

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 2
24TH JULY
2024

Leadership Message

Dates to Remember

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

OUR STAFF ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING OUR PROGRESS AGAINST OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.....



Hi Alawa Families and welcome to Week 2!

We have had a very productive and busy start to the term. I have had the pleasure of visiting the Early Years for PEP talks where we have been discussing "Ant" and "Elephant" problems and how we can respond in tricky situations to address problems that arise. Ms Cartwright and Mr Henderson have also been engaged in PEP talks with the Primary Years Classes

We have our Book Challenge running at the moment, which is optional for all students. Students have been provided information and there are prizes to be won, so please support and encourage your child to participate. This challenge will lead into our Book Week Celebrations in week 5, which will culminate in our BOOK WEEK PARADE on Friday of Week 5. This will be held in the muster area and parents are welcome to attend [and participate!]. Further information will be sent out in coming days.

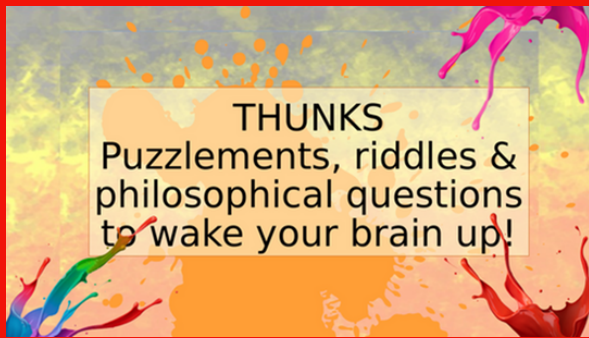
Dance sessions have now commenced in the lead up to our School Wide performance and the students are enjoying learning with Sarah Beth from Royal Existence in preparation for the event. This is the school's major event for the year, and we encourage all families to come along on Thursday September 5th, support the students and enjoy the show.

Student Led Conferences.

Student Led Conferences are coming up in Week 6 of this term. The SLCs will be held on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st of August. Students will be busy preparing to showcase their learning and progress against their goals. Please keep a lookout for further information on booking in a time with your child's classroom and specialist teachers for the SLCs.



Leadership Message contd.



Think of the week
What came first the
colour orange or the
fruit?



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.

Staff Professional Development Day

On Monday 15th of August, our staff attended a whole staff Professional Development Day here at Alawa Primary School. Areas of focus included:

- Teaching using an Inquiry Model of Learning
- Science of Reading
- Mandatory Reporting
- NTG Essential Training Modules
- and some fun and interesting team building

Lots to look forward to!

There really is a lot to look forward to this term, so please keep your eye on the calendar of events to keep up with everything that is going on!

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

**I LIKE KNOWING
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday 24th July	Dripstone Middle School Parent Info Session	5:30pm - 6:30pm
Friday 26th July	Darwin Show Day- Public Holiday	All day
Wednesday 31st July	Preschool Bike-a-thon	8:40am - 10:30am
Friday 2nd August	Track & Field Gala Day 100 days of Transition celebrations	All day Morning session
Monday 5th August	Picnic Day - Public Holiday	All day
Tuesday 6th August	CEP Radical Writers Festival Dripstone Middle School Parent Info Session	8:30am - 1:30pm 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Wednesday 7th August	School Photos Preschool Open Session	All day 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday 8th August	Earth Science Incursion	All day
Friday 9th August	Assembly hosted by 3/4 Gardner	8:40am - 9:15am
Wednesday 14th August	Transition Readiness Session	8:30am - 9:30am
Friday 16th August	Touch Gala Day Book Parade	All day 8:40am
Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st August	Student Led Conferences	3:00pm - 6:00pm

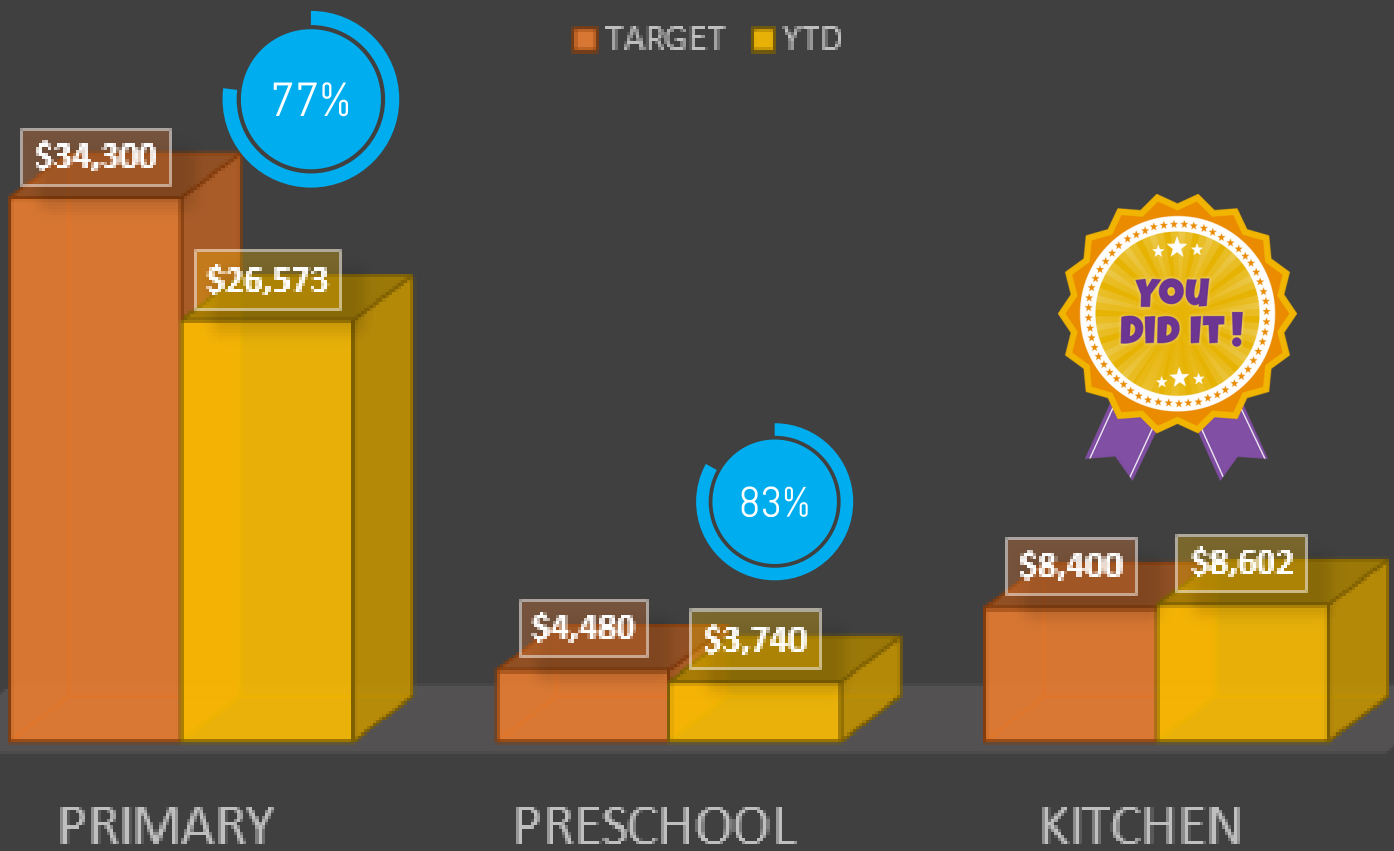


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2024 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

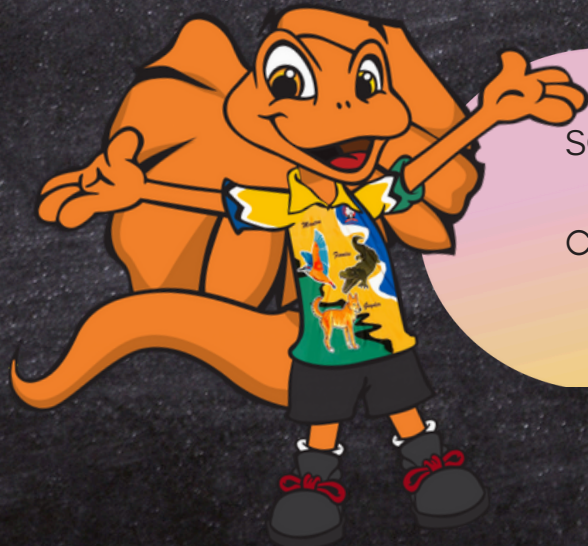
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PRIMARY

PRESCHOOL

KITCHEN



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.



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 haven't already, 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 instalment dates below.

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

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





FARM NEWS



Larrakia Season: Dinidjanggama (Heavy Due Time) Cold mornings have been extra colourful, seeing the students in jumpers! Certainly, enjoying the cool change and crisp winds.

Farm News: Over the holidays the Farm has grown many surprises, baby watermelons, giant eggplants, flowering basil and blooming of Moringa.

Farm Highlights: Great to see so many happy faces back, after the well-earned break. Highlights this week have been getting ready and designing our show entries. Thanks to everyone who donated scarecrow items for our Transition classes and to the staff that helped put together all the exhibits. It's a team effort and if you go to the show please say hello to our Goats, Delilah and Skye, our Indian Runner ducks, our Rooster "Showgirl" and our Transition Scarecrows "Pirate Frankie and Fairy Ashwariya", we hope you all enjoy and take pride in being a part of what makes this the best school in the multiverse!



Mrs Bronwyn Cleary and Farmer Bob [The Farm Team]

HELP NEEDED

Can you help us?

Farmer Bob is taking some leave this term and we are looking for a superstar to join us in the farm on the following dates;

- Week 5- 15th & 16th August
- Week 6- 22nd & 23rd August

If this is something you might be interested in doing? or you would like some more information about the role? please call the front office on (08) 89977666 or email the Business Manager sharon.jennings2@education.nt.gov.au



LIBRARY NEWS

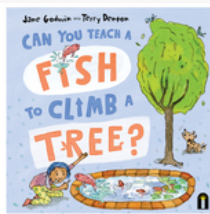


Book Bingo Challenge:

A Book Bingo Challenge has been given out over the last couple of days to students interested in participating. These will be coming home and your child may ask you to sign them off each time they complete a square. We encourage families and carers to become involved, read and have some fun modelling and participating in the challenge. Who does not love building and hanging out in a fort [Early Years readers] or reading a book that makes you laugh out loud [Primary Years readers] 😊. Please encourage your child to read a different book for each of the squares on the Book Bingo sheet. If you have any questions please let myself or Mrs. Barnett know.

In the spotlight:

The Children's Book Council of Australia's [CBCA's] Book of the Year award winners announcement is just around the corner with Winners being announced on Friday the 16th of August at 12pm. The shortlisted books for the Early Childhood category may be fiction, drama or poetry and are appropriate for ages 0-6 years.



Happy reading
Ms Sacha [Library/ICT]

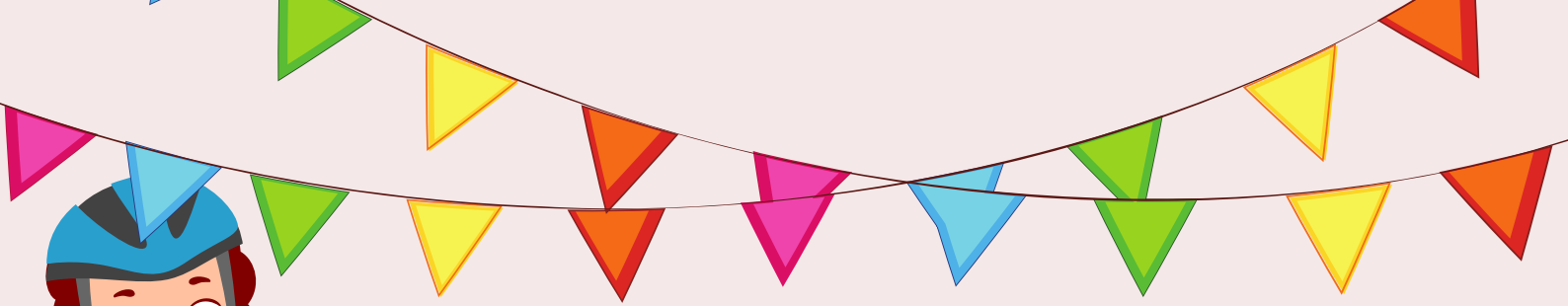


PRESCHOOL NEWS

Next Wednesday 31st July is our Preschool Bike-a-thon! This event has become an annual fundraiser and all round 'fun' Event. Preschoolers are invited to decorate their bikes (there will be prizes for the ones that really stand out). The riding starts at 9am with the blue group children starting on the track. The red and blue group classes alternate between riding and taking part in fun activities under the marquee. The event culminates at 10:30am. Preschool families who can attend are encouraged to bring a picnic to share. Lots of classes from the school will come down to help cheer on the preschoolers. It is such a fun morning full of music, colour and smiles.



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



Alawa Preschool

Bike-A-Thon

When: 31st July 2024
Time: 8:45am - 10:30am

**Prizes for highest fundraisers
and best dressed bike/scooter**

BYO Mats or chairs
and some snacks
for you and your
child to munch on!



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]

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council met on Monday night to discuss upcoming events during Term 3 and other business matters. Here are the key points:

After School Care: After school care will continue at Wulagi School for Term 3. Progress is being made towards finalising an on-site service at Alawa for Term 4 this year and Term 1, 2025. You can contact the OSC Parent Committee for more information oscparentgroup@gmail.com.

Online Safety Initiative: Ms. Cartright informed the council about the Learning Commission's work on their focus topic, "How to support the Alawa School community to be safe online." Look out for a pamphlet created by students on this topic in the coming weeks.

Playgroup Continuation: The council has endorsed the continuation of the playgroup. If you have little ones and are free on Friday mornings, the Alawa playgroup is a great place to bring your children. Each week, children engage in cooking, farm visits, crafts, or dress-ups. The playgroup costs only \$5 per family, and children can access the big enclosed playground.

New canteen option: Alawa PS will introduce an external catering option for families to purchase food from on Thursdays and Fridays. We hope to have this available next week, with more details to be provided via Xuno.

Fundraising Events: There are several big fundraising events this term. Please support your school to be the best school in the multiverse and look out for the Preschool Bike-a-Thon [Wednesday 31st July], the Bunnings BBQ and Cake Stall [Saturday 31st August], and the School Concert in Week 8 [Thursday 5th September]. We are seeking volunteers to help with the Bunnings BBQ - to help cook sausages and sell cakes. Please contact the front office alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au, 08 8997 7666

The School Council will meet again next month on August 26th. All are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



**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

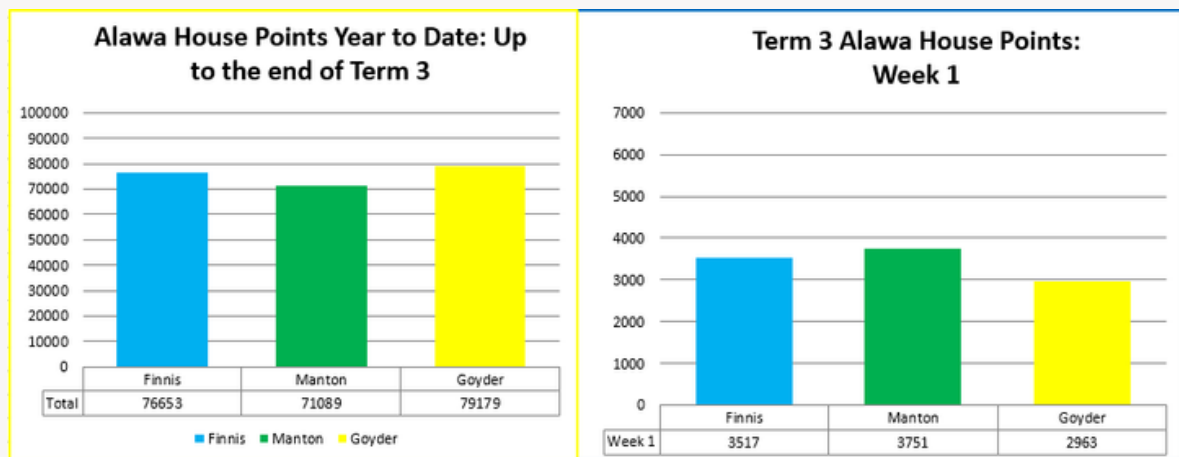


HOUSE POINTS

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 1 of Term 3 Manton was ahead with 3751 points!
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 79179 points!**

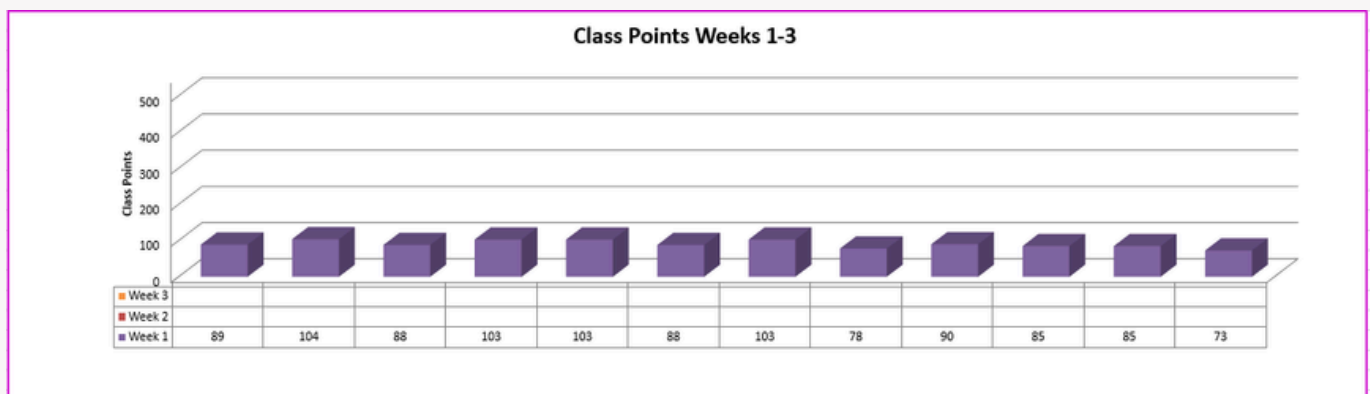


CLASS POINTS

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.

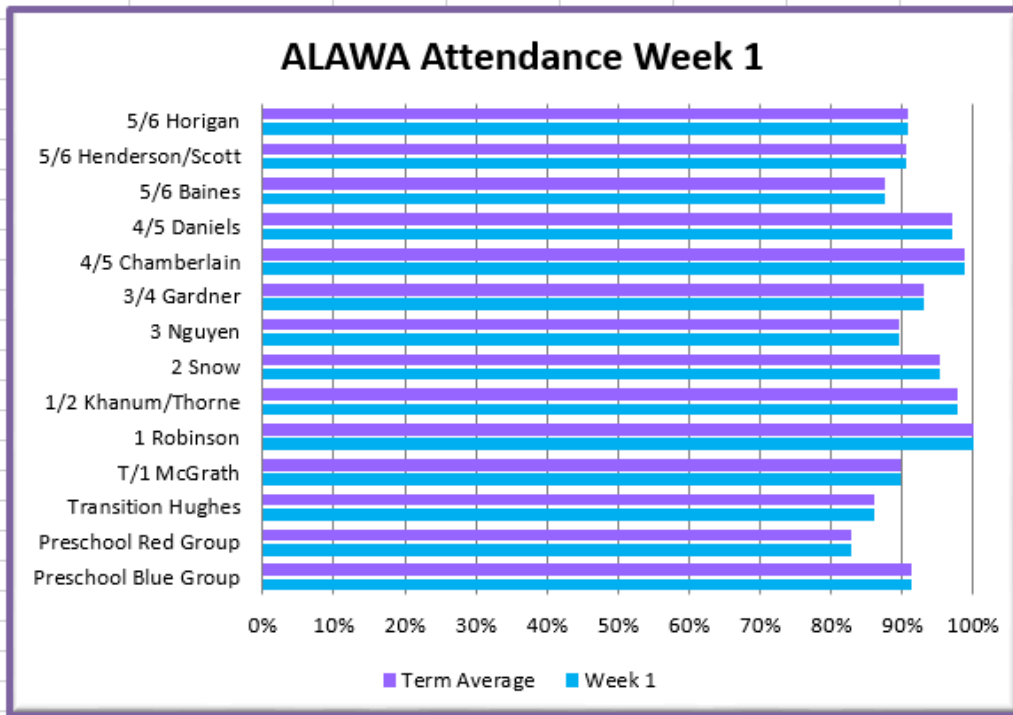
Each week we allocate class points during Muster time recognising those students who were ready and waiting to go back to class calmly and quietly after break times. The winning class from each 3 weeks will receive ice-blocks from our Principal and get to choose 3 songs that will play before our bells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

The class with the most points in Week 1 of Term 3 was...T/I McGrath with 104 points!!!



ATTENDANCE

Primary School Average for Week 1 Term 3: 92.18%
 The class with the highest attendance for Week 1:
1 Robinson with 100!!! Amazing job!!!



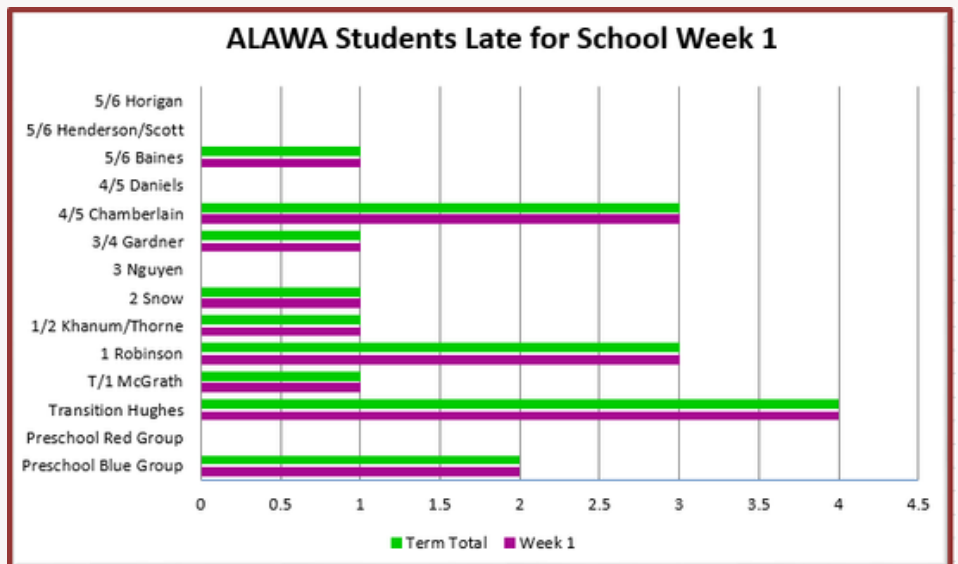
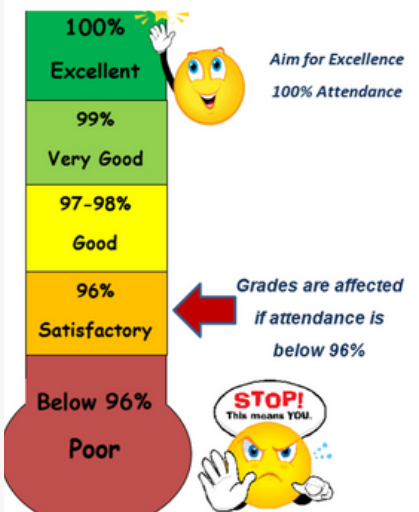
Family holidays / absences during school time:
 We request that any families who are considering holidays or being away during school time discuss this as early as possible [at least a weeks notice] with the Principal or Assistant Principal so a program of work can be negotiated [for a limited period 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 17 lates in Week 1!
 For Week 1 it was fabulous to see NO lates at all for Preschool Red Group, 3 Nguyen, 4/5 Daniels, 5/6 Henderson/Scott & 5/6 Horigan.

ATTENDANCE



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](#)



House Shirts

THURSDAY 25/07/24





**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Bunnings

BBQ AND CAKE

SALE
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31
SAT : AUG : 2024

**PLEASE CONTACT ALAWA FRONT
OFFICE FOR A TIME SLOT**

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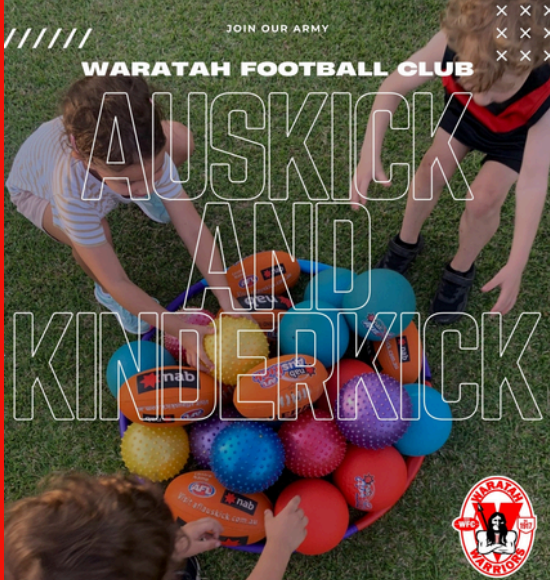
ALAWA SCHOOL COUNCIL ARE ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
AND ALSO DONATIONS FOR THE BUNNING CAKE STALL

DONATIONS INCLUDE

- CAKE DONATIONS
- \$\$ DONATIONS TO PUT TOWARDS BBQ

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED INCLUDE **PARENTS FOR BBQ**
STUDENTS FOR THE CAKE STALL
ALL MONIES RAISED ARE GOING TOWARDS DECODABLE
READERS FOR THE ALAWA SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NOTICES



<p>AUSKICK AGES 5-12</p> <p>WEDNESDAY'S FROM 24 JULY 5-6PM</p> <p>GARDENS OVAL</p> <p>\$100</p>	<p>BEST WAY TO INTRODUCE KIDS TO OUR GREAT GAME</p> <p>REGISTER ONLINE</p> <p>SCHOOL SPORTS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED</p>	<p>KINDERKICK AGES 2-5</p> <p>SATURDAY'S FROM 27 JULY 8:30 OR 9:15AM</p> <p>GARDENS OVAL 2</p> <p>\$40</p>
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YEAR 6 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AND SCHOOL TOUR FOR ENROLMENT IN 2025

NIGHT 1
WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY 2024
5.30pm to 6.30pm in the School Library

NIGHT 2
TUESDAY 6TH 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

Northern Territory Legacy Charity Golf Day 2024

Tee-up a great day for a great cause

Join us for a charity golf day to raise funds for Northern Territory Legacy.

Legacy strives to ensure that the partners and children of veterans who gave their lives or health in recognised military service can fully realise their potential.

Entry is \$50 per player
Teams of 4

Saturday, 31 August 2024
9am shotgun start
Humpty Doo Golf Club

Call 0457 267 200 or
Email legacy@legacyncnt.org
to register your team

WORKSHOPS

Circus | Theatre | Aerial | Technical
For Children & Young People

ENROL NOW!

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