

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 6
21ST AUGUST
2024

Leadership Message

Dates to Remember

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

Many of our students have been actively sharing their learning achievements and goals with their parents. It's been wonderful to see so many students embracing the 'Alawa Way.' If you haven't yet had the opportunity to participate in a Student Led Conference with your child, please reach out to your teacher to schedule a meeting.

Last Friday, Mr. Horigan and 15 students from Years 5 and 6 attended the Touch Gala Day at Marrara. Mr. Horigan reported that it was an enjoyable and successful event, with the students having a great time. A special thanks to Stephanie Cockfield for her assistance on the day; the students truly valued your support!

Next week, our Year 3/4 Camp is happening, and the excitement among the students is palpable. If you haven't yet completed the payment or returned the necessary forms, please do so as soon as possible to help us ensure everything runs smoothly. Additionally, tent practice will be held this Friday. Please ensure your child brings their tent to school by Thursday. We will make sure they are secured over the weekend if you would like to leave it here.

I hope everyone has a great week!

Jed Henderson

[Assistant Principal of the Best School in the
Multiverse]

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



Sporting Schools Update

Rugby sessions available for students in Transition to Year 2. A coach from NT Rugby Union will be coming to run 2 sessions during lunchtime on Thursdays. The final session of the after school Touch Football Program will be this Thursday. All students involved have put in a super effort to refine their Touch skills - and had lots of fun too!



Leadership Message contd.

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

THUNK!



If Cinderella's slipper fit perfectly, why did it fall off?



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. This week the Think we submitted is by Alexandra Viddins.

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.

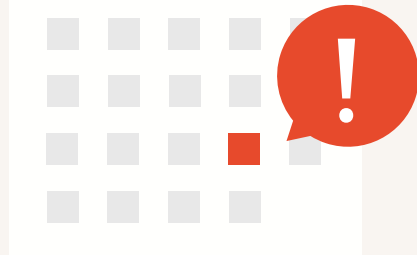
Parent Survey: [2024 Parent Survey - Alawa Primary School](#)

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





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**DONT
FORGET**



Wednesday 21st August Thursday 22nd - Friday 23rd	Book Fair	2.50pm - 6:00pm 3:00pm - 4:00pm
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 - 7pm
Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th August	3/4 Camp at Territory Wildlife Park	All day
Saturday 31st August	Bunnings BBQ	All day
Thursday 5th September	Community Concert Night	5pm - 7:30pm
Friday 6th September	Assembly hosted by I Robinson	8:40am - 9:15am
Thursday 19th September	Young Achievers at DMS	All day
Friday 20th September	Table Tennis Gala Day Assembly hosted by Transition McGrath Last day of Term 3	All day 8:40am - 9:15am All day



HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTION



The following students will receive their Honour Awards this Friday 23rd August:

Courtney Crawford	Taylor Bowman	Mrs Snow	Aiden Howard
Dorcas Muhawe	Azekeial Colbran	Jace Crawford	Mali Fulton
Josiah Wolstenholme	William Hubbard	Olivia Scheide	Jackson Pearson
Armin Vafi	Lucas Fischer	Xavier Cockfield	Jett Brenton
Carys Walsh	Steven Ordonez	Olivia Leite Moniz	Jackson Page
Erin Taylor	Tarik Tolley	River Vickery	Lucas Cooper
Joonas Kroger	Eleanor Macskimin	Greta King	Levi Bowden
Reuben Stevens	Simone Hansman	Reuben Roberts	Eloise Pomphrey
Finn Buckton	Elizabeth Christou	Ruby Smyth	Kelly Cartwright
	Marcelina Netuka	Ruby Dias Delana	

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 **William Cote** receiving an Honour Distinction!



ALLELYMPICS

Opening Ceremony 2024

Thursday 5th of September
4:45PM- Gates Open
5PM- Food stalls and activities
6:10PM- Performance to commence

Tickets available to purchase for activities and food/beverages on the night and at the office the week before.

Eftpos available on the night

*ALL children will need to be accompanied by an adult for activities.



CAN YOU HELP?

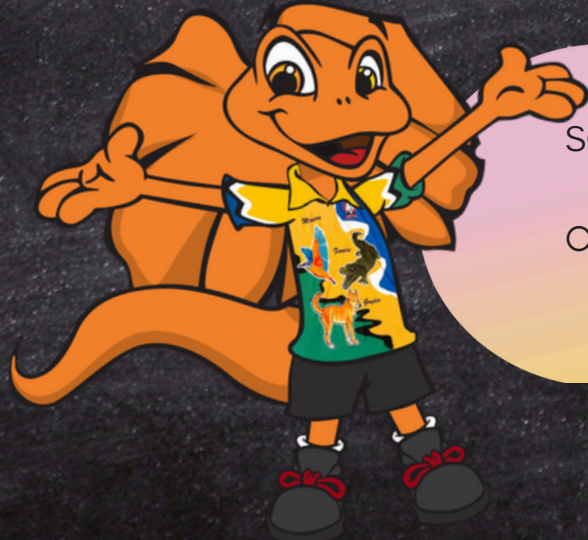
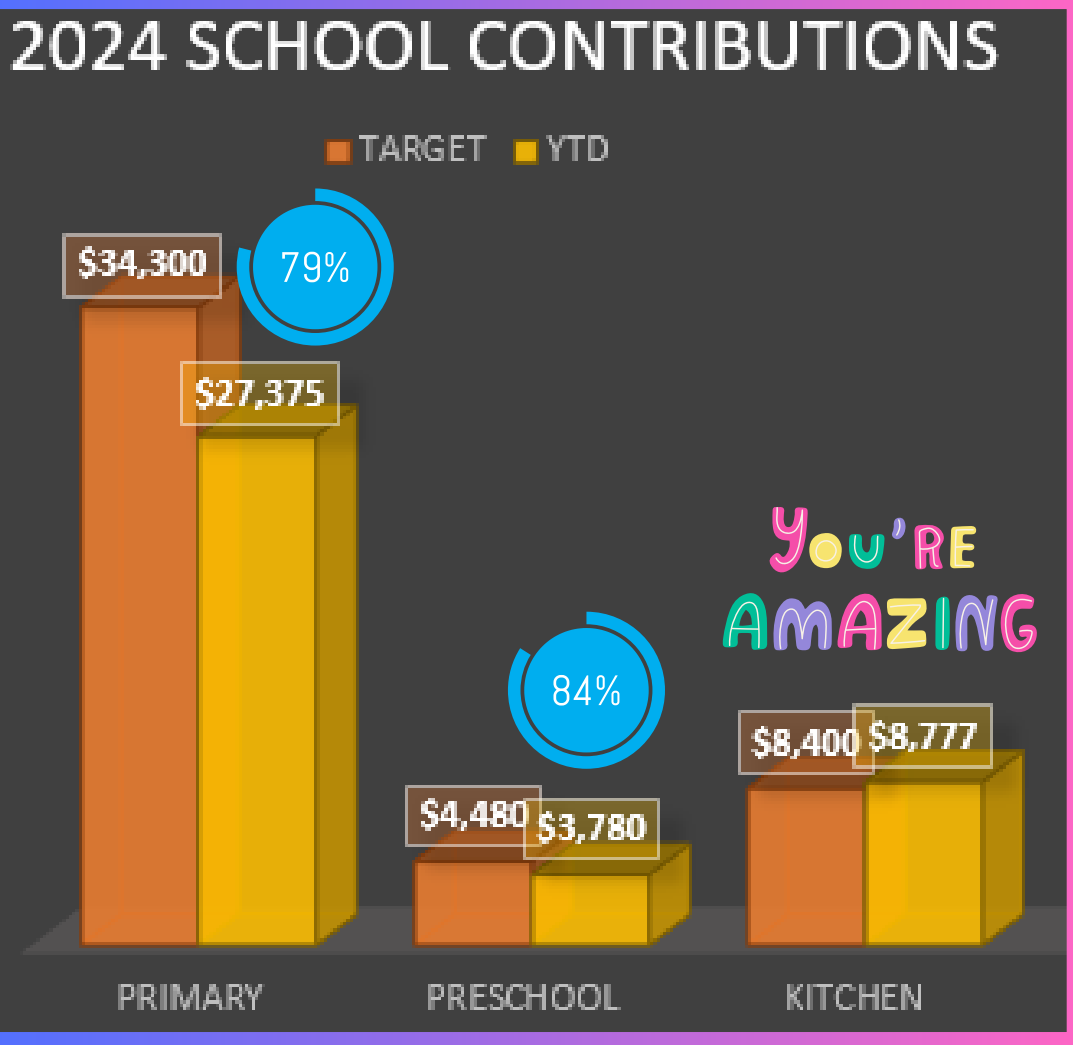
**We are looking for
the following
items:**

If you happen to have any empty ice cream containers, larger empty ice cream containers, hobby horses and plunges that have not been used, can you please hand them in to the front office as it would be very useful for our ALLElympics in Week 8. Thank you!





ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL



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 1 week 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. Full payment is now overdue and children will NOT be able to attend if not paid in full.

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

SCHOOL

CAMP



FARM PROGRAM SEMESTER 2

Larrakia Season: Gurrulwa guligi – Big Wind Time, so is the time of year that northwest winds breeze through our teaching garden, lots of flowering trees like the Kapok add that little bit of extra brightness. We are loving sitting and playing in our garden at this time of year, if there is anyone who might have some donations of windchimes, a wooden swing, or some cement/wooden benches please let us know.

Farm News: We think our Guinea Pigs GiGi and Geoffry are pregnant again! We are looking for any donations of guineapig or rabbit equipment or toys for example toilet trays, drinkers, mats, and smaller cages, so we can be a bit more prepared this time around. We will keep you posted on her progress!



Farm Semester: Let me share our semester 2 overview at the Farm, hopefully it will give you lots to talk about with your little scientists. If you have any specialism in the learning below and would like to volunteer some time, please let us know!

In Transition, we're continuing to explore the fascinating plants and animals at the Farm. We encourage students to classify living things based on their external features and movements. Transition students will also help update the Farm's front sign by drawing some glorious animals.

This semester, Year 1 and 2 classes have been discovering all about Bugs! Through their exploration, students will learn about insect needs, habitats, and how sunlight creates shadows that many bugs use for hiding. Next term, we hope to observe 'beneficial' bugs in a bug observatory.

In Year 3 Nguyen and 3/4 Gardner, students are designing a First Nations 'Yarning Circle' a circle of benches to tell stories and observe nature. Thanks to a generous \$1000 grant from Landcare Australia, we've bought bright paints and tools to bring the students designs to life. We will continue to discuss the importance of sustainability, reusing resources, and the natural materials that were used in traditional rock art from a First Nations perspective. If there is any First Nations person in our community that would be willing to come and share some traditional stories, we would love to hear from you.



In Year 4/5 Daniels and Chamberlain classes, our focus is on the water cycle at the Farm. We're closely examining our Aquaponics system and exploring sustainable water usage. We will be completing some interesting water experiments in the next little while, especially with the weather heating up.

For Year 5/6 classes, we're working on the Alawa Farm Sustainability Project 2024. After focusing on water last year, this year's big question is, "How can we enhance our food production to meet a range of needs within our school community?" Students are investigating and implementing sustainable solutions in engaging ways. Some exciting projects include growing more tomatoes, building a small red claw aquaponics system, creating water-saving wicking beds, designing a fun space to encourage more students to work on the Farm, and developing a chicken care schedule to improve chicken happiness and egg production.

We have many great ideas, and we hope all of them will be successful!

Mrs Cleary and Farmer Bob [The Farm Team]

CLASSROOM NEWS TRANSITION HUGHES



This term in transition Hughes we have been VERY VERY busy...

In no particular order, here is a snap shot of a few of our highlights:

We celebrated 100 days of school!!!!

There has been lots of laughs and smiles at dance practice getting ready for the performance night. We are so excited!



We have been preparing for student led conferences. Setting lots of new learning goals for this semester.

Dressing up for Book week and writing our own "books" (stories) with our big buddies.



A visit from a scientist where we made our own fossils.

Having the preschool over to visit and show them what big school is like... what great role models we are!

Getting organised and prepared for our first ever assembly.

And of course... LOTS OF LEARNING...just to name a few!!

We are only halfway through the term but we are looking forward to what's to come. We will all need a well deserved break over the holidays. Don't forget we are on assembly this Friday. We look forward to seeing you then.

**From the best class in the multi verse,
Transition Hughes**



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Measurement, measurement, measurement! Both Preschool groups have been exploring a variety of measurement concepts through a blend of hands-on play experiences and explicit teaching.

Comparative language has also been a vital component of our learning with concepts such as tall and short, heavy and light and small and big weaving their way into our conversations and imaginative play. Children have enjoyed exploring weight through scales in the fruit and veg shop and maths area, playing on seesaws outside and a variety of interesting objects in the loose parts area. We have measured our heights to find out who is the tallest and the shortest in our class and we have traced around our bodies to create life size collages of our individual area. Our learning has been led by investigation and curiosity [which is how we like to do things at preschool].



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

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR



Book Fair is well underway and having unpacked 27 cartons of books we have an awesome range to encourage imagination and the pursuit of knowledge. The Book Fair will be open over the next few days during the following hours:

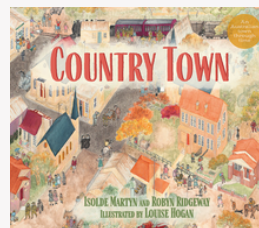
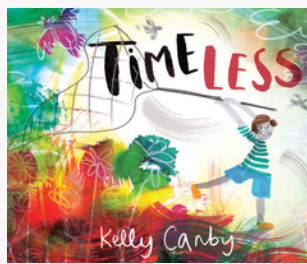
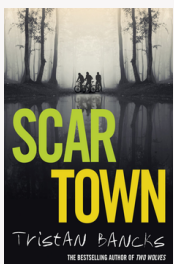
Wednesday during Student Led Conferences 2:50pm – 6pm

Thursday 3pm – 4pm

Friday 3pm-4pm



CBCA Book of the Year Winners 2024



**Happy reading
Ms Sacha [Library/ICT]**

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup was a buzz on Friday morning, with many new faces coming to explore our beautiful play space. Children played inside for a little bit before helping to make scones. Such messy fun and what a treat. We added flour, milk, sugar and butter and mixed, rolled and cut out circles. With a bit of help to place them on trays, the scones were set to cook in the oven while we moved our play outside and enjoyed what's left of the dry season.

It was lovely to see families enjoying the different areas outside and engaging in conversations.

Before heading home, kids, mums, dads and a few grandparents enjoyed eating scones topped with jam and a dollop of cream. Yummy!

Looking forward to seeing all families next week.



Mrs Aleesha Rutledge [Playgroup Leader]

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 26th August 2024, at 5:30 PM. All parents are welcome to attend. The meeting typically concludes by 7:00 PM.

Key topics on the agenda include the review of COGSO policies, preparations for the upcoming School Performance "ALLElympics", the Bunnings Fundraiser, Spriggy Schools Canteen service, Playgroup and the development of Out of School Hours Care [OSHC] services at Alawa for Term 4. This will be the final meeting for Term 3.

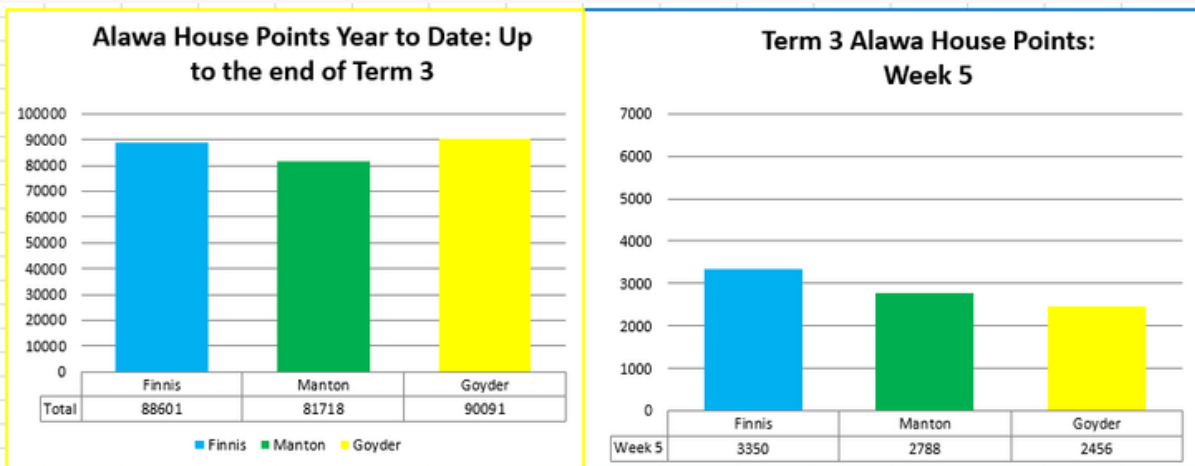


HOUSE POINTS

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 5 of Term 3 Finnis was ahead with 3350 points!
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 90091 points!**

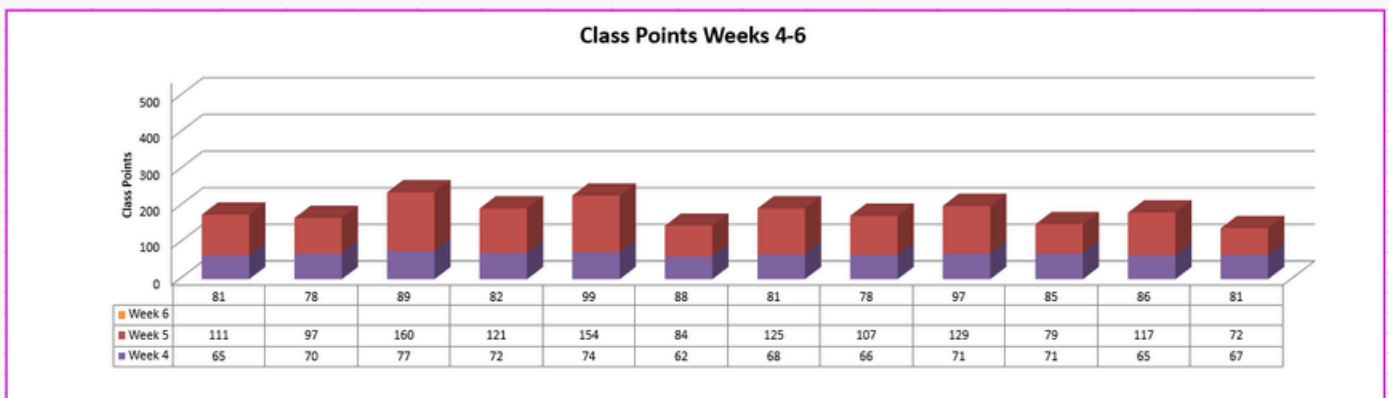


CLASS POINTS

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.

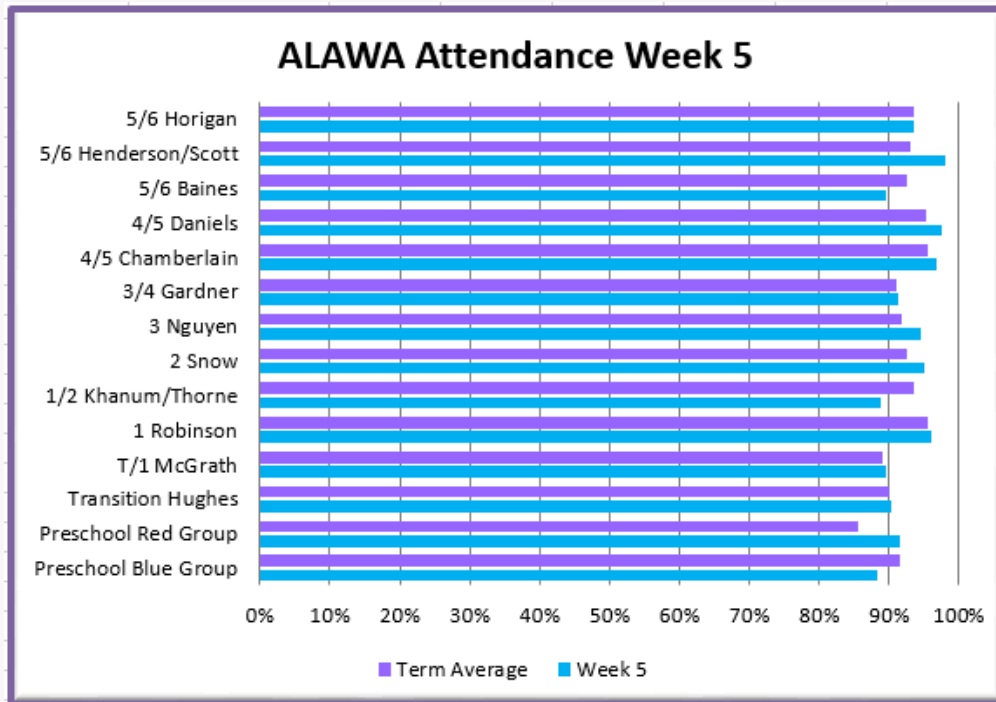
The class with the most points in Week 5 of Term 3 was...1 Robinson with 160 points!!!



ATTENDANCE



Primary School Average for Week 5 Term 3: 92.94%
 The class with the highest attendance for Week 5:
4/5 Daniels with 97.56%!!! 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.

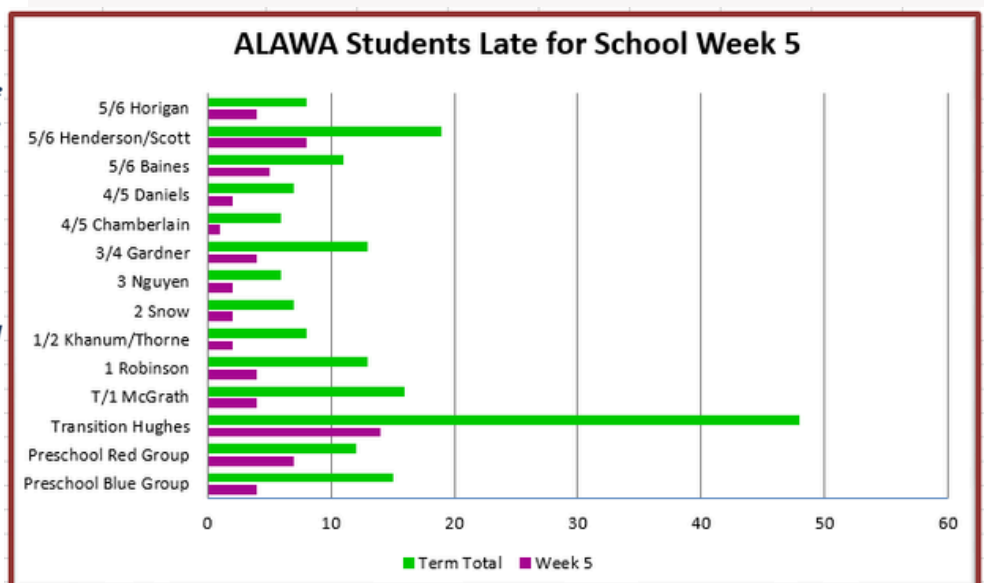
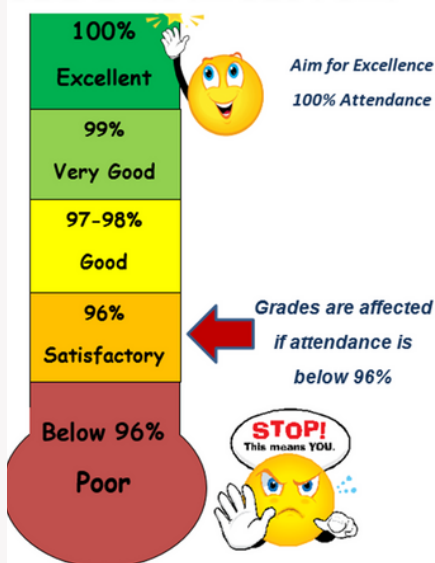
LATES

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

There were **63** lates in Week 5!

For Week 5 it was fabulouso to see 4/5 Chamberlain with only 1 late arrival.

ATTENDANCE

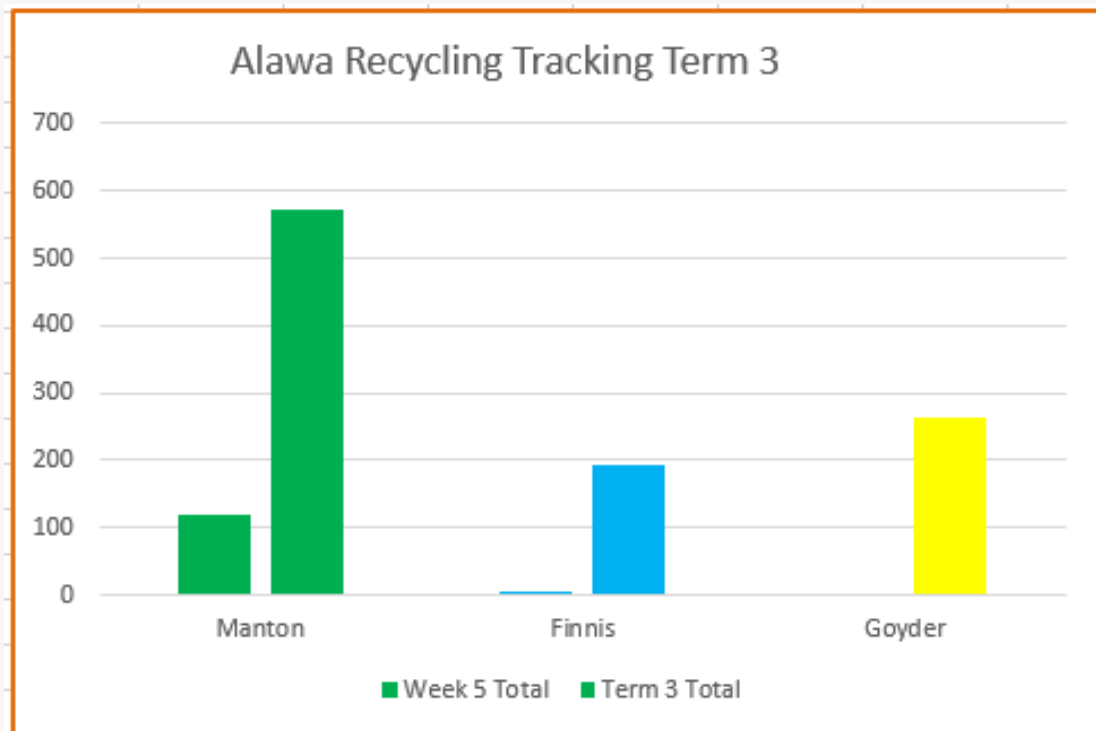


RECYCLING



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.

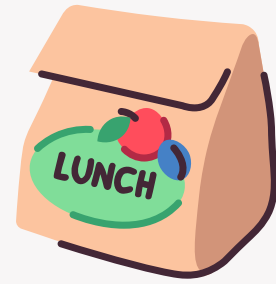
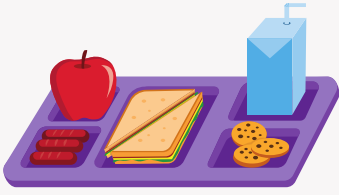


SPORTS VOUCHER SCHEME

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.

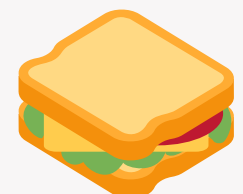
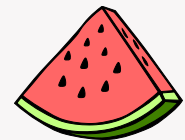


Beyond Catering NT

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
Loded 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





VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED
Bunnings



BBQ AND CAKE

SALE

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SAT : **31** : 2024
: **AUG** :

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

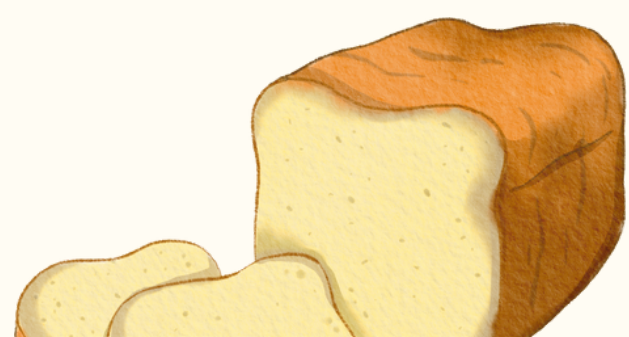


ALAWA SCHOOL COUNCIL ARE ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
AND ALSO DONATIONS FOR THE BUNNING CAKE STALL

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



CDC NORTHERN TERRITORY

BUSSY'S CORNER

Crossing the road safely

Always get assistance from an adult to cross the road.

If not

Use the marked road crossing to cross the road

1. Stop at the kerb, not on the road.
2. Look in all directions for approaching traffic.
3. Listen for anything coming.
4. Think about if it is safe to cross the road.

Try not to cross the road from between parked cars or near trees and bushes as drivers may not see you.

Can parents/guardians please ensure that students understand their responsibilities as outlined in the Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel. Click on this link for the Code: https://nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/547624/code-of-conduct-for-school-bus-travel.pdf

Did you Know?

Platypus is the only animal that has no stomach.

JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

Clubs in your area

Banks Bulldogs FC 0409 524 833 banksbulldogs@gmail.com	Tracy Village FC 0488 149 612 tracyvillagefc@gmail.com
Nightcliff FC 08 8985 6636 tigerfc@bigpond.net.au	Wanderers FC 0414 453 023 wandererseagles@gmail.com
PINT FC 0438 611 332 pintsfca@live.com.au	Waratah FC 0423 871 044 adminwaratahfc@bigpond.com
St Mary's FC 08 8927 9900 admin@stmarysfc.com.au	

Register online here!

FUN IN THE PARKS SKATE JAM

Perfect for beginning and developing riders!

Challenge yourself in a safe environment, learn skatepark etiquette and safety skills. This is not a learn-to-skate event, participants should be comfortable riding, turning and stopping on their own.

When: 10:00 am - 11:30 am Saturday 31 August 2024
Where: Jingili Water Gardens Skate Park
Ages: Recommended for 5 - 10 years

Bring your own equipment, safety gear, water bottle and hat. Limited safety equipment and skateboards available. No bookings required, snacks provided, completely FREE event!

CITY OF DARWIN

Review of Secondary Education in the NT

Your key questions answered

For more info about the review scan the QR code

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Update on changes to Middle Schooling in the NT

A key recommendation from the review of secondary education was for schools to move away from the middle school model. The Department of Education can provide the following updates:

- There will be no changes to the current middle school model in 2025, this means there will be no changes for students or families in 2025
- The department recognizes the move away from the current model will take time and careful planning
- Changes will take a collaborative effort, following consultation with stakeholders, including students, families, educators, school communities and peak bodies
- Consultation with Darwin region school communities has commenced
- In Term 3 2024 a working group will be established to continue planning and consultation with all affected schools
- A comprehensive plan, including timelines and key actions, will be available in late 2024 and further consultation will occur throughout 2025
- A dedicated webpage will provide regular feedback and updates on progress
- A staged implementation to the new comprehensive secondary school model will commence from 2025 for schools that are ready
- Stakeholders, including students, families, educators, school communities will receive support throughout the transition period.