis Gala Day Assembly hosted by Transition / Year 1 McGrath Last day of Term 3	All day 8:40am - 9:15am All day
Monday 7th October	Professional Development Day	All day
Tuesday 8th October	First day of Term 4 School resumes for students	All day
Thursday 17th October	DMS - Additional Orientation Session	TBA
Friday 18th October	Lego League Regional Tournament	All day
Monday 21st October	School Council Meeting	5:30pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 24th October	DMS - Additional Orientation Session Year 5/6's visiting the Parliament House	TBA
Friday 25th October	Assembly hosted by 5/6 Horigan	8:40am - 9:15am
Thursday 31st October	DMS - Additional Orientation Session	TBA
Sunday 2nd November	Farm Working Bee	TBA

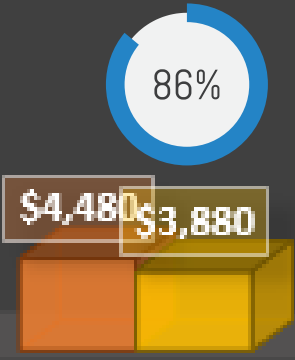
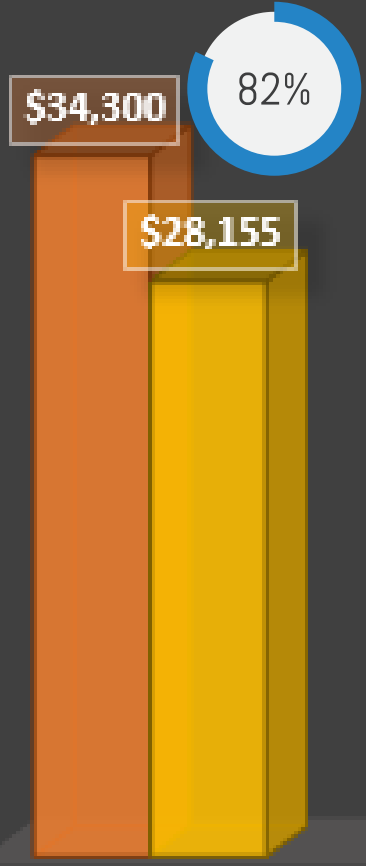


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PRIMARY SCHOOL

2024 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

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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.



HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTION



The following students will receive their Honour Awards this Friday 20th September:

Christos De Rubeis	Aishwarya Karmacharya	Lucinda Ronayne	Shannon Gleeson
Elena Rashidi	Avery Cianciano	Henry Vidins	Destiny Wigness
Damien Hopkins	Chad Geddes	Amelie Dennis	Marley Agnew-Auld
Isabelle Stevens	Darcy Rayson	Lestari Smith	Calin Bayram
Maryana Olsen	Sam Taylor	Jackson Pearson	Huey Saunders

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 **Leonitas May-Presley** receiving an Honour Distinction!

Congratulations!

LIBRARY NEWS

School Holidays!!! Over the school holidays City of Darwin and City of Palmerston Libraries run holiday programs at the libraries and in the parks which offer free daily activities. This is a great way to explore all that the libraries have to offer while getting out of the house, meeting new people and encouraging your child to explore the awesome books, games and other services available and supporting their literacy. So what's happening at your local library this holidays? [Click on the images below to see the programs.]

City of Darwin Libraries

City of Palmerston Library

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
September - October 2024

All school holiday activities are FREE and open to everyone. Families are invited to join the fun! Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and shoes for outdoor activities, apply the sunscreen provided, and bring a hat. Come along for some fun and to make new friends. All children must be supervised by a parent/carer at all events. Library membership is free for all NT residents. Scan the QR code to learn more.

Monday 23 September: Fun in the Parks Program (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Tuesday 24 September: Family Fun Time (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Wednesday 25 September: Fun in the Parks - Campfire (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Thursday 26 September: Family Fun Time (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Friday 27 September: Fun in the Parks - The Big Top (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Saturday 28 September: Family Fun Time (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Sunday 29 September: Fun in the Parks - Hot Wheels (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Monday 30 September: Family Fun Time (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Tuesday 1 October: Family Fun Time (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Wednesday 2 October: Fun in the Parks - Wheelie Bin (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Thursday 3 October: Family Fun Time (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Friday 4 October: Fun in the Parks - Hot Wheels (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Saturday 5 October: Family Fun Time (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

Sunday 6 October: Fun in the Parks - Hot Wheels (Darwin, Kakadu, Katherine, Palmerston, Darwin City, Darwin City Library)

School Holiday Program
SEPT/OCT 2024

WEEK 1
MON 23 SEPT: MOVIE MONDAY: KING FU PANDA 4 (PG)
TUES 24 SEPT: PAINTING CANVAS
WED 25 SEPT: SLIME MAKING
THU 26 SEPT: BOTTLE TOP MANDALAS WITH FAIRY JILL
FRI 27 SEPT: FLIC FRIDAY: MANDU THE SWIFT (PG)

WEEK 2
MON 30 SEPT: MOVIE MONDAY: DRAGON RIDER (PG)
TUES 1 OCT: PAINTING CANVAS
WED 2 OCT: SLIME MAKING
THU 3 OCT: RAINBOW GARDEN WITH FAIRY JILL
FRI 4 OCT: FLIC FRIDAY: THE BIG TOP (PG)

NEED HELP KEEPING THE KIDS ENTERTAINED THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS? JOIN US AT THE LIBRARY FOR ARTS, CRAFTS AND INTERACTIVE LEARNING SESSIONS. REGISTER FOR AGES 5-12. ACTIVITIES START AT 10AM.

PALMERSTON NT GOV AU @CITYOFPALMERSTONLIBRARY

SCHOOL STUDENT BROADBAND INITIATIVE

Supporting eligible families in accessing free internet via the Australian Governments SSBI. Families have until 31st December 2024 to register.

Follow the link below to see if you qualify and get any additional information.

[Register for SSBI](#)

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE HOME INTERNET?

If there is a school age student at your home and you don't have an nbn connection, you could qualify for free home internet until the end of 2025.

School Student Broadband Initiative
An Australian Government Initiative

FREE HOME INTERNET FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

This is an Australian Government program that offers free home internet to families and carers who look after school age children and are struggling to pay the bills.

To apply, follow the four steps below:

- Contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 Monday - Friday, 10am - 6pm (AEST) or visit anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
- They'll ask you some questions to see if this offer is right for you.
- If you qualify, you'll get a voucher.
- Use the voucher to connect through your chosen participating internet provider before 31st December 2024.

THE BEST PART IS

- Free home internet until 31 December 2025
- The 60-61 router is free and you can keep it
- There is no lock-in contract
- Assistance provided by the National Referral Centre
- Callback, whatsapp and interpreting are available

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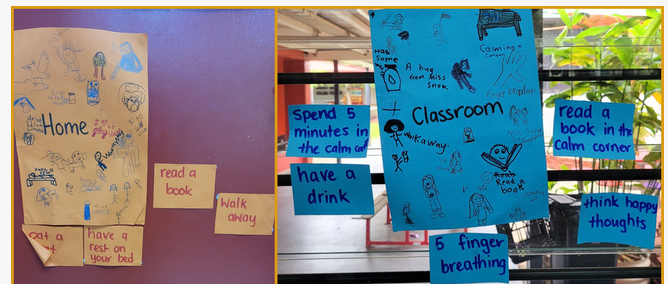
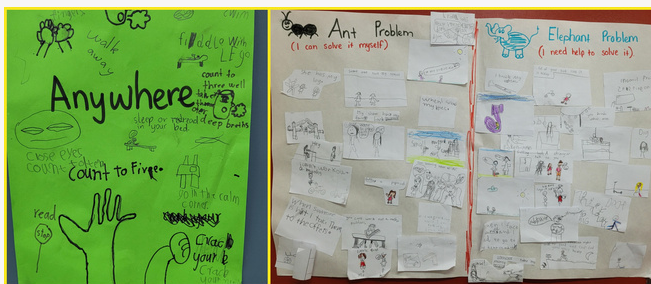
Have a great break
Ms Sacha [Library/ICT]

CLASSROOM NEWS

2 SNOW

This term, 2 Snow have been busy exploring our ALLE tool Problem Solving. We worked together to find out the difference between an ant and an elephant problem. Sometimes ant problems can be tricky because they FEEL like elephant problems.

We collaborated to create a handy chart with different examples. We talked about ways to calm down in different places and came up with heaps of strategies for the classroom, playground, home and portable strategies that you can do anywhere! When we are calm and regulated it helps us figure out what kind of problem it is. Then, our minds are clear and we can have a go at solving it ourselves!



YEAR 2 SNOW

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

On 2 September 2024, OSC NT unexpectedly withdrew from establishing an on-site OSHC service. The decision was made by OSC NT at the last minute prior to signing of a contractual agreement.

The OSC Committee will continue to work with the Alawa Primary School Council as an endorsed sub-committee and have confirmed the ongoing support from council to pursue other service providers. The hard work that has already gone into extensive negotiations and determining factors such as spaces, costings etc remain in place.

The committee has since identified and met with an alternative provider to discuss delivering an on-site OSHC service. Further details about the potential service will be made available when they are known.

For further information regarding OSC NT's services and the latest details surrounding the bus service to the Wulagi after school care service, please contact OSC NT directly:

<https://outsideschoolcare.com.au/contact-us/>



Support Alawa Farm: See How Your Contribution Makes a Difference!

Dear Alawa Community,

At Alawa Farm, we're dedicated to creating a vibrant, hands-on learning experience that fosters pride and achievement. We want our little people to grow up knowing where their food comes from, how to grow nutritious foods and the value of caring for the environment. Our mission is deeply rooted in practical education, and none of this would be possible without the generosity of our volunteers and supportive families.

We would like to share exactly where your valuable contributions are going:

🌿 **Farm Manager Salary:** Our beloved Farmer Bob is the heart of Alawa Farm. He expertly manages our gardens, cares for our animals, and inspires all with his leadership. Your support helps us keep Farmer Bob on board.

🐾 **Animal Feed and Medicine:** We prioritise our animals' health with nutritious feed and essential medications. Your donations ensure that our furry friends receive the best care possible.

🌱 **Seeds, Seedlings, and Soil:** We're investing in high-quality seedlings and rich soil to boost our produce. Every dollar you contribute helps us grow stronger tastier produce.

🌳 **Tree Replacement:** Our fruit trees have faced many challenges and some have been eaten by termites. Over the next year, we will be replacing some of these trees to maintain a thriving orchard.

🔧 **Garden Tools:** From secateurs to pruning tools, our young gardeners use equipment hard. Your donations help us replace worn or broken tools and keep our gardening program running smoothly and safely.

🧼 **Cleaning Supplies:** Keeping our space clean and inviting is vital. Your funds go towards paying for cleaners and purchasing essential supplies like cleaning vinegar, paper towels, and soap.

🌿 **Mulch, Organic Fertilisers, and Pest Control:** We mulch, fertilise, and protect our plants to ensure a bountiful harvest. Your support aids our students in learning about soil enrichment and the life cycle of plants and animals.

If you haven't yet had the chance to contribute, we encourage you to consider making a donation through the front office or online. Every bit helps us continue to enrich our Farm and provide invaluable learning experiences for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Alawa Farm!

**Warm regards,
Bronwyn Cleary**



FARM NEWS

Larrakia Season: Gurrulwa guligi – Big Wind Time– is here, but it still feels like a bit of a build-up! I've noticed the turning of the Yellow Kapok, a symbol that signals traditional ceremonies, and many beautiful wattles are in bloom. The yellow petals of the Kapok are not only edible but also used for dyeing.

Farm News:

Gigi our guinea pig had quadruplets pups. They are super cute and will get lots of student cuddles this week. We are still looking for donations of guineapig or rabbit equipment or toys, tunnels or maybe a box creation that the guinea pigs would love to run around. Guinea Pigs will be for sale next term for \$60 each.

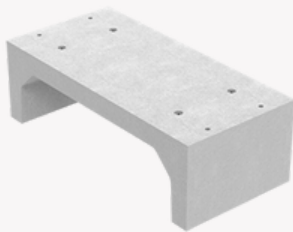
We have a wide range of mixed breed larger chicks hatched and they are about 3 weeks old. They are \$15 each, please be aware we sell our chicks unsexed and we don't refund for roosters. We can however help you rehome the rooster if you can't keep him.

Farm Highlights:

With so much planting and harvesting happening this time of year, we were thrilled to harvest our first pumpkin of the season, which Ms. Stratton's classes then cooked up! Our Year 5/6 classes are hard at work finding new ways to increase our farm's produce. They're designing mango nets to keep bats away, creating tanks to breed more Red-claw crayfish, and building bug hotels and wellbeing areas to promote more gardening. We're excited about these initiatives and look forward to their success.

Some things we need donated:

- Anyone with some Red-claw Crayfish for our year 6 breeding program and tanks or old aerators/ pumps would be amazing.
- We are on the hunt for rabbit and guineapig toileting trays and toys.
- A wooden swing to replace the old broken one.
- We are designing a 'Yarning Circle' and we need one more small cement culvert about 1.5m x 0.5m x 0.5m to complete our circle.
- As always, your compost scraps, egg cartons, newspaper, gardening tools, and terracotta pots etc are always appreciated.



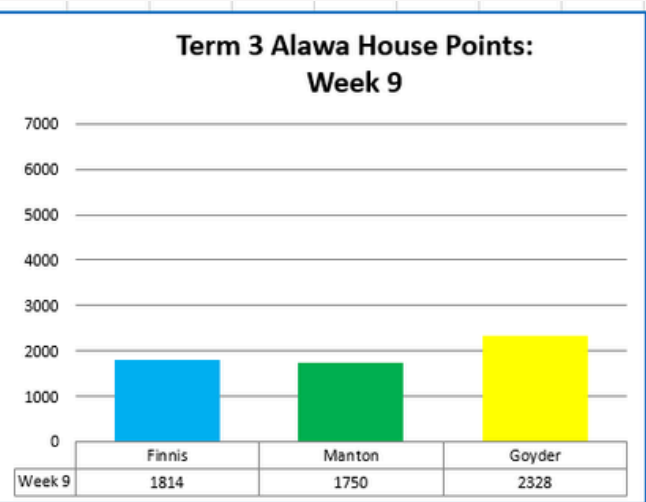
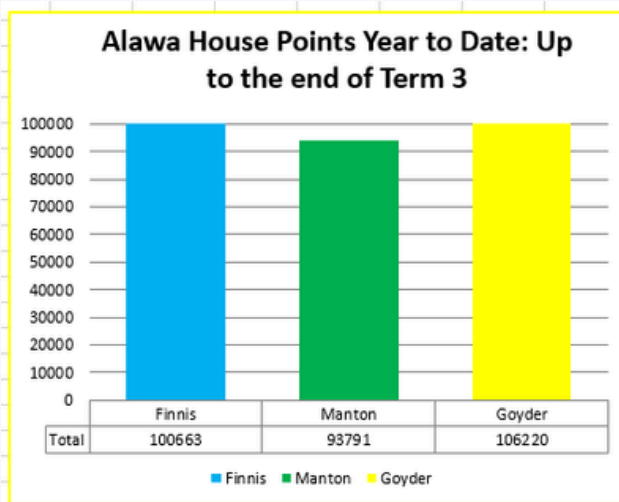
**Mrs Cleary, Farmer Bob and Farmer Sara
[The Farm Team]**

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 9 of Term 3 Goyder was ahead with 2328 points!
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 106220 points!**

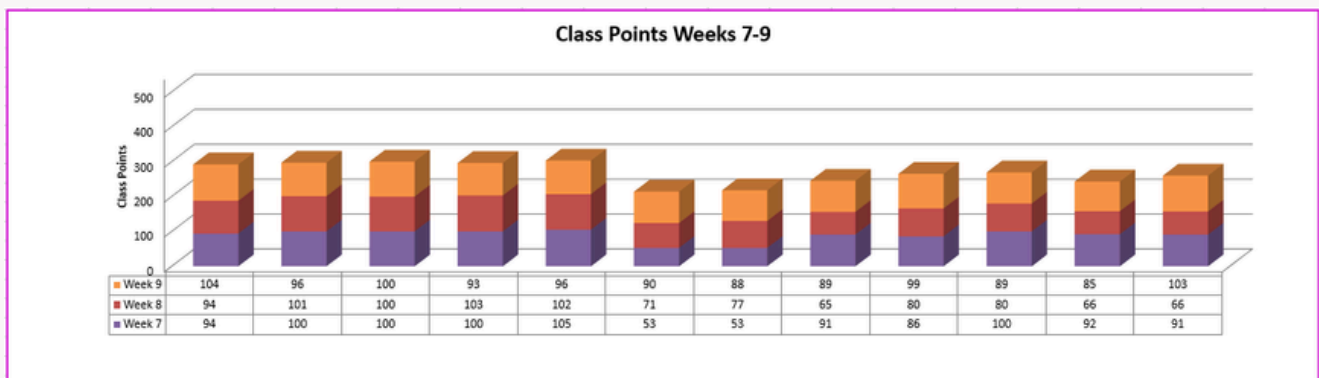


CLASS POINTS

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.

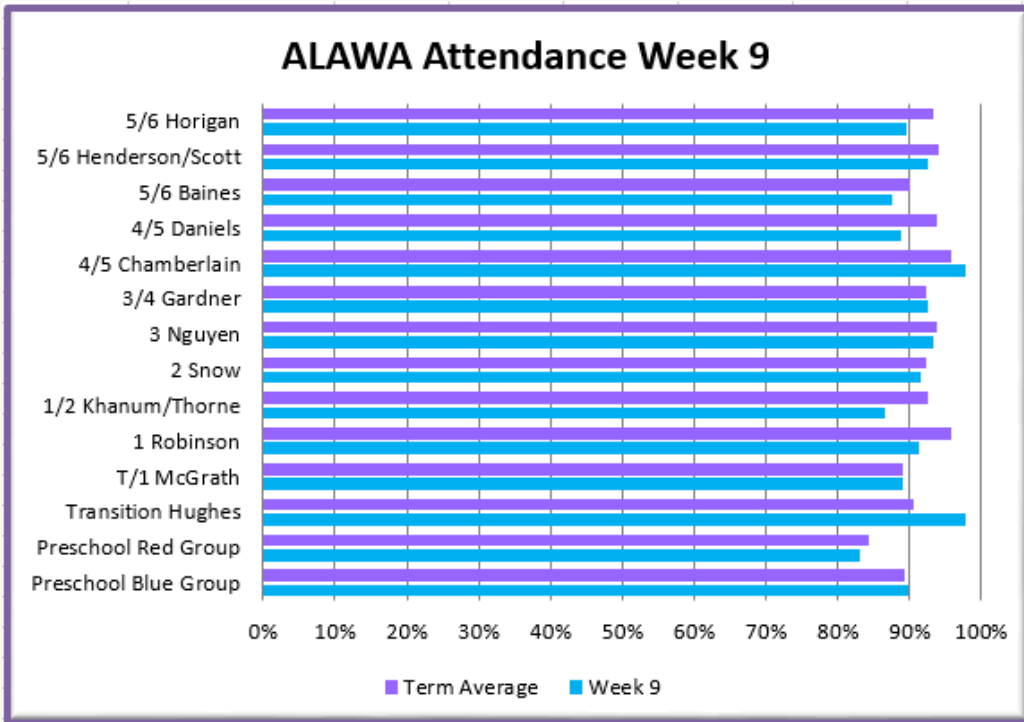
The class with the most points in Week 9 of Term 3 was... Transition Hughes with 104 points!!!



ATTENDANCE



Primary School Average for Week 9 Term 3: 90.78%
 The class with the highest attendance for Week 9:
4/5 Chamberlain with 97.72%!!! Amazing job!!!



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.

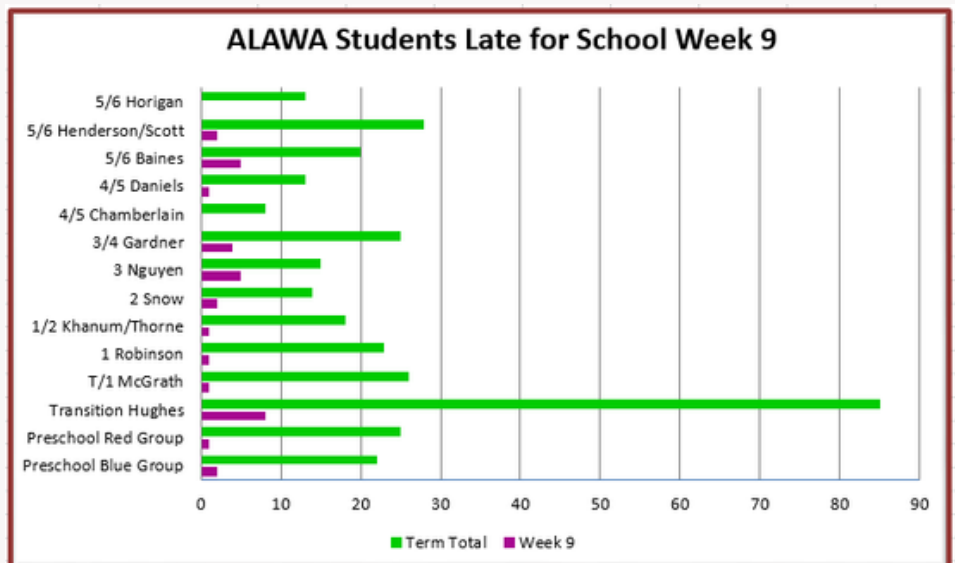
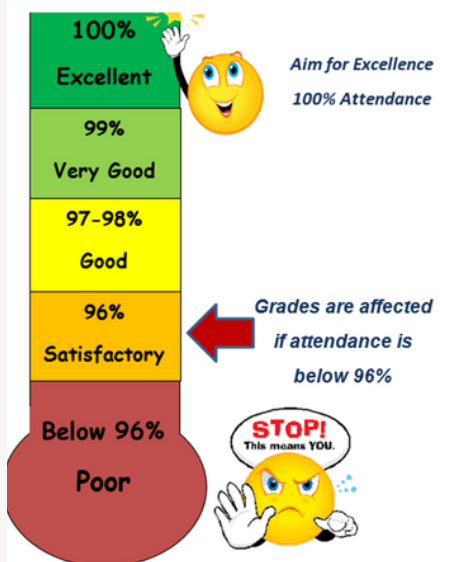
LATES

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

There were **33** lates in Week 9!

For Week 9 it was fabulouso to see 4/5 Chamberlain and 5/6 Horigan with no lates this week.

ATTENDANCE

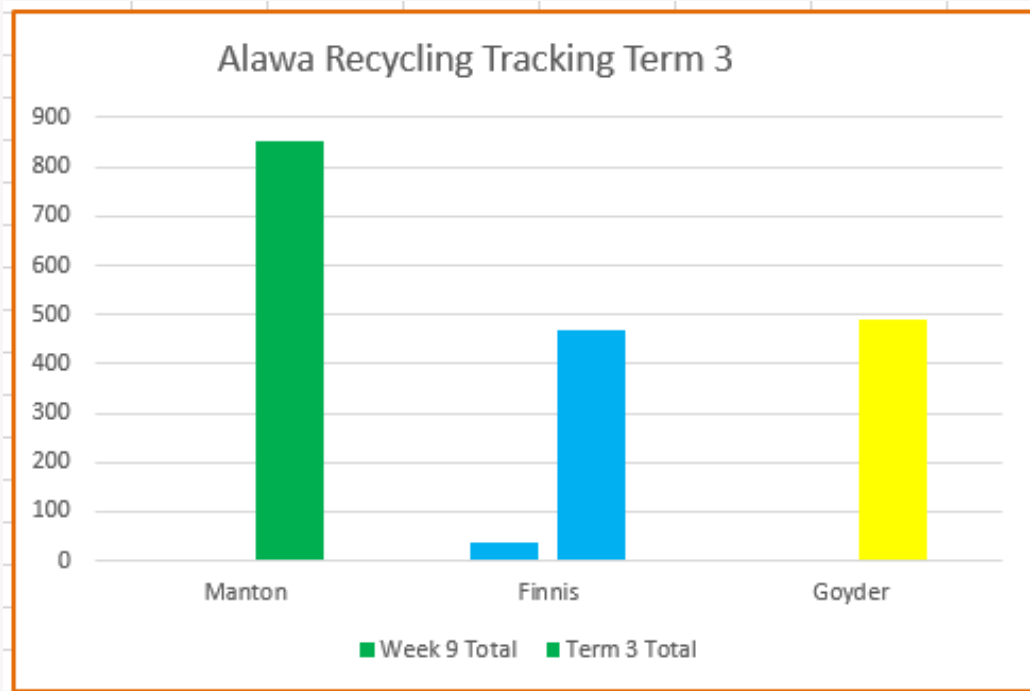


RECYCLING



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.

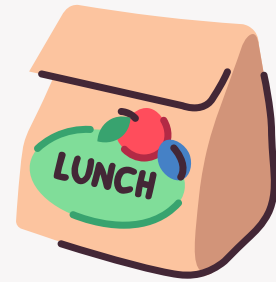
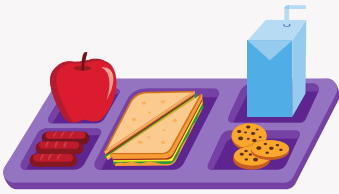


SPORTS VOUCHER SCHEME

All children enrolled in school [Transition to Year 12] are eligible to apply for a \$100.00 Sports Voucher per semester.

For more information or to apply for the Sports Vouchers Scheme please visit the link below:

[SPORT VOUCHERS ONLINE](http://www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au)



Place your canteen orders online with Spriggy Schools

We are excited to announce the introduction of a new online lunch ordering system called Spriggy Schools from 01/08/2024.- Menu will be available to purchase on Thursday & Friday's LUNCH ONLY at this stage and will be delivered to the school.

Spriggy Schools will make lunch orders more convenient for both families and the canteen.

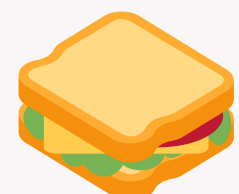
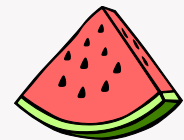
Steps to get started:

1. Go to www.spriggyschools.com.au to register and download the app.
2. Add a profile for each of your children, making sure you select Alawa Primary School and your child's class.
3. Start placing lunch orders!

If you have any questions, please contact Spriggy Schools via their webchat on the website or in the app.



<i>Beyond Catering NT</i>	
CHILDS TEACHER/CLASS:	PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE
STANDARD LUNCH PACK #A - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Piece of Fruit & Popcorn (V) (GF AVAILABLE)	\$6.50
STANDARD LUNCH PACK #B - Chicken & Cheese Sandwich, Piece of Fruit & Popcorn (H) (GF AVAILABLE)	\$6.50
STANDARD LUNCH PACK #C - Vegetarian & Hummus Sandwich, Piece of Fruit & Popcorn (V)(H) (GF AVAILABLE)	\$6.00
Tandoori chicken wrap	\$6.00
HOT SELECTION, COLD SELECTION, EXTRAS & ADD ON MEALS	
North Indian Butter Chicken with Steamed Jasmine Rice (H) (GF)	\$6.75
Chinese Chicken Egg & Vegetable Fried Rice (H)(GF)(DF)	\$6.75
Cheesy tomato and penne pasta (V)	\$6.00
Mexican burrito	\$6.50
Straight up Hot Dog - Plain / no sauce	\$4.50
Saucy Hot Dog - with sauce only	\$4.75
Cheesy Hot Dog - With cheese / no sauce	\$5.00
Loaded Hot Dog - With cheese and tomato sauce	\$5.50
Chicken Dino Nuggets - Each	\$0.75
Sauce - Tomato Squeeze	\$0.50
Sauce - BBQ Squeeze	\$0.50
Mini chips	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Salad Pot - In-Season Fruit, Low Fat Yogurt & Granola	\$4.50
Fresh Watermelon Cup (GF)	\$1.75
Dairy free banana bread (df)	\$3.50
Blueberry Muffin	\$3.50
Japanese Homemade Chicken & Avocado Sushi with Soy Sauce (H)(GF)(DF)	\$5.50
Japanese Homemade Tuna & Avocado Sushi with Soy Sauce(GF)(DF)	\$5.00
Japanese Homemade Vegetarian Sushi with Soy Sauce(V)(GF)(DF)	\$5.00
Steamed Chicken Caesar Salad with Croutons, Bacon, & Iceberg Lettuce (H)	\$6.00
DRINKS	
Water	\$2.50
Nippy's Chocolate Milk	\$4.00
Nippy's Strawberry Milk	\$4.00
Golden Circle Popper Juice Box - Tropical	\$3.50
Golden Circle Popper Juice Box - Apple & Blackcurrant	\$3.50
(V) - Vegetarian	(H) - Halal
(GF) - Gluten Free	(DF) - Dairy Free



COMMUNITY NOTICES



IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OR SINGING?

Enrolment applications are now open for new and continuing students in the NT Music School's 2025 Instrumental and Choir Program. Instrumental lessons are offered during school hours for students in Year 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 on flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, trumpet, trombone, bass guitar and percussion. Lessons are free with a \$100 contribution requested once placement in the program is confirmed. Instrument hire from \$100. Sports Vouchers accepted to assist with cost of hiring instruments.

Apply online now to secure your interest at www.ntms.nef.au

Applications close 1 December 2024

Should you require further assistance phone the NT Music School on **8943 5550**.

Everyone can play!

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- ▶ Easy & affordable payments
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Your Para-sport Journey Starts Here!

Details
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday 24 October 2024
Territory Netball Stadium
235 Abala Rd, Marrara NT 0812

This opportunity is open to people aged 10+ with a disability

Try a range of Para-sports, meet Paralympians, make new friends, get active and have fun!

Click here or scan the QR Code to register.

PLAYWELL Everyone has a place in sport.
Harvey Norman

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JUNIOR PRE-SEASON

U9 - U17 TUESDAY & THURSDAY
U5 - U7 THURSDAY ONLY

U9 - U17 STARTING TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 5:30PM - 6:30PM / UNI OVAL, CORNER OF LAKESIDE DRIVE AND DRIPSTONE ROAD

U5 - U7 STARTING THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Tropica ABBA

AN INTERACTIVE DINNER TRIBUTE SHOW

21 SEPTEMBER 2024 | DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM | DOUBLETREE BY HILTON | DJ UNTIL LATE

DRESS IN YOUR FINEST 70s DISCO VIBE!

LINK FOR TICKETS