

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 3
31ST 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.....



We hope that everyone had a wonderful time at the Darwin show last weekend. A big thank-you to our Mrs Cleary for organising student work to be submitted as entries! We hope everyone had the chance to go and support our students.

This Friday 29 students will be heading out to represent Alawa at the CEP Track and Field event at Marrara Stadium. A reminder that if your child is participating and has returned their form we ask that they get dropped off at 8:15 am at the stadium. Mr Henderson will be there to greet your child.

Students are currently setting goals and reviewing their data across the school for their learning to show you at Student Led Conferences on the 20th and 21st of August. Bookings will soon be available through the Xuno app.

Some exciting news this Thursday from 8:45am to 11:15am 19 students will attend a special day out to Charles Darwin University with Ms. Chamberlain. The students will get the opportunity to explore the University, interact with subject lecturers, take a tour of the different facilities, and participate in a variety of STEM activities on campus. The students involved will need to bring along a water bottle and hat. Morning tea is provided. They will return to Alawa for lunch. Students are asked to wear full school uniforms. [Red shirts]

We are looking forward to a fun and busy week at Alawa.

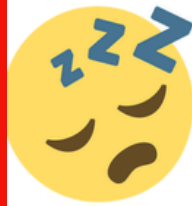
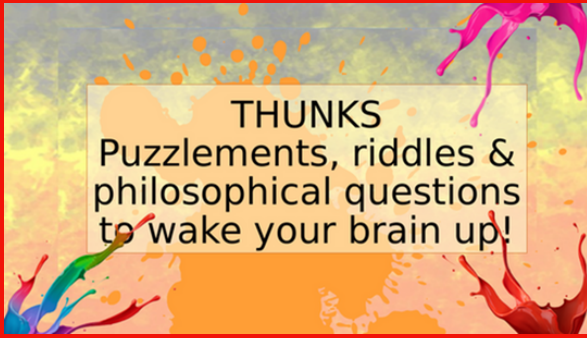
Jed Henderson
[Assistant Principal of the
Best School in the Multiverse]

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

Why do we call it 'beauty sleep' when we normally wake up a mess in the morning?



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.

DARWIN SHOW 2024

Alawa shining at the show this year!

CHAMPION Water Fowl and Reserve
CHAMPION best bird 🙌🙌

Wins also for market garden [1st place], scarecrows [2nd], Goats [1st and 2nd], market produce [2nd], Jackfruit [1st place], Rooster [2nd place]!

Lots of parents and students went to visit our display and loved it.

A very big Thank You and Congratulations to our own Mrs Cleary for the amazing entries and recognition for all her efforts and co-ordination!!!



**I LIKE KNOWING
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

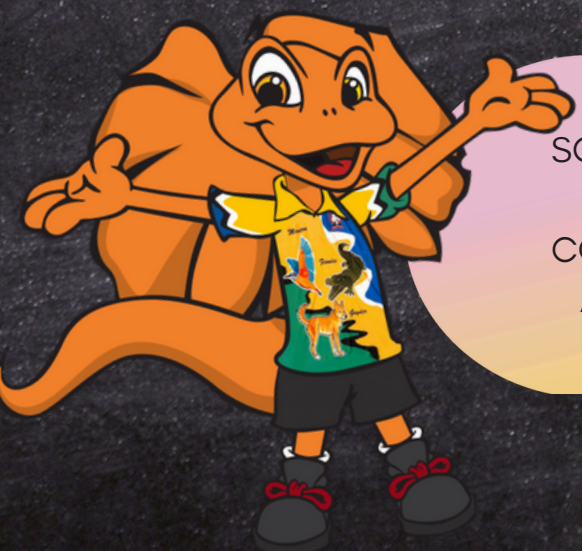
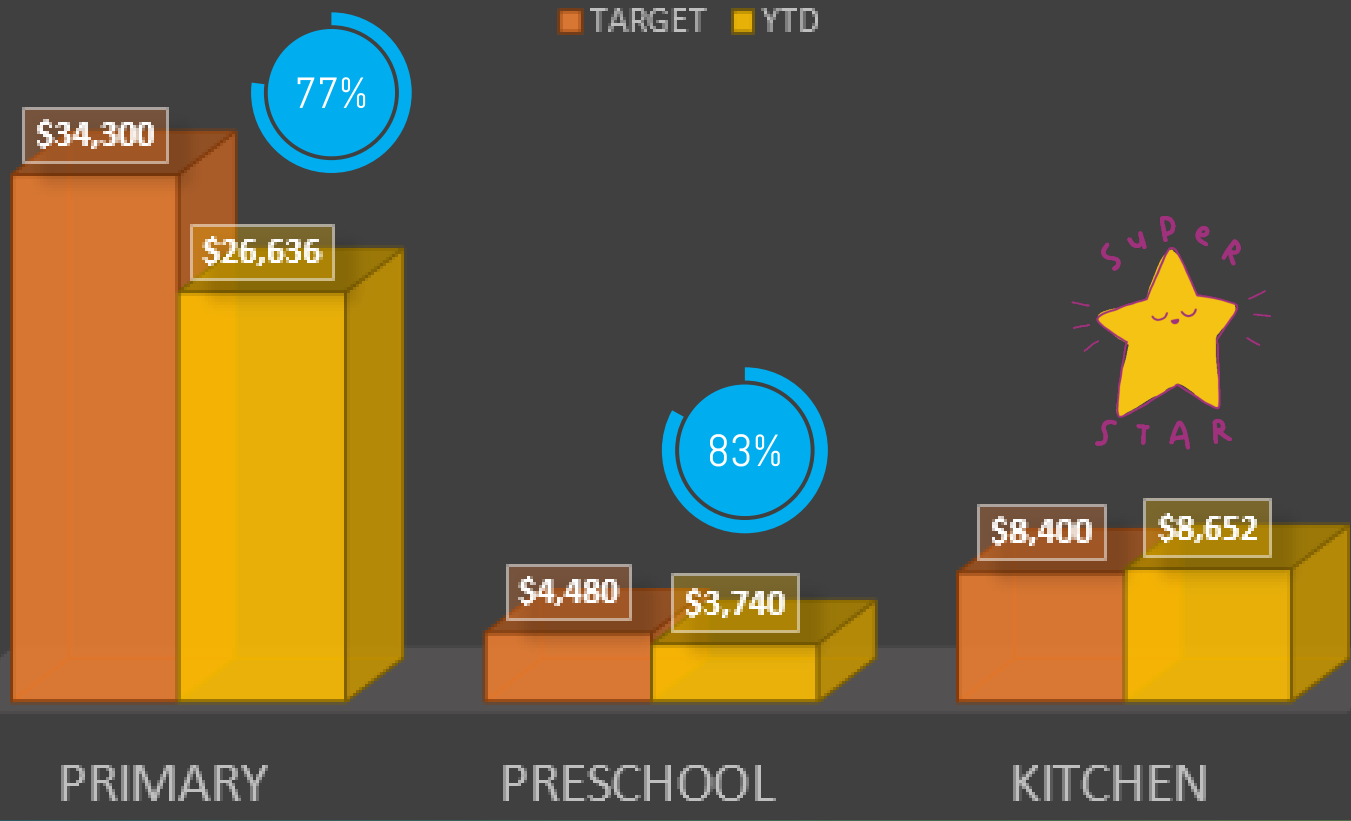
Thursday 1st August	Children's University excursion	8:30am - 12:00pm
Friday 2nd August	Track & Field Gala Day 100 days of Transition celebrations	All day Morning session
Monday 5th August	Picnic Day - Public Holiday	All day
Tuesday 6th August	CEP Radical Writers Festival Dripstone Middle School Parent 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
Thursday 15th August	Learning Commission Mid-Way Pitch	10:30am - 1:30pm
Friday 16th August	Touch Gala Day Book Parade	All day 8:40am
Tuesday 20th August	Meaningful Maths Family Session	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Thursday 22nd August	Bookfeast excursion	8:30am - 11:30am
Monday 18th - Friday 23rd August	Book Fair	8:00am - 2:50pm
Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st August	Student Led Conferences	3:00pm - 6:00pm



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.



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 phone 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 4 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

SCHOOL

CAMP



INTRODUCING.....

Ms Fiona Henry

Hi Alawa Primary community! My name's Fiona, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new PE and Arts teacher. I've been a primary teacher for around 10 very wonderful years, and for most of these I've been a specialist teacher in French, with a bit of Visual Art, PE and Music thrown in for good measure, and also a couple of years here and there as a classroom teacher.

I love the challenge of bringing together the very different disciplines of Art and PE, a joyful exercise for me as I hold a huge place in my own life for both areas. Before becoming a teacher I worked in the fitness industry, and this love of inspiring others to find a love of movement and fitness in their lives is what I want to bring to my role in PE and sport here at Alawa Primary. And as an artist and Steiner-trained teacher I have a deep belief in the power of art and its role in developing creativity and refining children's extraordinary and individual ways of seeing the world, which informs and enriches all learning in their lives. It's truly a dream role for me, and I'm looking forward with great enthusiasm to meeting parents, guardians and families of the amazing Alawa Primary students that I'm so lucky to be teaching this semester.



WELCOME



Ms Kate Scott

Hi all, my name is Ms Scott and I will be teaching 5/6 Henderson-Scott .

I am from the UK but have been living, travelling and teaching around Australia for a year and a half, mostly in Melbourne.

I'm excited for a new experience up in Darwin! I enjoy making learning fun and interactive. Writing, Maths, Art and Geography are some of my favourite subjects to teach and I love trying to combine them where possible!

I believe learning is best when children learn from themselves.

KITCHEN NEWS



We have had a fabulous start to Semester 2 kitchen with 4/5 Daniels, 4/5 Chamberlain, 3/4 Gardner and 3 Nguyen starting their world of Flavours tour. We began our journey with a trip to Vietnam where we made rice paper rolls with omelette, noodles, salad and herbs.

Our second stop was to Indonesia where we made Nasi Goreng (fried rice). The year 3's began their knife skills and learnt about using the 'bear claw' to safely cut up vegetables.

I have a couple of requests, anyone who might be keen on volunteering in kitchen classes can register their interest with the front office.

It's such a great program and many family members really enjoy helping out [and sampling the food].

I am also wanting those students who have any food allergies, intolerances or preferences such as being vegetarian to please have this noted on their medical forms or emailed to me. I am always able to cater for these preferences however I need to know upfront so I can plan accordingly.

Finally, a reminder for any kitchen contributions, this is a vital part of our kitchen budget and we appreciate all contributions as it helps us keep the program running so successfully.

Tina Stratton [Kitchen Specialist]

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

5/6 BAINES NEWS

We were lucky enough to have Author and Speaker Darren Bennett visit us in our classroom last week.

Darren lived in Alawa, in the same house Jaxie's lives in now, during Cyclone Tracy. He told us his story of how his family waited out the cyclone on Christmas Eve, how they eventually evacuated and ended up staying in a classroom at ALAWA PRIMARY after the cyclone.

This was really interesting to listen to as he explained how difficult and scary the whole situation was.

Darren [and his wife] shared with us the picture story book he has written, Possum, The Cyclone Cat. Which is based on a true story of his pet cat.

Darren has also written a fiction book for adults, 25.12.74, which is also related to the cyclone. Darren was exciting to listen to. He showed us video clips, photos, his books, answered questions and even had us all join in by making the noises made during a cyclone.



PRESCHOOL NEWS



What a fantastic day it was today at the Preschool Bike-A-Thon. So many bright happy faces as they zoomed around the track.

The day started out with a welcome from Ms Barnett.

Then the kids were off, racing the track in class groups to ride as many laps as they could.

Congratulations toTrey, Thea, Izannah and Riley who were the winners of our best dressed bikes on the day.

If you haven't already, don't forget to hand in your fundraising forms to the front office, we still have our two major prizes to give out to the children who fundraised the most. We will be announcing the winners of the most fundraised in week 5, so be sure to get your forms in by the end of week 4 [9/08/24].

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend to cheer the little champs on!

And a big thank you to the preschool committee, for all their hard work organising the event and rallying our local businesses and organisations who generously donated prizes for the day. It is business like these that make our community special!



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

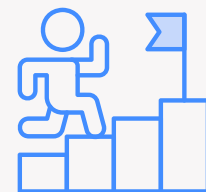


LIBRARY NEWS



Book Challenge:

Our Book Challenge went home last week and we ask that you continue to support and cheer your children on to complete as many squares on the Bingo board as they can. Don't forget to sign the square as they complete the reading activity. Families of early readers take some time to read and have some fun modelling and participating in the challenge with your child/brother or sister. We would love to hear about the book adventures you are having along the way. 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.



Volunteer Call Out:

Book Fair will be running all week in **Week 6**. I am looking for some volunteers to help setup, sell books and pack up. Setup will be happening Friday the 17th of August and pack up on Monday the 26th of August. I am looking to start around 8:30am. The Fair itself will be running Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings 8-8:30am and in the afternoon throughout the week from 3-4pm including from 3 - 6pm on the afternoons of Student Led Conferences. If you would like to help out for 30min-an hour during any of these times in please let me know via email or through the Front office.



Happy reading
Ms Sacha [Library/ICT]

DSM NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3 - it's crazy to think that we're more than halfway through the year now!

We've kicked off with a very busy start to the term. During week 1, we had RAAF representatives, Leading Aircraftsmen Will Lauenstein and Andrew Hunter, present a session to the 4/5 and 5/6 students. This presentation was organised as part Exercise Pitch Black which is currently being hosted in the Top End. The students had lots of questions about the aircraft they have seen around Darwin and were amazed to learn that it only takes 45 minutes to travel from Brisbane to Darwin at full speed in a fighter jet!

Defence Kids Club has been a big hit, as always! Last week, the students created their own pets in a colour, cut and paste activity. The kids enjoyed this relaxing session [which we have had to see more of recently, as the popularity of DKC has increased].

This time of year, there are several families who have parents away on course or deployment, or are expecting posting orders. Thank you so much to those who have already notified me of any current or upcoming changes."

Miss Laura [Defence School Mentor]



Exercise Pitch Black



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 PHOTOS

Please see below schedule for school photo day next Wednesday 7th August.

Please ensure students are on time to school and photo ready in full school uniform.

- 8:35 - Transition/I McGrath
- 8:55 - Year 2 Snow
- 9:10 - Preschool Red & Blue group followed by Preschool sibling photos
- 9:40 - 4/5 Chamberlain
- 9:55 - Transition Hughes
- 10:15 - Whole school photo
- 11:00 - Year 4/5 Daniels
- 11:15 - Year 3 Nguyen
- 11:30 - Year 1 Robinson
- 11:45 - Year 1/2 Khanum-Thorne
- 12:00 - Year 5/6 Henderson-Scott
- 12:15 - Year 5/6 Horigan
- 12:30 - Year 5/6 Baines
- 12:45 - Year 3/4 Gardner
- 1:50pm - Sibling photos [for those that have handed in or ordered online before only] & student leadership photos.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms Katie - 8997 7666

CHEESE!





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

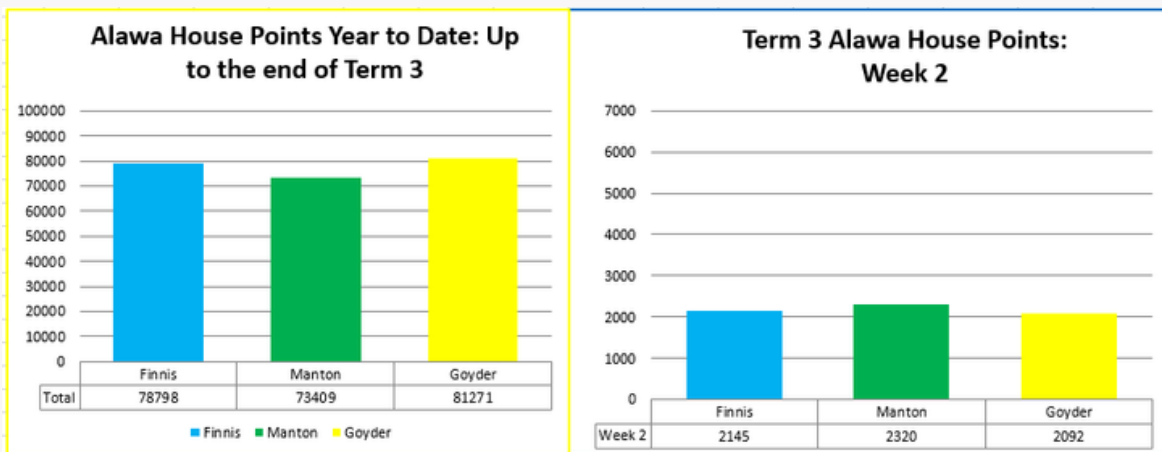


HOUSE POINTS

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 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 2 of Term 3 Manton was ahead with 2320 points!
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 81271 points!**

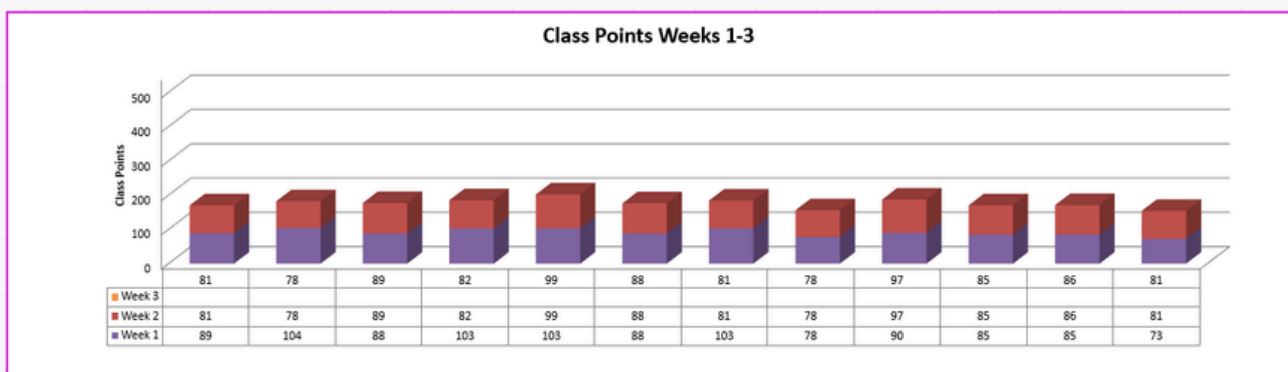


CLASS POINTS

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.

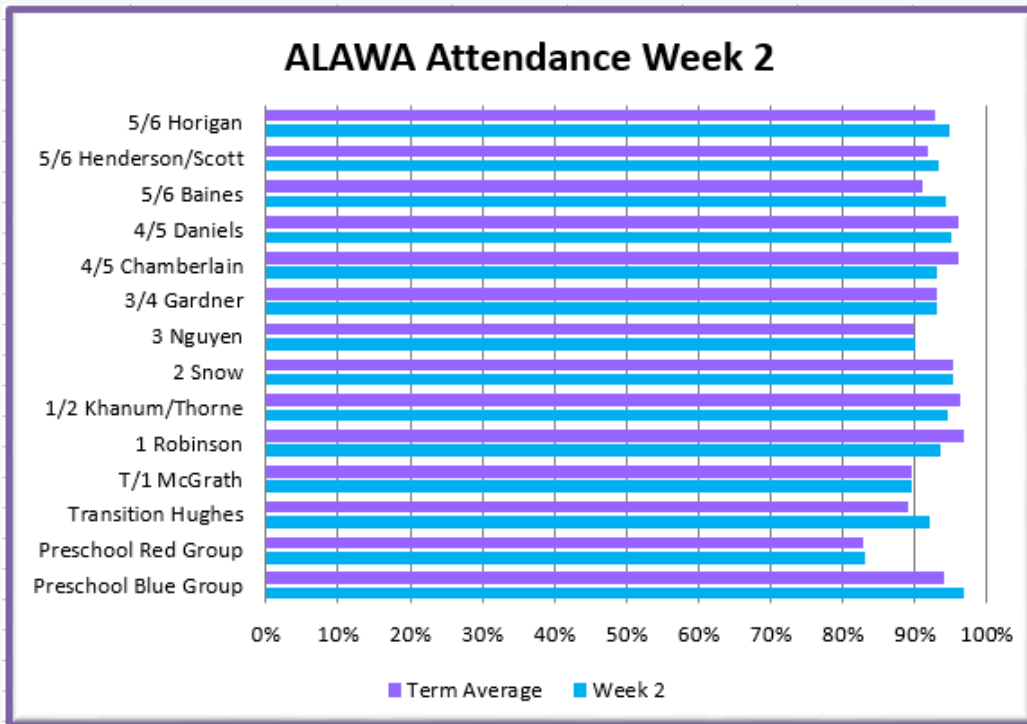
Each week we allocate class points during Muster time recognising those students who were ready and waiting to go back to class calmly and quietly after break times. The winning class from each 3 weeks will receive ice-blocks from our Principal and get to choose 3 songs that will play before our bells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

The class with the most points in Week 2 of Term 3 was...2 Snow with 99 points!!!



ATTENDANCE

Primary School Average for Week 2 Term 3: 92.74%
 The class with the highest attendance for Week 1:
Preschool Blue Group with 96.72%!!! Amazing job!!!



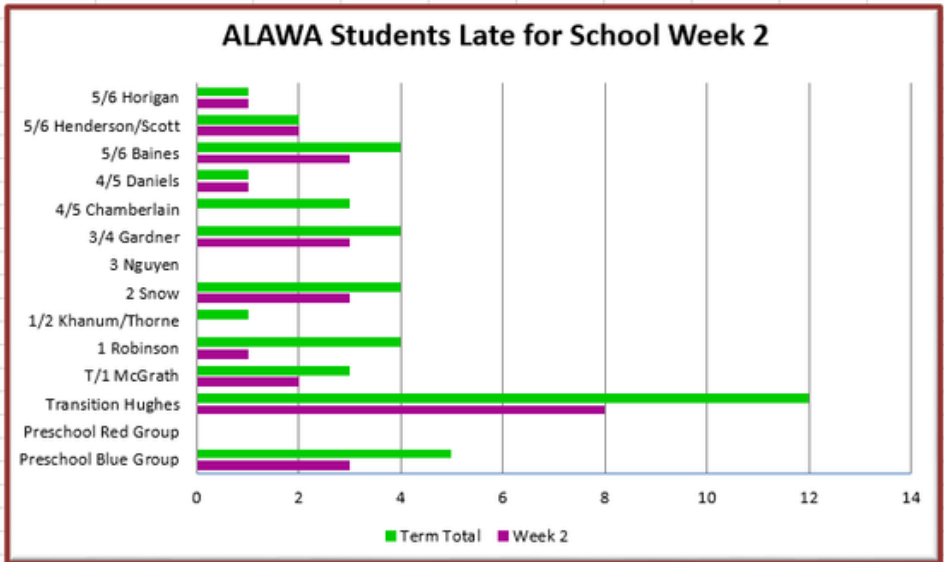
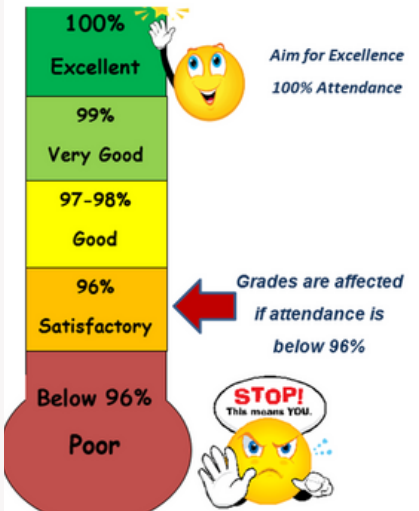
Family holidays / absences during school time:
 We request that any families who are considering holidays or being away during school time discuss this as early as possible [at least a weeks notice] with the Principal or Assistant Principal so a program of work can be negotiated [for a limited period 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 17 lates in Week 1!
 For Week 1 it was fabuloso to see NO lates at all for Preschool Red Group, 1/2 Khanum/Thorne, 3 Nguyen and 4/5 Chamberlain.

ATTENDANCE

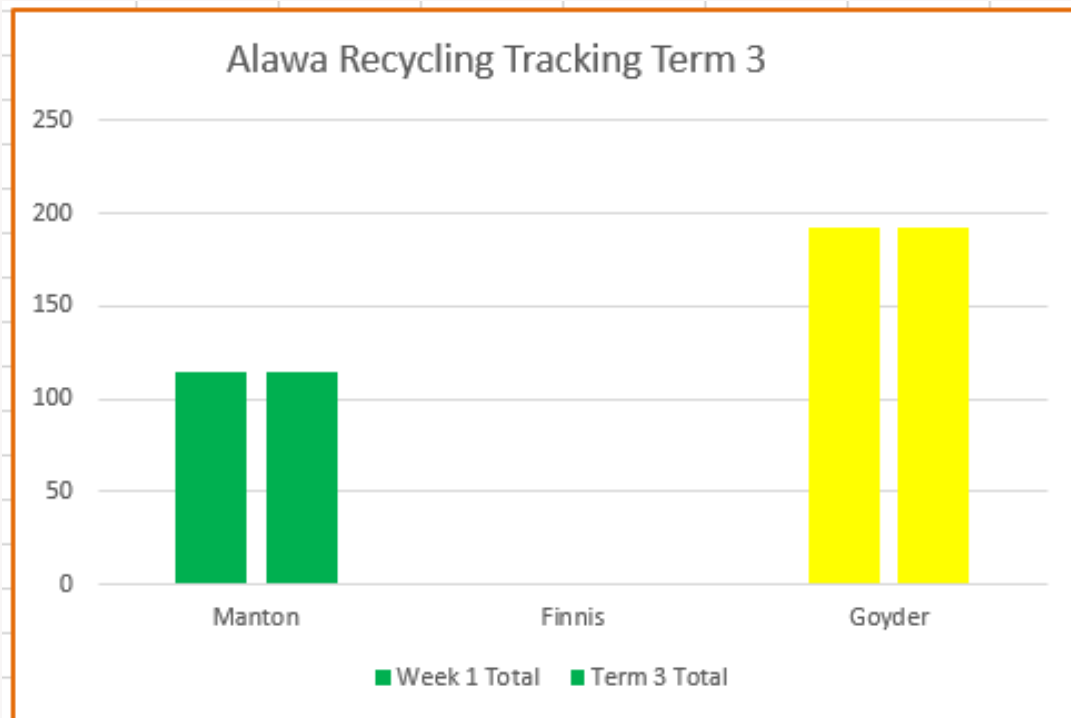


RECYCLING



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.



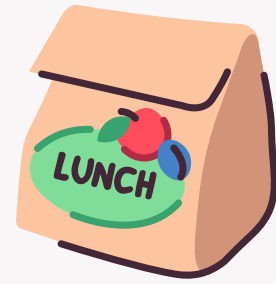
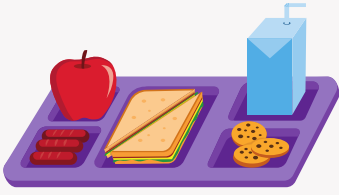
SPORTS VOUCHER SCHEME

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](#)





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 on 01/08/2024.

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.

Spriggy Schools

Introducing Spriggy Schools for online ordering

How to get started

1. Download the Spriggy Schools app
2. Create a profile for your child
3. Conveniently place orders online

Download the app now!

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Check the T&C's and TMD for further information

Smartphone screen content: Samantha, 9:41, Lunch - Friday 09/03, Sandwiches, Drinks, Fruit, Sushis, Chicken Schnitzel Friday Special \$6.50, Salad sandwich \$5.50, 1x Chicken Wrap Friday Special \$6.50, Chicken Wrap, Open Cart - \$6.50



VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

Bunnings

BBQ AND CAKE

SALE

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PLEASE CONTACT ALAWA FRONT OFFICE FOR A TIME SLOT

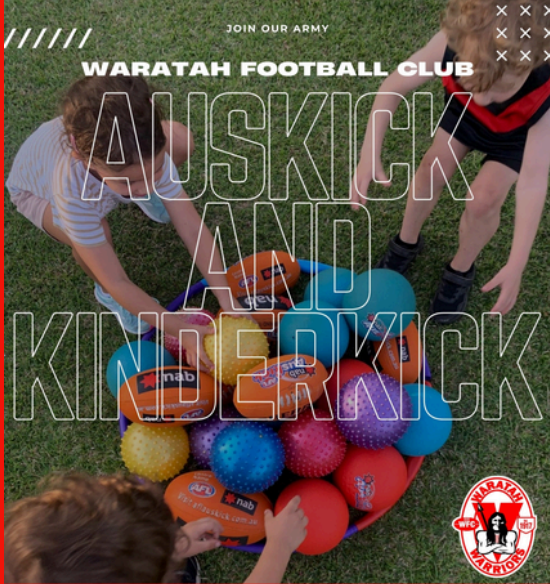
ALAWA SCHOOL COUNCIL ARE ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND ALSO DONATIONS FOR THE BUNNING CAKE STALL

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





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