

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 WEEK 2
16TH OCTOBER
2024

Leadership Message

Dates to Remember:

- Assembly hosted by 5/6 Horigan 25th 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 to Week 2! It has been a positive start to the term as students settled quickly back into the school routine after the break.

I have had the pleasure of visiting each of the Early Years classrooms for our start of Term PEP talks. Classes looked at their attendance for the last term and we discussed what positive school behaviours might look like, sound like and feel like. Of course, Alawa students are experts in this area, and were able to create some wonderful class posters to help remind each other about positive behaviours and how we can continue to make Alawa the best school in the MULTIVERSE! Mr Henderson is also visiting with the Primary Years classes for PEP talks.

PAT testing has started and will continue for Year 1 - 6 students until the end of this week. I have been very proud of our students displaying the school values of persistence, personal best and pride throughout the assessments, which look at reading and math skills. The Transition students will also complete an EY Math assessment in week's 2 and 3.

Information went home to families on Friday last week about the Early Years Swimming program in week 7 and 8. We ask that families review this and return consent forms as soon as possible so that we can plan ahead for this event.

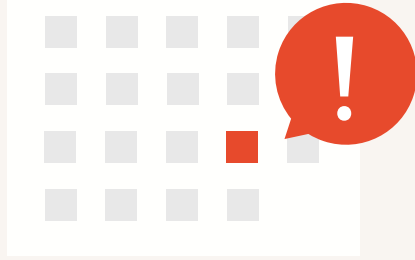
Rachel Barnett

[Assistant Principal of the Best School in the Multiverse]





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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



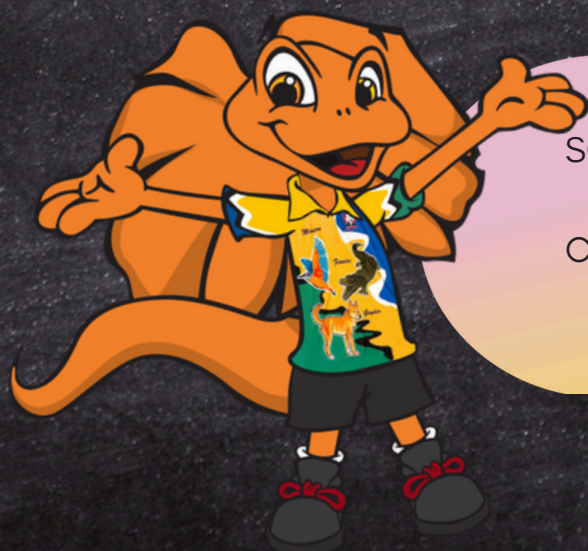
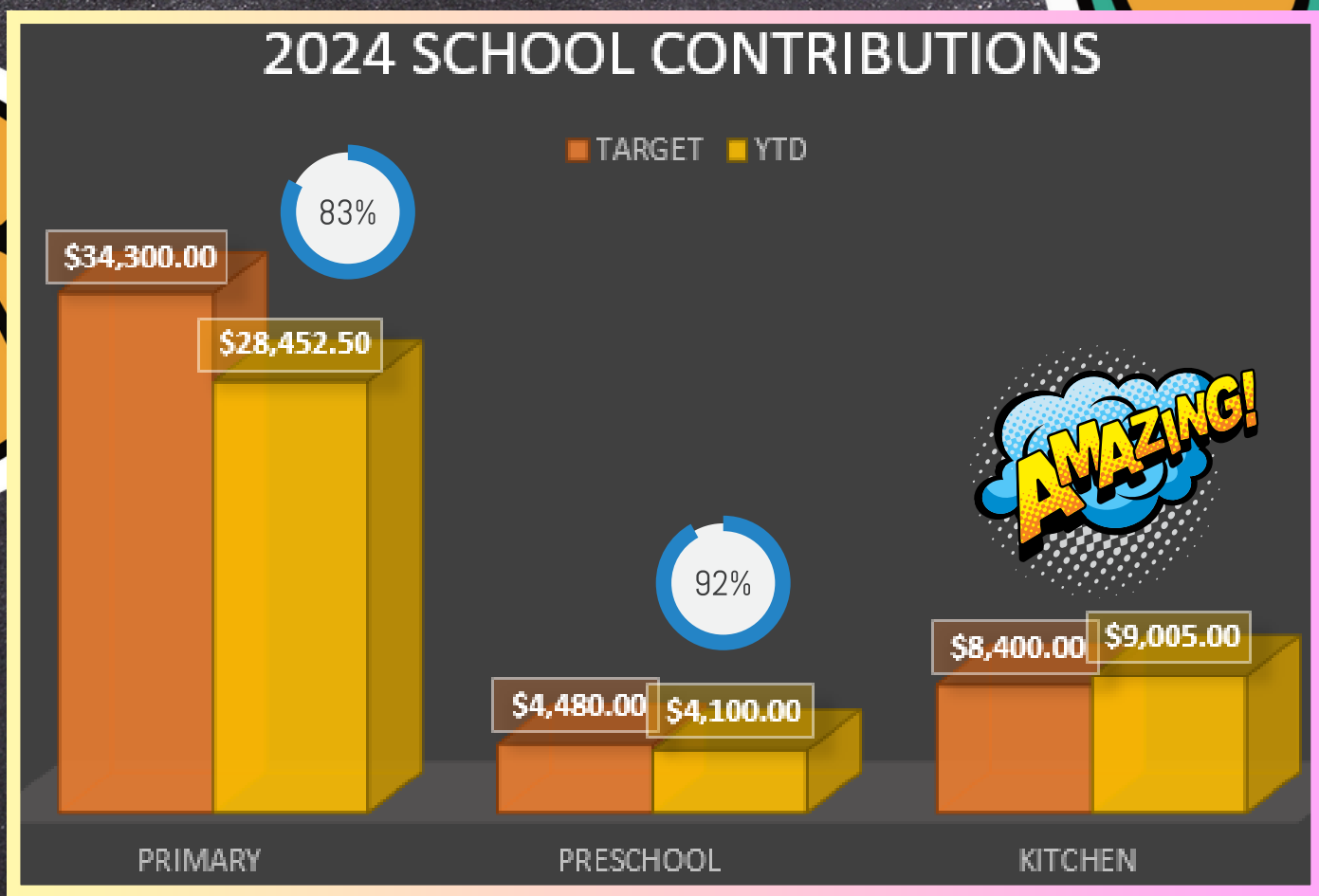
PRESCHOOL AND YEAR 6 GRADUATION



- Preschool Graduation - Wednesday 4th December, 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Year 6 Graduation - Thursday 5th December, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- Year 6 Fun Day - Friday 6th December, All day



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.



HONOUR AWARDS AND 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

Book Club Issue 7 went home with Students last week. If you have missed getting one you can pick up a copy from the office or head online and view and order from the catalogue on the Book Club LOOP site scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Orders are due back by Friday the 25th of May. You can view the catalogue and order online through the Scholastic Bookclub website at scholastic.com.au/LOOP, download the LOOP app From [Google Play](#) or from the [App Store](#) or return your order form and payment to the office. Spare catalogues will be available at the office if you miss out.

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.

The Library receives points for all orders placed which we use to purchase books for the library and to support the curriculum.



Books that won't break the budget in Issue 7, 2024 include:

Excuse Me, Santa by Dave Hughes and Holly Ife \$3

Disney and Pokemon Ultimate Christmas Colouring Books \$5 each

Solar System Poster \$1

Trashed Tracks [Hot Wheels Lets Race, Level 1 Reader] \$4

Gigglers Christmas Jokes \$3

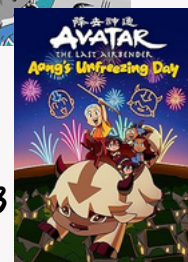
Graphic Novel - Avatar the Last Airbender Aang's Unfreezing Day \$3

Everything Awesome about Super Sharks \$5

Diary of a Minecraft Wolf - Player Attack \$3

Horrible Histories Paws, Claws and Jaws The World's Wildest Animal Tails \$3

Plus heaps more for \$10 and under!



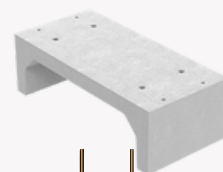
Ms Sacha [Library/ICT]

Can you?
HELP!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE FARM

If anyone could donate any of the below it would be much appreciated!

- Red-claw Crayfish for our Year 6 breeding program, and tanks or old aerators/ pumps would be amazing.
- A wooden swing to replace the old broken one.
- We are designing a 'Yarning Circle' and we need one more small cement culvert about 1.5m x 0.5m x 0.5m to complete our circle.
- As always, your compost scraps, egg cartons, newspaper, gardening tools, and terracotta pots etc are always appreciated.





FARM NEWS

Larrakia Season: Dalirrgang – Build up – The mangoes are huge and juicy, something the fruit bats are very excited about. Everyone is sweating it up at the Farm, please encourage your children to bring a water bottle and do a dance for rain!

Farm News: As you may know Gigi our guinea pig had quadruplets pups. They are super cute and have been getting lots of love. They are now for sale for \$60 each. There are 2 boys and 2 girls.

Farm Highlights: Its super exciting to be surrounded by so many volunteers, especially under these humid conditions! We are so grateful for you all, and if you are still thinking about coming in and spending some time in Farm please let the front office know.

Thank you Mr Pete for bringing in your cute little lamb, she certainly made us all giggle with her cute interactions at muster.

These next few weeks it's all about birds and bugs! We are participating in the Aussie BIRD Count. So much fun and learning to be had all through October.



**Mrs Cleary and Farmer Bob
[The Farm Team]**



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool children have enjoyed exploring our many new indoor investigation areas this term. New areas have been set up in response to individual and group observations and learning needs. At the end of Term 3 both preschool classes brainstormed ideas for the dramatic play area. The most popular ideas were a home corner and an ice-cream shop so, we have an ice-cream truck and shop and a home corner, side by side. The play in this area has been amazing to observe, Children have been looking after babies in the home corner, having tea parties, making ice-creams for costumers, taking turns of driving the truck and pretending to receive money and get change. As a class, we have discussed what could be added to this area. Some great suggestions are, some music for the truck, a cash register, directions for using the ice-cream machine and a list of prices and ice-cream flavours. Our dramatic play area is a rich source of learning. Learning through play is hands on, meaningful and so much fun.



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

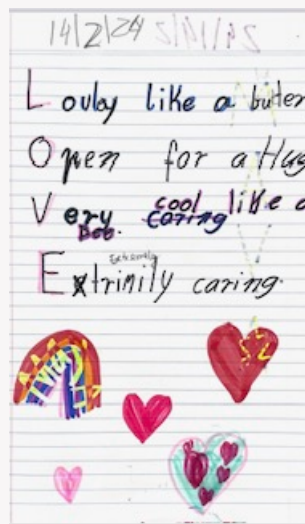
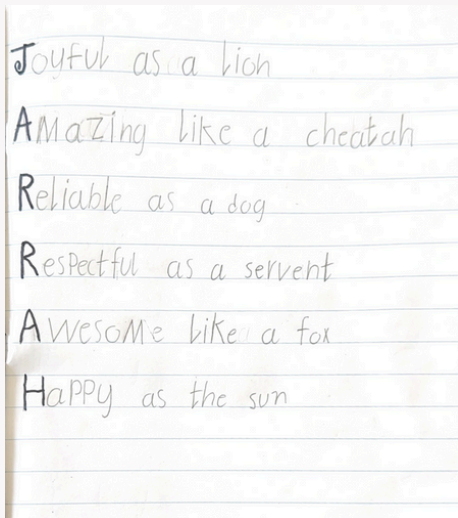
CLASSROOM NEWS

3 NGUYEN



Welcome back to Term 4! It is good to see our students have started the last term of Year 3 with big smiles on their faces.

In 3 Nguyen, we have been learning and exploring about poems and different types of poetic devices. We have been working hard to plan, draft and write Acrostic poems and using simile in the poem about our favourite topics or interests.



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The first council meeting of the term is next Monday 21st October, 5:30pm. Meetings are held in the school library and any one is welcome to attend.

This month we will be discussing:

- A new potential on-site OSHC service
- School finances for 2025
- Our school canteen menu and NT Government Healthy Eating Guidelines



Following her recent election to the seat of Johnston we have invited Justine Davis to join the school council as an invited (non-voting) member. Joel Bowden held a similar role when he was in office and we thank him for his support during that time.

If you would like to get in touch with the School Council please contact the front office (alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au)

If you wish to join the OSC Parent Committee WhatsApp group you can scan the QR code, or email oscparentgroup@gmail.com

OSHC Committee

The Alawa OSHC Committee is collecting feedback to better understand the out-of-school hours care (OSHC) needs of the Alawa school community. This anonymous survey will help us understand the potential for a long term OSHC service at Alawa Primary School. Please only complete this survey once per family.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE SURVEY](#)



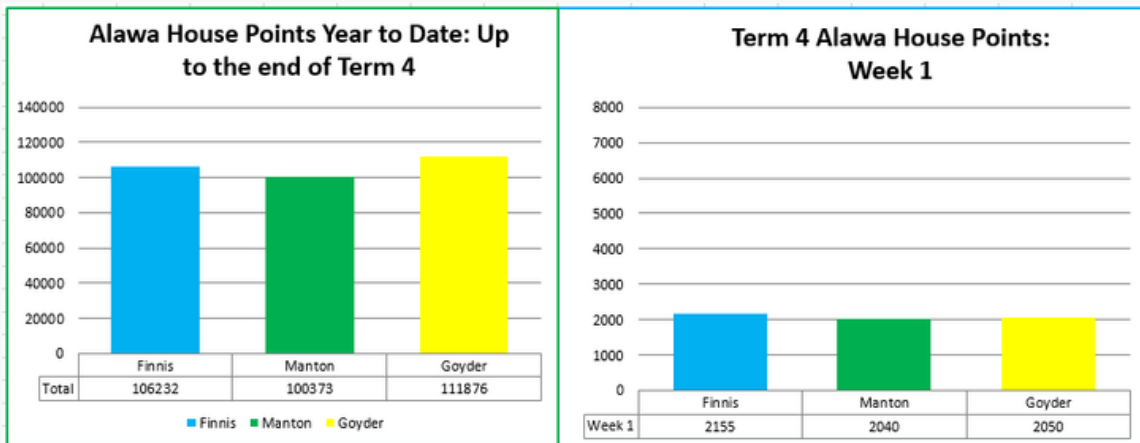
HOUSE POINTS



Students at Alawa receive raffle tickets [house points] for their attitude and behaviour in the playground and out the front of the school at the end of the day. Points are then counted on a Friday along with the points for students in full uniform, wearing house shirts etc.

At the end of each term, we also include the point's earned through the recycling project and water bottle checks. Parents can also earn points for their houses by volunteering at the school- Whether it's in the kitchen, the farm, the library, the canteen or even in the classroom, parents can earn 100 points each time they volunteer. Make contact with your classroom teacher or the front office to find out more information.

**In Week 1 of Term 4 Finnis was ahead with 2155 points!
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 111876 points!**

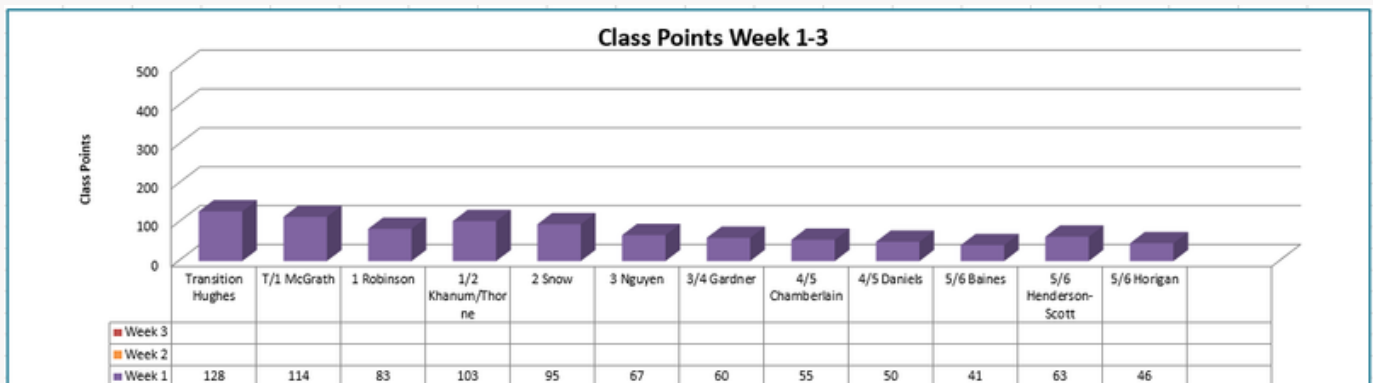


CLASS POINTS

Muster is held at Alawa after each recess and lunch break - this gives us an opportunity for everyone to settle from playtime, share any celebrations and work on consistency of messages and expectations.

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

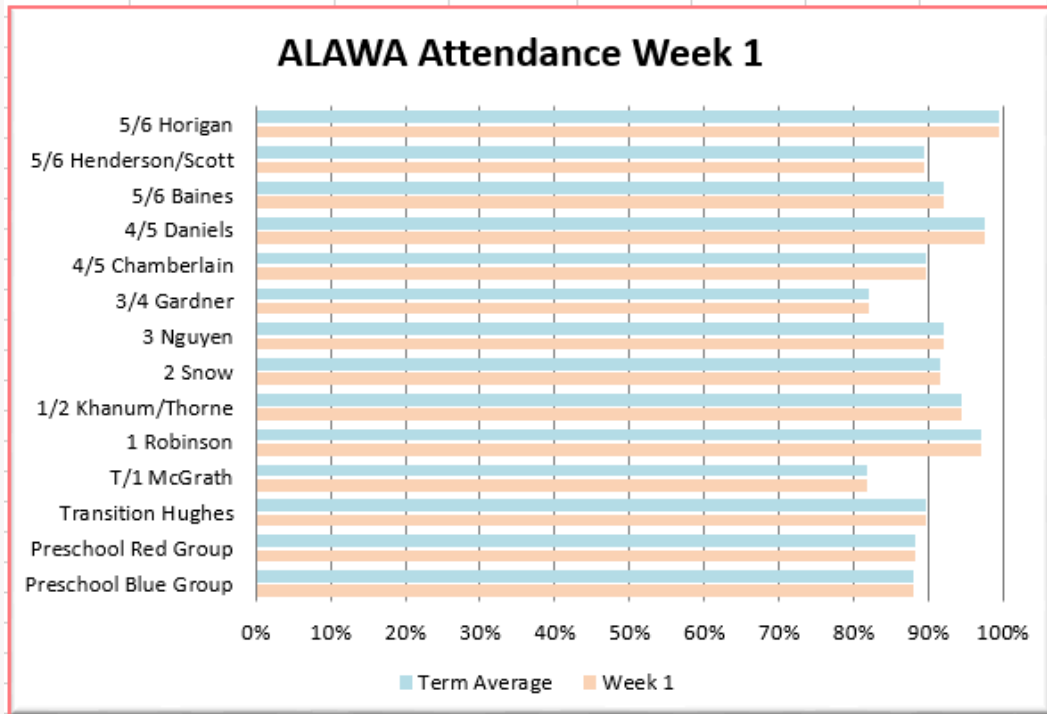
The class with the most points in Week 1 of Term 4 was.... Transition Hughes with 128 points!!!



ATTENDANCE



Primary School Average for Week 1 Term 4: 91.44%
 The class with the highest attendance for Week 1:
5/6 Horigan with 99.40!!! 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.

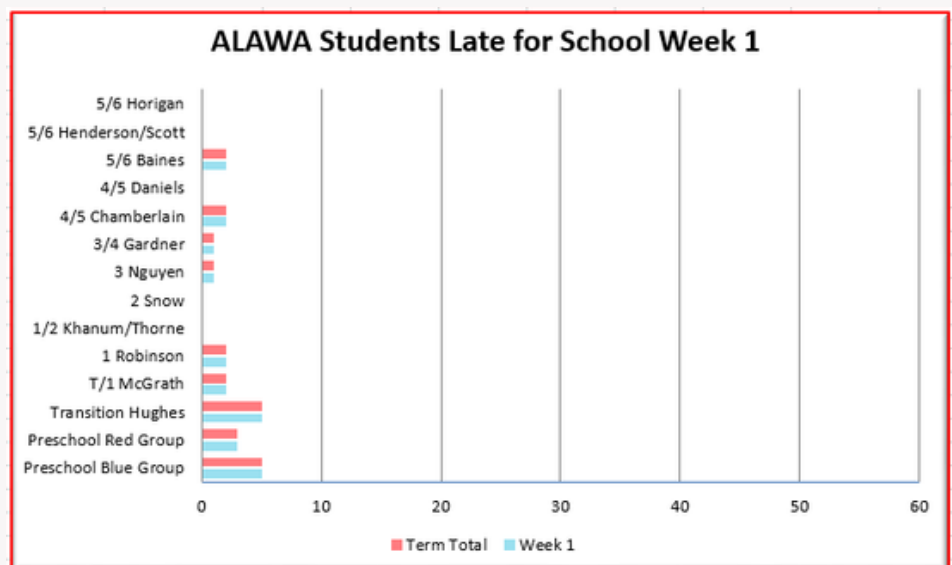
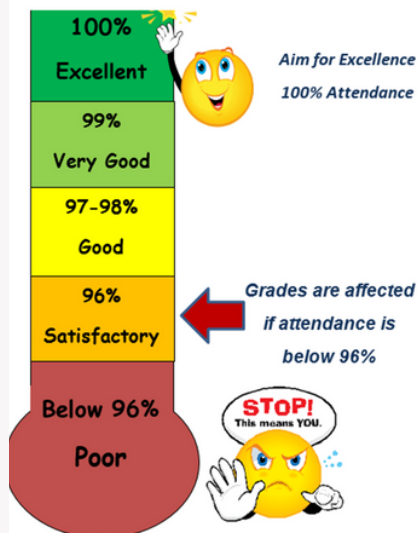
LATES

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

There were **23** lates in Week 1!

For Week 1 it was fabulouso to see 1/2 Khanum/Thorne, 2 Snow, 4/5 Daniels, 5/6 Henderson/Scott and 5/6 Horigan with no lates this week.

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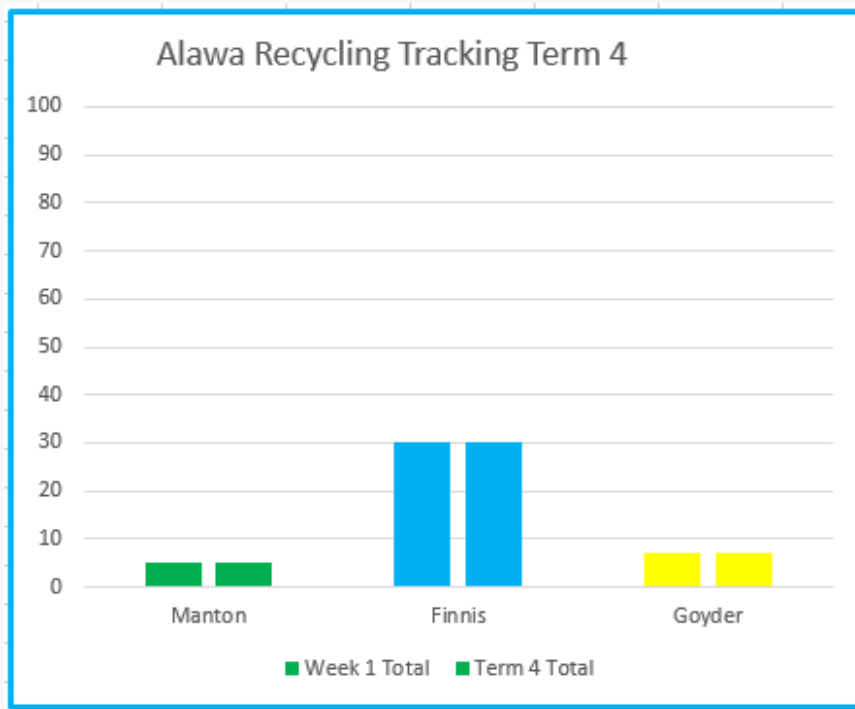


RECYCLING



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.

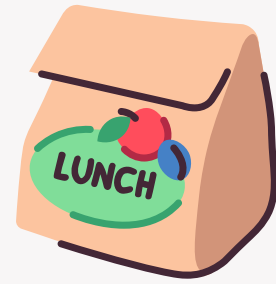
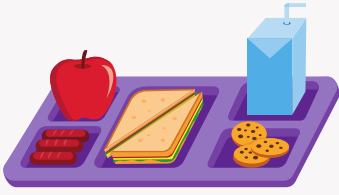


SPORTS VOUCHER SCHEME

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.

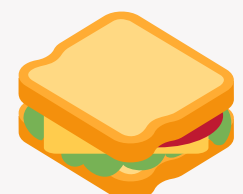
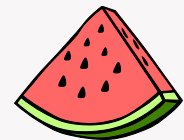
Steps to get started:

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.



<i>Beyond Catering NT</i>	
<u>CHILDS TEACHER/CLASS:</u>	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
<u>HOT SELECTION, COLD SELECTION, EXTRAS & ADD ON MEALS</u>	
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
<u>DRINKS</u>	
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 for more information, and complete the online Application Form for the Instrument Program or the Choir Program.

Applications close 1st December, 2024.





Northern Territory Music School | 60 Matthews Rd Wauzag | Ph: 08 8963 5550 | www.nms.net.au
nt.music@school@education.nt.gov.au

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DISCOUNT FOR TABLE BOOKING
OF 10 PEOPLE

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PRIZES TO BE WON

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🌐 WWW.AUTISMNT.ORG - TICKETS

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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

TERRITORY WILDLIFE PARK'S

HALLOWEEN DISCO



SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

GATES OPEN AT 5PM

RIDE THE SPOOKY GHOST TRAIN

👻 GET GROOVY WITH DJ KEV 👻

MR BONE'S MEAT SHACK 🍖 CAFE OPEN TIL 9PM

HAUNTED NIGHT WALKS

BOOK HERE



Bookings essential via eventbrite

👻 \$30 per adult 👻

👻 \$15 per child 👻

Under 3yo free

