

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 4
7TH AUGUST
2024

Leadership Message

Dates to Remember

- 20th & 21st August SLC's
- 27th & 28th August
Year 3/4 Camp
- 5th September
Community concert & event
[ALLElympic Opening Ceremony
2024]

Welcome to our Week 4 News!

Great excitement and smiley faces this morning for our annual school photo day.....thanks to all the families who promptly returned their envelopes and orders. We usually receive the photos back much later in the term or early Term 4.

Planning is well under way for our big concert and community night on Thursday 5th September. Students are enjoying their weekly dance sessions with Sara-Beth from Royal Existence. We plan to have family activities from 5pm that afternoon with the concert commencing at 6pm. We are seeking volunteers to help with the activities, the setup, the food and drink stalls. If you can help out please let us know through the front office.

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



Annual Perception Survey

Tuesday 6th August all families were emailed through a link and an invitation to respond. The annual School Survey is an opportunity to share your experiences with your school and its education services. Responses are used to celebrate success and identify opportunities for improvement. It's confidential, easy to access and takes around 10 minutes to complete.



Cheers and have a
fab week
Sandy Cartwright
[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. Information re bookings was emailed out Thursday 1.8.24 and is also included in this newsletter



Leadership Message contd.

THUNKS
Puzzlements, riddles & philosophical questions to wake your brain up!

THUNK!

Think of the week

Why do we have to keep reminding ourselves to breathe?

Isn't it kind of an important function we just do automatically.



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.

Planning is well underway for a fun-filled camping trip at Woollybutt at the Territory Wildlife Park for the 3/4's! We cannot wait to see the beaming faces of our young campers as they embark on this thrilling outdoor experience.

This will be a great opportunity for our students to connect with the great outdoors, find out about many of our native wildlife and Build stronger relationships with their peers. Our enthusiastic team of teachers and staff are planning every aspect of the trip to ensure the safety, comfort, and enjoyment of our students.

All students have been given excursion consent forms which includes the itinerary and what students are required to bring on camp. Students are encouraged to bring back their forms ASAP.

Please remember there are attendance and behaviour expectations that are carefully considered leading up to camp. Your child's safety, wellbeing and learning is of utmost importance. If class teachers have concerns or queries about a child's participation in camp, they will contact you to make a time to discuss them. If you have a concern or query, please contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your time and support.

Year 3/4 Camp Team

I LIKE KNOWING
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Monday 18th - Friday 23rd August	Book Fair	8:00am - 2:50pm
Tuesday 20th August	Meaningful Maths Family Session	3:30pm - 4:30pm
Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st August	Student Led Conferences	3:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday 22nd August	Bookfeast excursion	8:30am - 11:30am
Friday 23rd August	Assembly hosted by Transition Hughes	8:40am - 9:15am
Monday 26th August	School Council Meeting	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th August	3/4 Camp and Territory Wildlife Park	All day
Tuesday 27th August	Paediatric Clinic with Dr. Corey	All day



HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTION



The following students will receive their Honour Awards this Friday 9th August:

Dity Tandel	Joshua Black	Layne Tweedie	Eve Royal
Darcy Rayson	Elisha Ordonez	Kira Cowie	Ingrid O'Donoghue
Patrick Scheide	Ricky Petterson	Frankie Sheridan	Emelia Fuller
Christos De Rubeis	Suri Nguyen	Heidi Barkley	Isabelle Stevens
Perrin Agnew-Auld	Reuben Dwyer	Wulv Launstein	Gabriel Briggs
Mabel Tolley	Emmett Rutledge	Bronte Rees	Caitlin Gleeson
Leonitas May-Presley	Ayllah Tomlins	Ivyanna Ronayne	Florence Wilkinson
	Salem Cook	Julieta Castaings	

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!

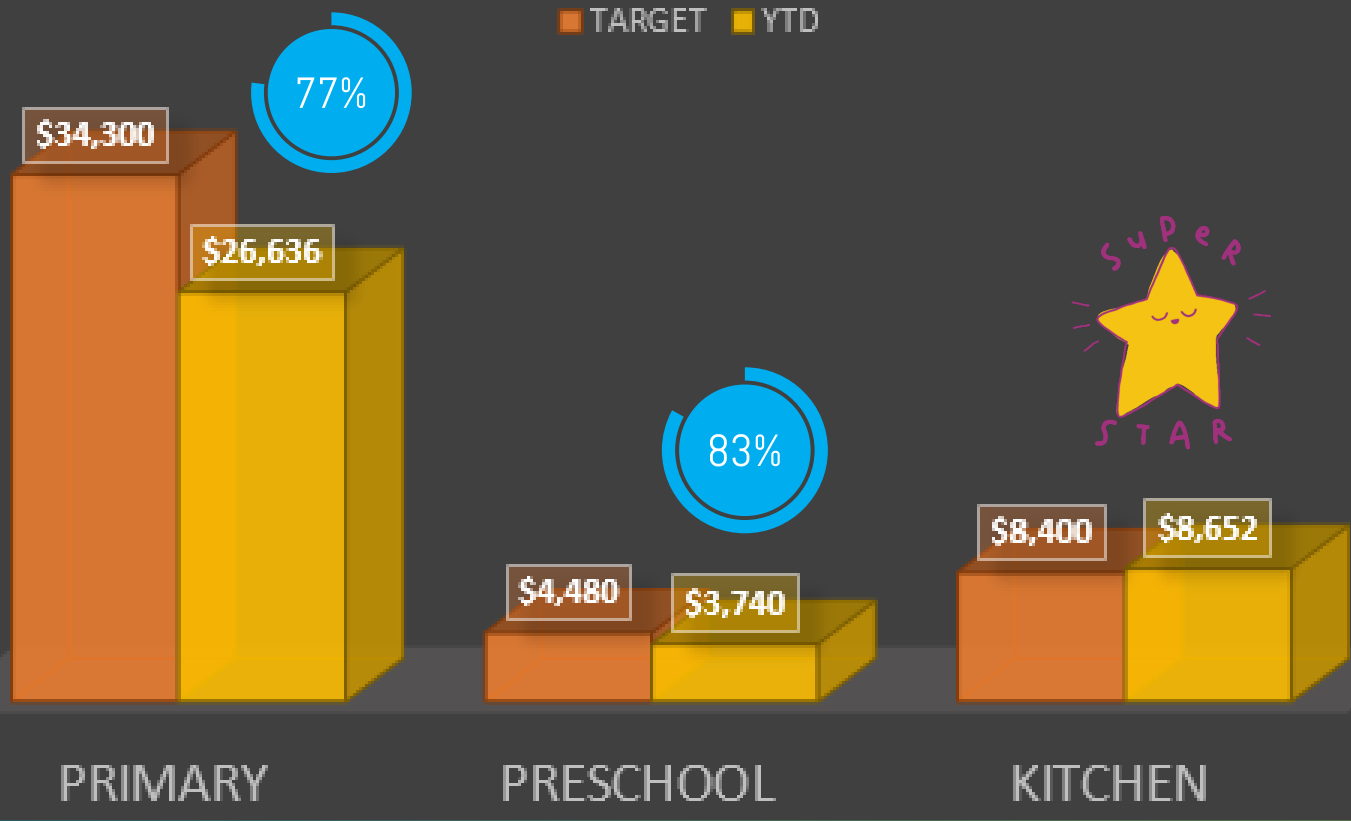
This week we have **Tearaku Tinirau** receiving an Honour Distinction!



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.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Alawa's Whole School
Performance night is fast
approaching and we would love
your help on the night. If you are
able to volunteer please contact
the Front Office

8997 7666

alawa.achool@education.nt.gov.au

5TH SEPTEMBER 2024





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 3 weeks away. If you haven't already, please send us an email advising if your child will attend.

There are 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



FARM NEWS

Larrakia Season: Dinidjanggama (Heavy Due Time) Loving the beautiful breezes, "the slippery grass" and the growing that this season brings.

Farm News: Our goats, Delilah and Skye are back from the show and loving treats and pats from the Alawa Students. Our eggs are in high demand and chickens are loving all the fresh veggie scraps that many families throw through the fence daily.

Farm Highlights: I think everyone should feel proud of our Farm Show entries this year. Your children work very hard in the Farm, adding to the soil, nurturing plants, and caring for the animals. It was great to have the privilege to set up our Community Garden Display and show different animals and produce from our Farm.

The Transition classes were bursting with excitement to see their scarecrows out in Joe Yates Pavilion and who would have thought we would win a trophy for Best Water Fowl in show! Thanks again to Helen, our goat whisperer, and poultry expert for all her support!



Mrs Bronwyn Cleary and Farmer Bob [The Farm Team]

NT SCHOOL SURVEY 2024

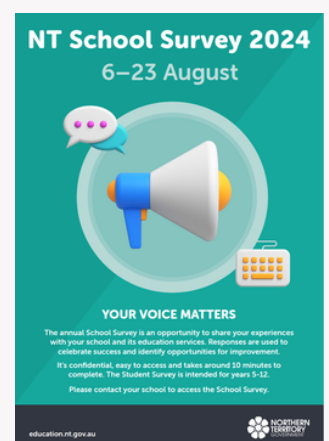
Alawa Primary School values the feedback from our students and families.

We welcome and encourage you to share your opinions about school performance, culture and services by participating in the NT School Survey. The survey is open from Monday of Week 4 [5th August] to Friday of Week 6 [23rd August] and is an opportunity for us to hear from you about your school experience for you and your child. The School Survey is simple and easy to access, taking less than 20 minutes to complete. It can be conducted online or you can request a printed version from the front office. The results of the survey will help inform your school about your experiences and provide valuable information about what it is doing well and where it can improve.

To provide your feedback you can simply click the link below or use the QR code.

Parent Survey: [2024 Parent Survey - Alawa Primary School](#)

Cheers & thanks for taking the time to respond.
Alawa Admin Team





PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool children have been so engaged in the new learning areas in the Investigations room.

In the dramatic play area, the Grocery shop has been very busy with children selecting food, weighing fruit and veg and heading to the checkout to buy their goodies.

Our numeracy focus on measurement has found its way into lots of play spaces. In the block corner there are opportunities to measure constructions using rulers and measuring tapes. Paper on Clipboards also invite our budding builders to draw their design before they get to work on its construction.



Our small world area celebrates the traditional tale of The Three Billy Goats Gruff [complete with the scary troll lurking under the bridge!] and the nursery rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty'. Humpty needs help constructing a bridge, so he doesn't fall off! Other nursery rhyme characters will be added to the small world area as we introduce them. So much learning is woven through our play based Investigation areas.

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

LIBRARY NEWS



Book Challenge:

Book Challenge sheets are due back by Friday of this week. Make sure to get yours in so you don't miss out on the opportunity to win a prize.

Book Parade:

Have you got your costume sorted out yet? My little one has been hard at work helping me to put together my costume. Need some inspiration? This years theme for Bookweek is 'Reading is Magic'. Have fun thinking about what book or character is your favorite and recreating the look.

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]

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Ask any student from T-2 what is their favourite part of the week in their classroom, and many will reply "Investigations"!

Play-based learning in an Early Years setting is an evidence-based approach which increases engagement, oral language, choice making, self-regulation and allows children to make connections with classroom learning and the world around them.

All of our Early Years classes engage in Investigation sessions where children make choices to work with friends. They are observed designing, creating and exploring throughout each session.

The Investigation areas are purposefully set up to promote children's interests, curiosity, self-regulation, practice of skills, social interactions with others and to promote independent thinking.

A roster is set up for children to be the 'Photographer and Reporter' where they engage with their peers and report back to the class at the end of the session.



Alawa Primary School Book Week Celebration



Events:

- Reading Challenge - Week 2 & 3 [22/07 - 02/08]**
- Library Scavenger Hunt - Week 3 [29/07 - 02/08]**
- Book Week Parade Friday - Week 5 [16/08]**
- Book Fair - Week 6 [19/08 - 23/08]**



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

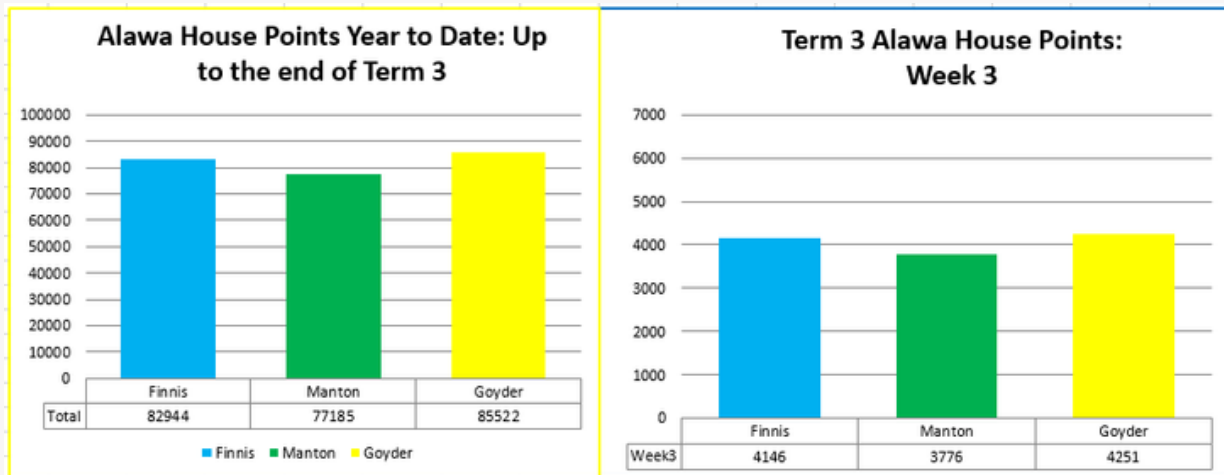


HOUSE POINTS

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 3 of Term 3 Goyder was ahead with 4251 points!
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 85522 points!**



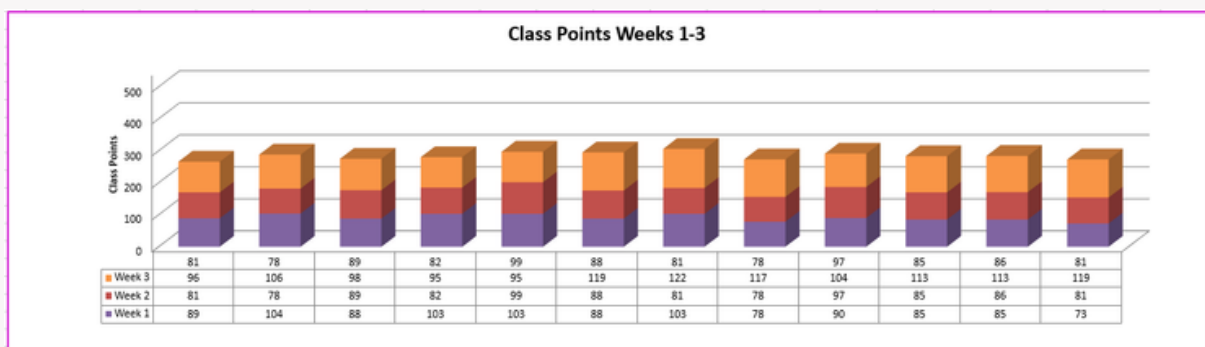
CLASS POINTS

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 3 of Term 3 was...3/4 Gardner with 122 points!!!

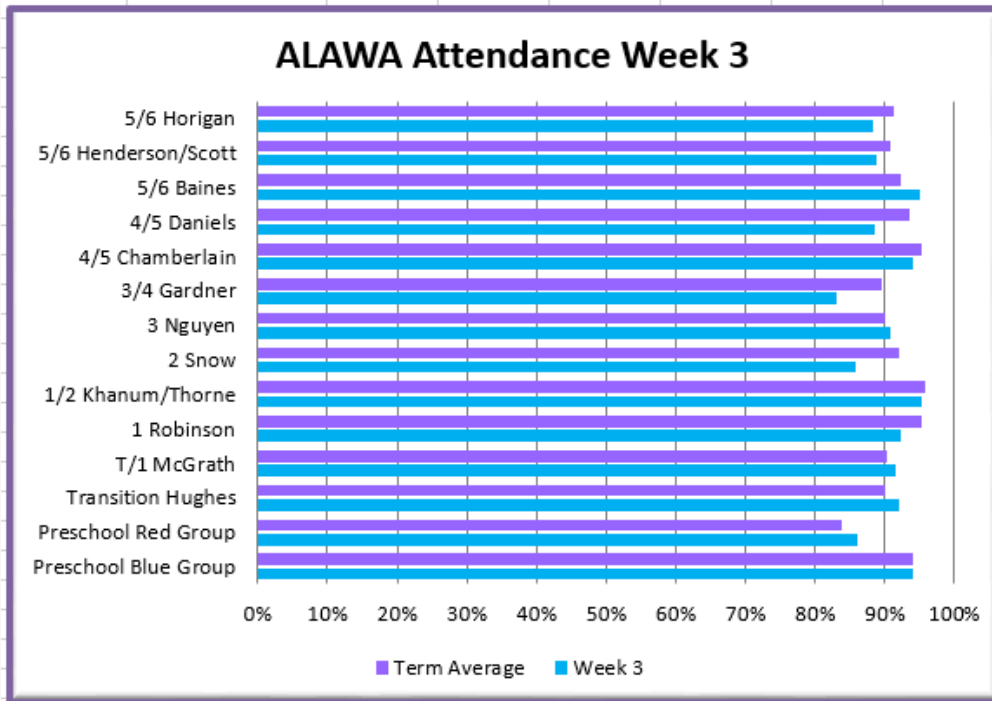
The winning class with the most points for Weeks 1, 2 and 3 is 3/4 Gardner with an overall of 306 points!!! Well Done!!



ATTENDANCE



Primary School Average for Week 3 Term 3: 90.45%
 The class with the highest attendance for Week 3:
1/2 Khan/Thorne with 95.22%!!! 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.

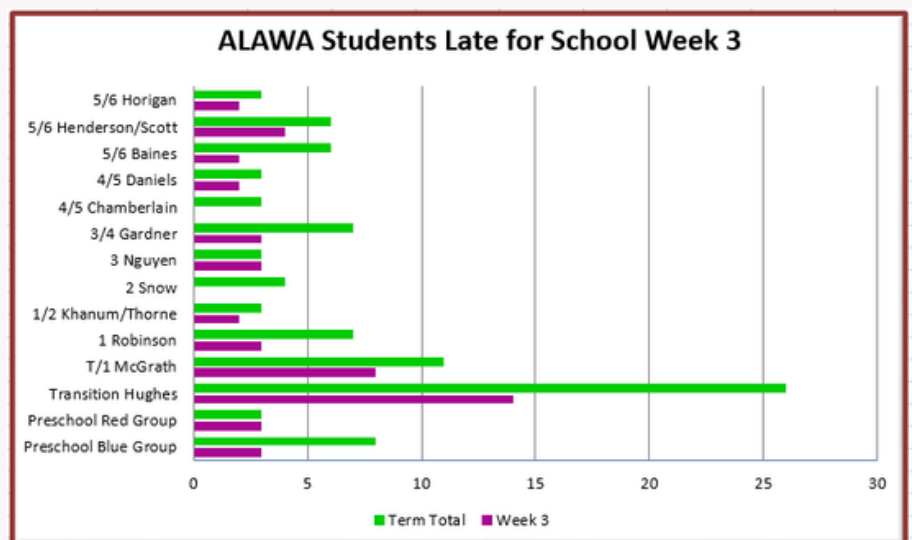
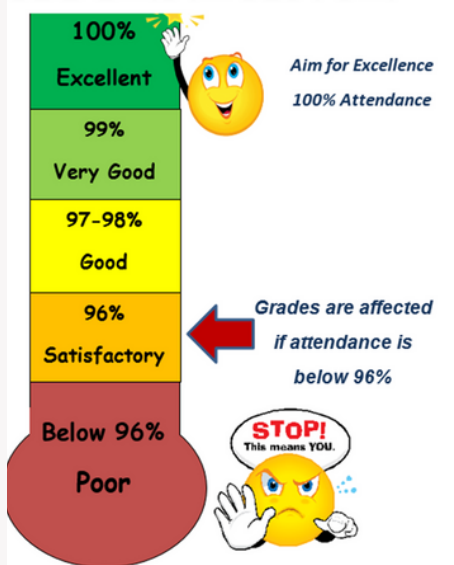
LATES

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

There were 49 lates in Week 3!

For Week 3 it was fabulouso to see NO lates at all for 2 Snow and 4/5 Chamberlain.

ATTENDANCE

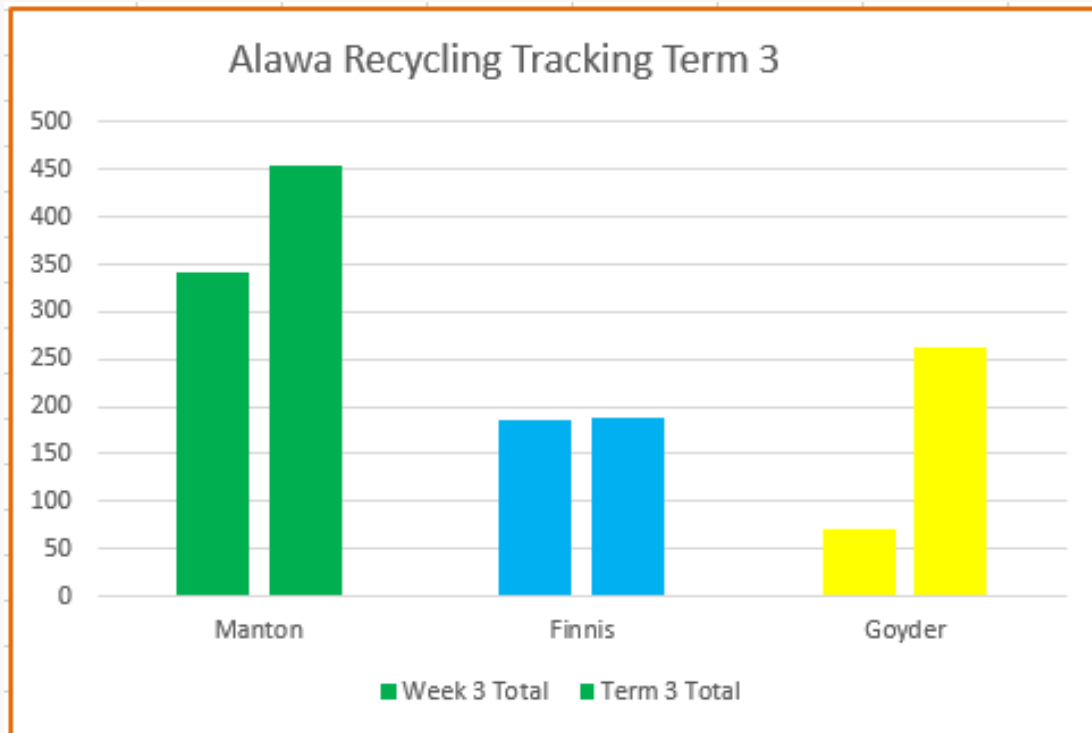


RECYCLING



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.

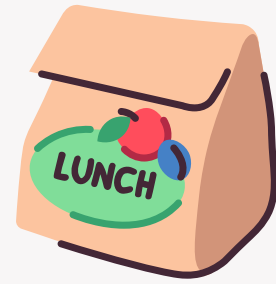
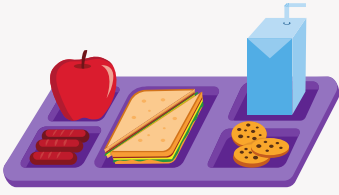


SPORTS VOUCHER SCHEME

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](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 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.

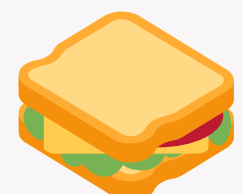
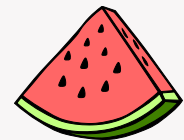


Beyond Catering NT

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 Bar - Tropical	\$3.50
Golden Circle Popper Juice Bar - Apple & Blackcurrant	\$3.50
(V) - Vegetarian	(H) - Halal
(GF) - Gluten Free	(DF) - Dairy Free





A Parent Information and Family Activity Session

Come along and learn more about our hands-on approach and how you can support your child with expanding their mathematical knowledge and skills at home.



Your child would like you to come along so they can teach you how they are learning and how you can try this at home.

Date: Tuesday 20th August 2024

Time: 3:30 - 4:30pm

Location: The Hub

An open session for you to drop in on during SLC's



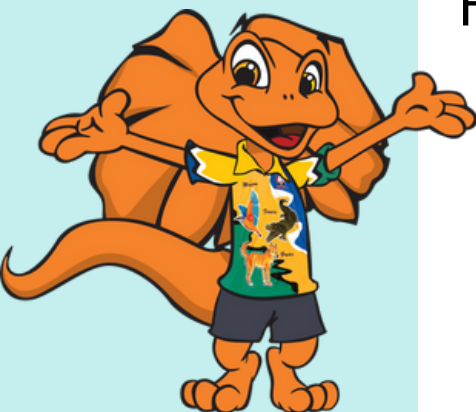


Student Led Conferences

When: Tuesday 20th & Wednesday
21st August 2024

Time: 3.00-6.00PM

How do I book in? You can book your 15 minute conference time that suits your family best using the Xuno Parent/Family App or webpage



Families wanting separate bookings or those unable to access the online booking system, please contact the front office and they can assist you.



VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED
Bunnings



BBQ AND CAKE

.....**SALE**.....
SAT : **31** : 2024
: **AUG** :

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

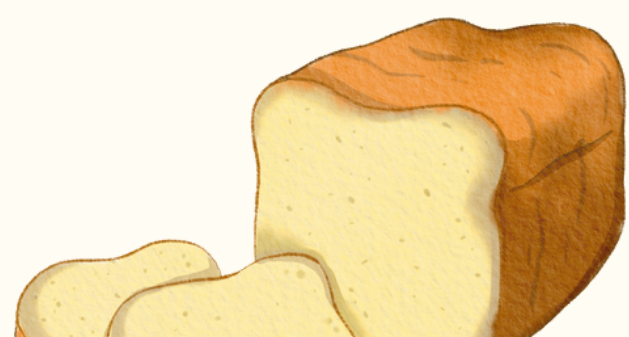


ALAWA SCHOOL COUNCIL ARE ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
AND ALSO DONATIONS FOR THE BUNNING CAKE STALL

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




Integrated disAbility Action Inc.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY
All Abilities Come-n-Try
PALMERSTON RECREATION CENTRE
Tuesday 24th September
9AM-1PM **SAVE THE DATE!**

FREE

think **Be Inclusive Games**

Proudly Supported By




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



SCIENCE

SUSTAINABILITY FOR SURVIVAL **FAIR**



THURSDAY 15 AUG 2024
4PM - 5.30PM

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
STUDENT PROJECT SHOWCASE
LIVE EXPERIMENTS
FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

D RIPSTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL MALL | 10 DELAMERE STREET, TIWI




2024/25 PRESEASON LAUNCH

JUNIORS COME AND TRY TRAINING SESSION

- Monday, 12th August - 4:30 PM
- Wagaman Oval
- Meet the Junior Committee, and ask any questions about the season.

FIRST SENIOR PRESEASON TRAINING

- Monday 12th August - 5:30 PM
- Wagaman Oval
- Meet Mark Whiley, Mens Premier 2024/25 Coach.



All players, from all experience levels & ages - new and current welcome!

2024/25 JUNIOR REGISTRATION



UNDER 10 BOYS & GIRLS
UNDER 12 BOYS & GIRLS
UNDER 14 BOYS & GIRLS
UNDER 16 BOYS & GIRLS



Registration is free for juniors OR use your NT sports vouchers, as a donation to the club.

Socks and shorts included in registration

REGISTER NOW

www.playhq.com/afi/register/1e1155

