

# ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 1  
9TH OCTOBER  
2024

## Leadership Message

### Dates to Remember:

- Assembly SRC 11th October
- Preschool & Trans Open sessions 20th November
- Farm working bee 2nd November
- Early Years Swimming 18th November onwards



### 2025 Intentions

We are currently reviewing projected student numbers for 2025 and starting to design class structures for 2025.

If you have plans to leave Alawa we would appreciate you advising us through the front office.



Welcome back after the two week break—I hope everyone enjoyed some less hectic days and some time to relax, unwind and take a breath. I made the most of my recent leave and enjoyed my get away to Fiji. As we know Term 4 and October often brings the 'Troppo Season', humid weather, more pressure in many ways and tired people. Please take care as we wind through the term and be sure to get in touch with us at school if we can support you and your family in any way.

Teachers will send home class letters within the next two weeks providing an overview of the learning in their class this term and key messages for families. These will come home via Xuno email. Rachel Barnett and Jed Henderson will be visiting each class for the quarterly Pep Talk over the first weeks back - setting the scene and expectations for the last term of the year.

### Attendance at school

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of attending school each day—unless unwell. Frequent absences, family holidays in school time and extended leave significantly impacts the continuity of learning for students and can have detrimental effects on not only their academic progress but also their social and emotional learning and resilience.

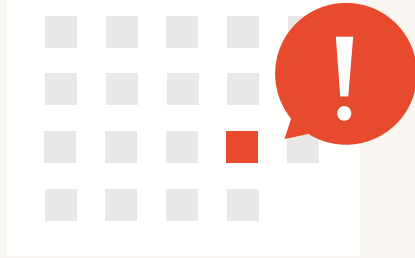
**Sandy Cartwright**

[Principal of the Best School in the Multiverse]





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<b>Friday 11th October</b>	<b>Assembly</b>	<b>8:40am - 9:15am</b>
<b>Monday 21st October</b>	<b>Lego League Regional Tournament School Council Meeting</b>	<b>All day 5:30pm - 7:00pm</b>
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	<b>Assembly hosted by 5/6 Horigan</b>	<b>8:40am - 9:15am</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd November</b>	<b>Farm Working Bee</b>	<b>8:30am - 10:30am</b>
<b>Thursday 7th November</b>	<b>Transition to Dripstone Session</b>	<b>8:30am - 10:00am</b>
<b>Friday 8th November</b>	<b>Basketball Gala Day Assembly hosted by 4/5 Chamberlain</b>	<b>All day 8:40am - 9:15am</b>
<b>Monday 11th November</b>	<b>Remembrance Day</b>	<b>All day</b>
<b>Thursday 14th November</b>	<b>Children's University Graduation Transition to Dripstone Session NTLC Pitch to the Minister</b>	<b>TBC 8:30am - 10:00am All day</b>
<b>Tuesday 19th November</b>	<b>Paediatric Clinic with Dr Corey Driscoll</b>	<b>All day</b>
<b>Thursday 21st November</b>	<b>Transition to Dripstone Session Young Achievers at DMS</b>	<b>8:30am - 10:00am All day</b>
<b>Friday 22nd November</b>	<b>Assembly hosted by Mrs Baines and Learning Commiaaion</b>	<b>8:40am - 9:15am</b>

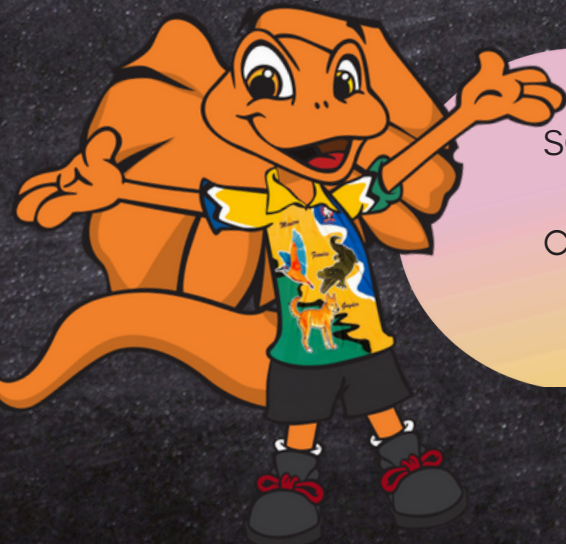
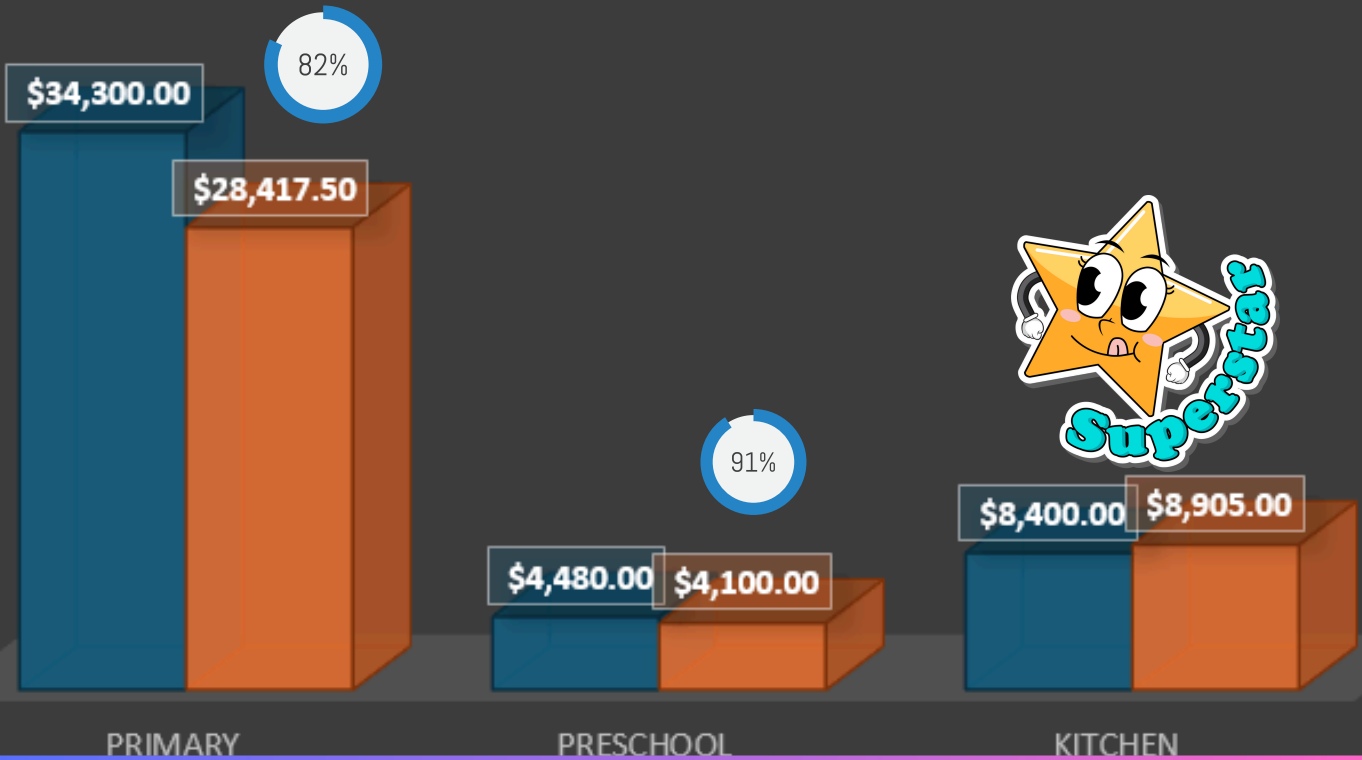


# ALAWA

# PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 2024 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

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PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS HELP ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL TO BE THE BEST SCHOOL IN THE MULTIVERSE, BY PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF EQUIPMENT AND CONSUMABLES, INCLUDING LIBRARY BOOKS, LITERACY AND NUMERACY RESOURCES, ICT EQUIPMENT AND ART AND CRAFT SUPPLIES.

# HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTION

The following students will receive their Honour Awards this Friday 11th October:

Huey Saunders	Caspar Pike	Aafiyah Topacio
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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 Darcy Rayson receiving an Honour Distinction!

# Congratulations!



CHECK  
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Hot100FM's Apple for the Teacher promotion is back again for its 7th consecutive year in 2024.

The Apple for the Teacher promotion runs over 5 weeks from October 21st. Nominations open 28th of October and you have 3 weeks to get your votes in with winners being announced 15th of November.

Nominations and voting will occur online via the Apple for the Teacher web page on the Hot100FM Website. Keep an eye out in the Newsletter when voting opens!!



# LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back, I trust you had a restful and fun school holiday break. As we head into Term 4 our final Scholastic Bookclub order for the year will be coming home over the next couple of days. I have had a look through the catalogue and it is a bit exciting. I found quite a few books which I have not seen before that made me stop and take a second look. With Christmas coming up fast this is a great opportunity to get on top of some of those Christmas Gifts because what is better than the gift of reading.



This issue offers up to 3 free books depending on how much you spend. You will have the option to mark the order as a gift and I will ring you when it arrives so you can collect it otherwise orders will go home with your child.

A copy of the catalogue will be coming home but if for some reason you miss out you can grab an extra copy from the Front Office or, you can head online and view and order from the catalogue on the Scholastic Bookclub website at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the LOOP app from [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.scholastic LOOP) or the [App Store](https://apps.apple.com/au/app/scholastic-loop/id1441111111).

Order payments can be made online or at the Front Office. The Library receives points for all orders placed which we use to purchase books for the library and to support the curriculum.

**Ms Sacha [Library/ICT]**



# DSM NEWS

"Welcome back to Term 4! I hope you all had a wonderful school holiday and had a well-deserved break.

This term will fly by so quickly, especially as we look forward to middle school orientations and year 6 graduation. We will be so sad to see our Year 6's go, although I am confident that our Alawa students will thrive as they move onto bigger and better things. This is a busy term for our Defence students as they will be hosting Remembrance Day commemorations, and the Defence Kids dress up day fundraiser. I'll share more information later in the term about both of these events.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any concerns for your child (or to just say hi!). My role is to support your child and family while attending here at Alawa. Please also inform me if you have any upcoming changes including deployments, postings, parents away on course etc. If I am aware of these in advance, I am better equipped to support your child here at school.

If you know of any families who may be posting to Darwin in 2025, Alawa currently has places available for Defence children. With the DSM program, we are able to prioritise these enrolments and offer support to these families as they transition to Darwin.

I look forward to another great term!"

**Laura Thiele- Defence School Mentor**



# KITCHEN NEWS

How is it term 4 already? We are halfway through our journey around the cooking world. This term we are exploring more exciting places and discovering the flavours of different countries. We ended the term with some delicious apple pies and galettes with my exciting blue ice cream. I used the coloured from the blue pea flowers from the farm helped along with a little bit of blue food colouring to make it a little more vivid. Everyone really enjoyed the yummy sweet treat.

This term we are beginning with some good old basic scones with jam and cream before heading off further afield to Spain.

The scone recipe we are using this week is from [taste.com.au](http://taste.com.au)

- 3 cups self-raising flour
- 80g butter, chilled and cubed
- 1 to 1 1/4 cups milk
- Plain flour, for dusting
- Jam, to serve
- Whipped cream, to serve



**Tina Stratton Kitchen Teacher**



# PRESCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to school wonderful families, for our last term of the year!

The children all settled back into school well enjoying the changes made to environment. You may remember earlier in the year we had the Garden's for Wildlife council officers come out to speak to the children about the importance of creating wildlife habitats in our urban environments.

They gave us a voucher to purchase some native plants for the preschool to encourage more wildlife into the Alawa area. We now have our lovely new plants to plant. We are hoping there is someone out there in the Alawa community who may be able to assist us with digging the holes using a post or hole digger that they may have for the new plants. Garden's for Wildlife also recommended that we create some from hotels. This is a lovely project we would like to do with the children. So if anyone has any PVC pipe off cuts at home or work that they could donate we would much appreciate it!

If anyone has PVC pipe or is able to assist with digging the holes, please get in touch with us in person or email!

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[Emma.churchman@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:Emma.churchman@education.nt.gov.au)

Thanks

Preschool team!



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

Dear Alawa Community,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Warm regards,  
Bronwyn Cleary**

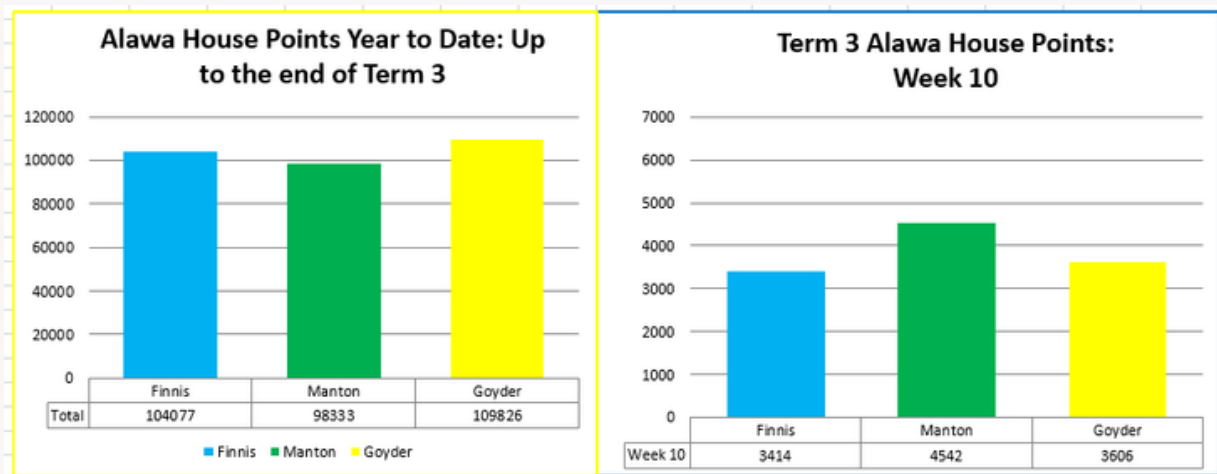


# HOUSE POINTS

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 10 of Term 3 Manton was ahead with 4542 points!  
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 109826 points!**

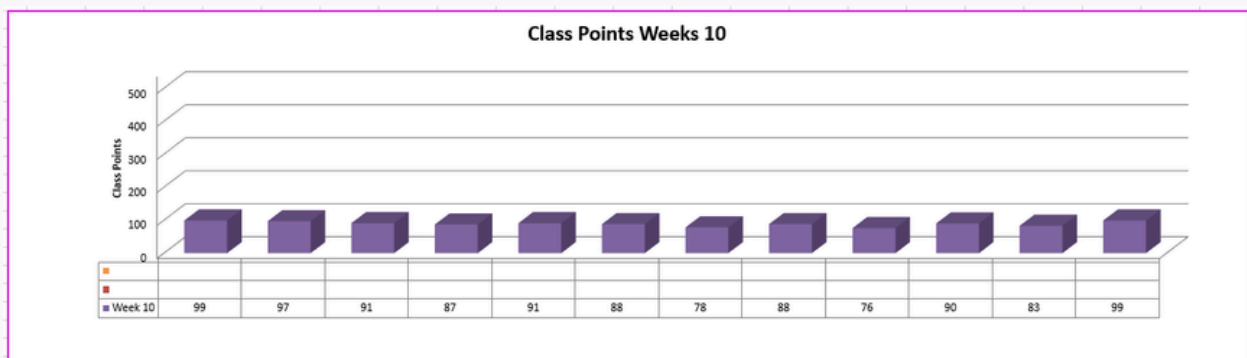


# CLASS POINTS

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 10 of Term 3 was... Transition Hughes and 5/6 Horigan with 99 points!!!**

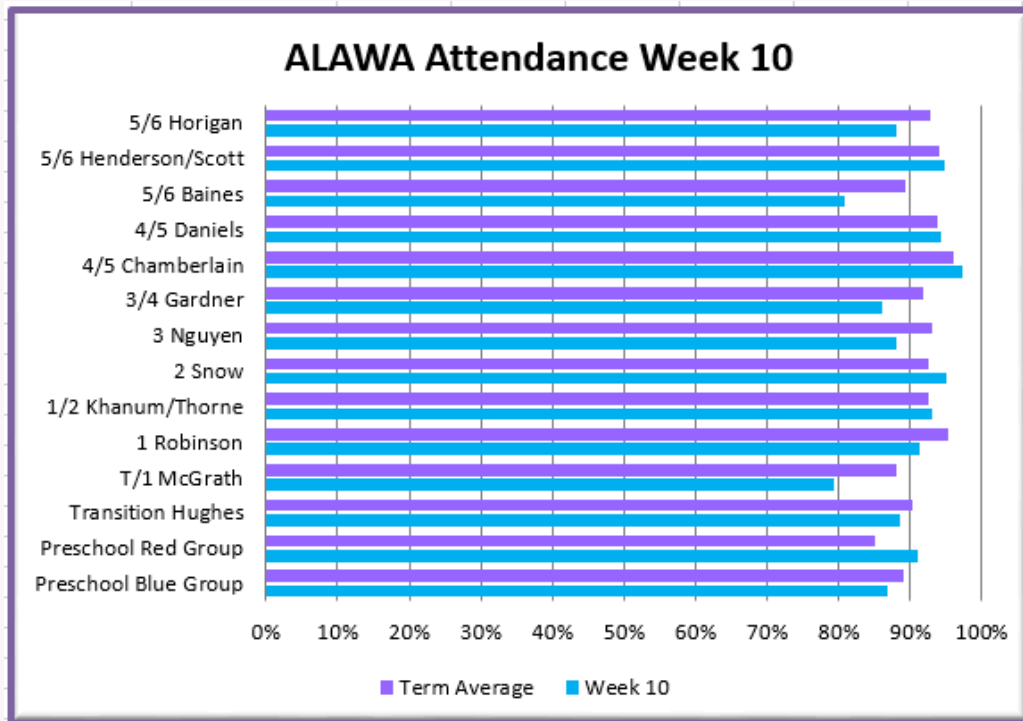




# ATTENDANCE



Primary School Average for Week 10 Term 3: 89.63%  
 The class with the highest attendance for Week 10:  
 4/5 Chamberlain with 97.27%!!! 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.

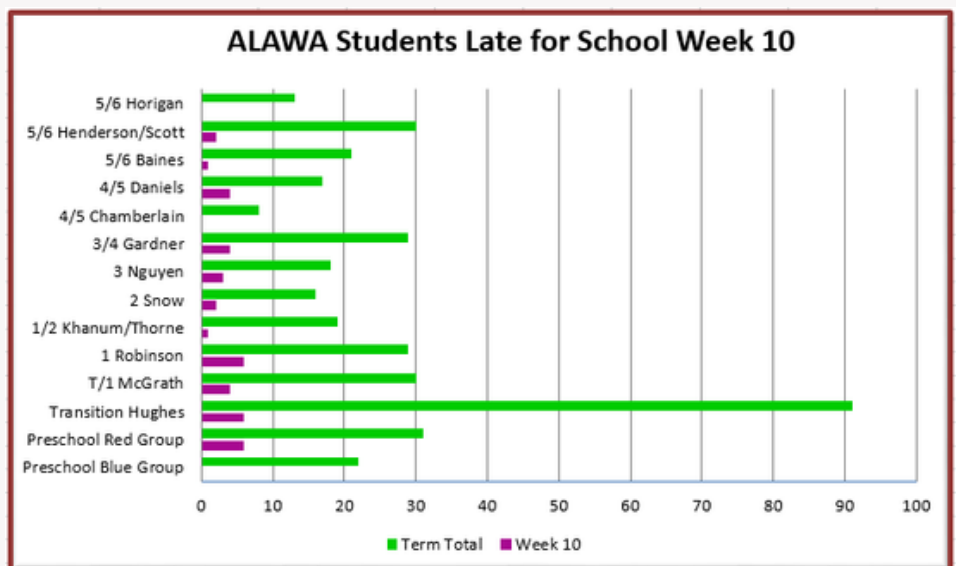
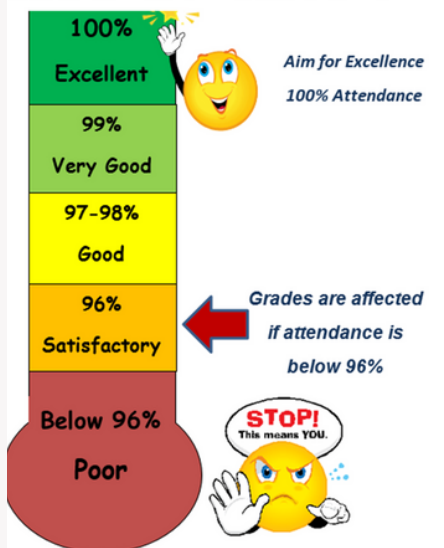
# LATES

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

There were 39 lates in Week 10!

For Week 10 it was fabulouso to see Preschool Blue Group, 4/5 Chamberlain and 5/6 Horigan with no lates this week.

## ATTENDANCE

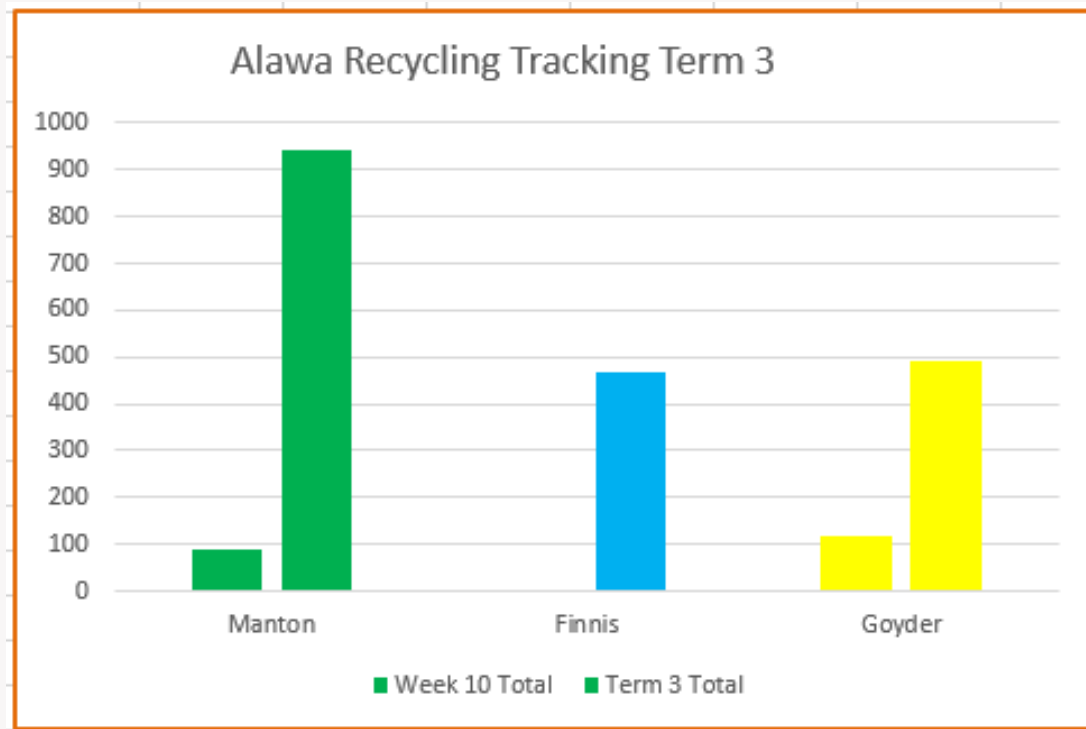


# RECYCLING



Our recycling bags are up and ready for deposits in their usual location in the back car park hanging on the fence.

Each bag represents a house and all items will be recorded as a point for your house. Items can be delivered during school hours and placed directly into the bags.

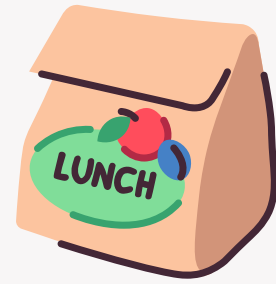
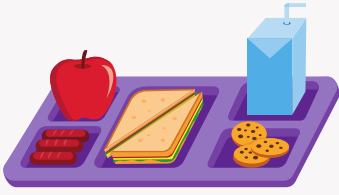


## SPORTS VOUCHER SCHEME

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

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

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



## Place your canteen orders online with Spriggy Schools

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

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

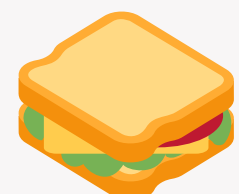
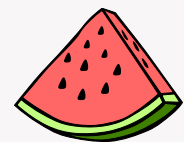
Steps to get started:

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

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



<i>Beyond Catering NT</i>	
<u>CHILDS TEACHER/CLASS:</u>	PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE
<b>STANDARD LUNCH PACK #A</b> - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Piece of Fruit & Popcorn (V) (GF AVAILABLE)	\$6.50
<b>STANDARD LUNCH PACK #B</b> - Chicken & Cheese Sandwich, Piece of Fruit & Popcorn (H) (GF AVAILABLE)	\$6.50
<b>STANDARD LUNCH PACK #C</b> - Vegetarian & Hummus Sandwich, Piece of Fruit & Popcorn (V)(H) (GF AVAILABLE)	\$6.00
Tandoori chicken wrap	\$6.00
<b><u>HOT SELECTION, COLD SELECTION, EXTRAS &amp; ADD ON MEALS</u></b>	
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
<b><u>DRINKS</u></b>	
Water	\$2.50
Nippy's Chocolate Milk	\$4.00
Nippy's Strawberry Milk	\$4.00
Golden Circle Popper Juice Box - Tropical	\$3.50
Golden Circle Popper Juice Box - Apple & Blackcurrant	\$3.50
(V) - Vegetarian	(H) - Halal
(GF) - Gluten Free	(DF) - Dairy Free



# COMMUNITY NOTICES






## EVERYONE CAN PLAY!

The Northern Territory Music School invites you to apply for your child's enrolment in our instrumental and choir programs for 2025.

**Who are we?**  
The NT Music School is a division of the NT Department of Education that offers instrumental, ensemble and choir tuition in government schools.

**What are the benefits?**  
Learning to play a musical instrument and singing in a choir can have both academic and social benefits, as well as being rewarding and enjoyable. We invite your child to begin their musical journey with us.

**How does it work?**  
Application to enrol is offered to students from Year 4 in primary school and to students in middle school. Students come out of class once a week for a 30 minute instrumental lesson with an NT Music School teacher. Students play and practise at home to learn instrument technique, music reading and performance skills. Our choir program is offered by audition. Successful students attend weekly choir rehearsals after school.

**What does the program offer?**  
Students can join a guitar ensemble or join our bass guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion lessons. They will also have the opportunity to participate in school performances and access events such as the BEAT Festival!

**What will it cost?**  
Lessons are free. Once enrolment is confirmed, an annual contribution of \$100 is requested. Instruments can be hired for a semester from \$100. Sports Vouchers are accepted to assist with the cost of hiring instruments. Students are required to purchase a tutor book from \$25.

**How can I apply?**  
Head to the NT Music School website [www.nms.net.au](http://www.nms.net.au) for more information, and complete the online Application Form for the Instrument Program or the Choir Program.

**Applications close 1st December, 2024.**





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# JUNIOR PRE-SEASON

**U9 - U17**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY

**U5 - U7**  
THURSDAY ONLY

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

U5 - U7 STARTING THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER

## READERS

<b>RELATE</b>	Help your child find themselves and their lives within the books they choose.
<b>ENERGIZE</b>	Have lively dialogues about the books they read and plan to read.
<b>ALLOCATE TIME</b>	Make reading a part of your everyday life.
<b>DIVERSIFY</b>	Introduce different genres.
<b>ENGAGE</b>	Make it fun!
<b>READ TOGETHER</b>	Participate by taking turns reading passages aloud.
<b>SUPPORT</b>	Provide your child access to books

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**