

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 3 WEEK 5
14TH AUGUST
2024

Leadership Message

Dates to Remember

- 16th August Book Week Parade at 8:40am
- 20th & 21st August SLC's
- 27th & 28th August Year 3/4 Camp
- 5th September Community concert & event [ALLElympic Opening Ceremony 2024]

Week 5, and we are almost halfway through Term 3!

This week is Book Week at Alawa, including activities in class, our Library Scavenger Hunt and the Book Week Parade on Friday at 8:40am. Families are invited to attend and participate if they wish.

Our first open night at the Preschool occurred last week. It was wonderful to meet families and little ones who will be starting their schooling in 2025. For our current Preschool Families, we will be holding a Transition Readiness session on Wednesday 21st of August at 8:30am. This will be delivered by a Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist and will be a chance for parents to be informed and ask questions about how to best prepare their child for the first year of full-time schooling. Last week at our assembly, some of our Friday Music students from the Level 1 and Level 2 Guitar groups performed. Led by Mr Brian Cullen of the NT Music School, Level 1 students performed 'Farruca' and Level 2 students took on the challenge of performing 'Boulevard of Broken Dreams'. It was amazing to see their talent and hard work showcased and I look forward to seeing further performances' in the future.

Have a wonderful week, everyone!

Rachel Barnett

[Assistant Principal of the Best School in the Multiverse]

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

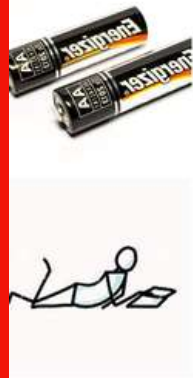
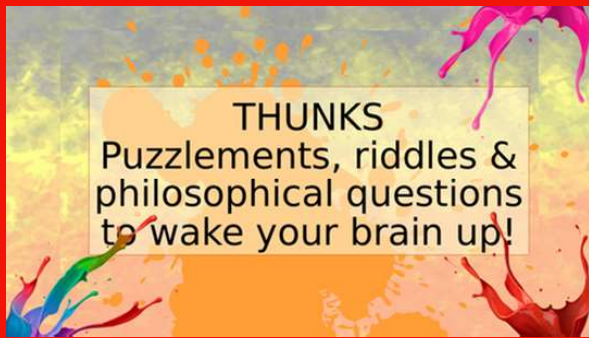


Student Led Conferences.

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. Bookings close Friday 16th August at 4pm.



Leadership Message contd.



Think of the week

If introverts and extroverts were batteries which would last longer and why?



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.

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

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 August	Year 6 Orientation Day at Nightcliff Middle School	All day
Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st August	Student Led Conferences	3:00pm - 6:00pm
Wednesday 21st August	Transition Readiness Session	8:30am - 9:30am
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	05:30pm - 7:30pm
Friday 6th September	Assembly hosted by I Robinson	8:40am - 9:15am
Thursday 19th September	Young Achievers at DMS	All day



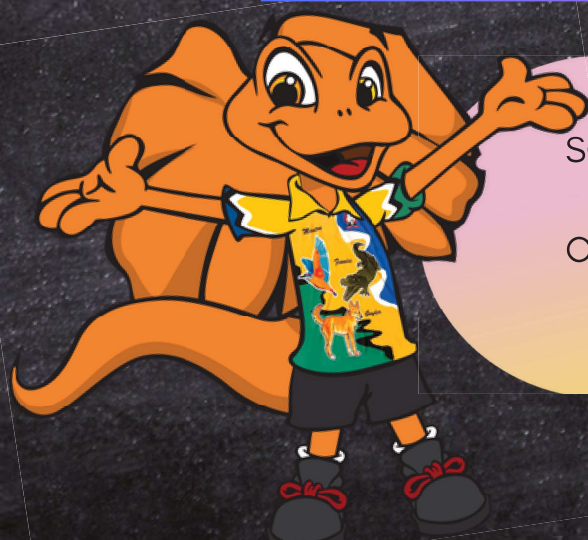
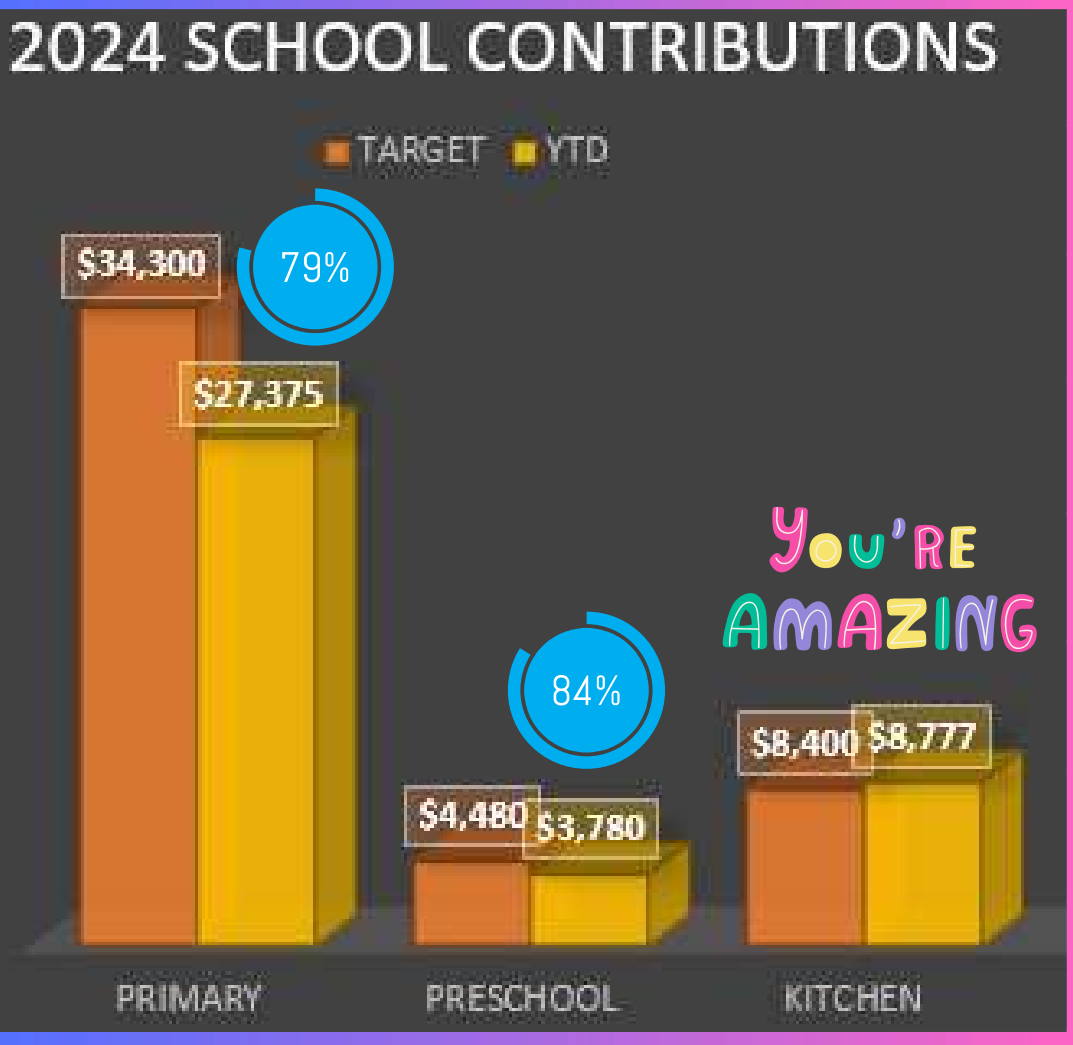
HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTION





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

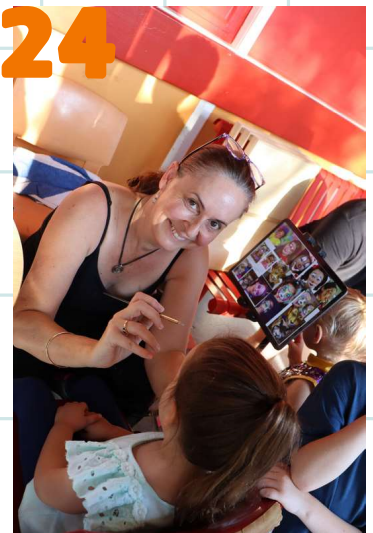
Performance night is fast

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 2 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.

Full payment due by Friday **THIS** week.

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

SCHOOL

CAMP



KITCHEN PROGRAM FOR SEMESTER 2

This semester the kitchen theme will be a food tour of many countries of the world. We have a focus on the countries of Asia and the contributions they have made to the foods we eat in Australia. We explore the maps, features and flavours of where we visit. we look at the produce and cooking styles.

We will be practising techniques such as stir frying, steaming, simmering and baking as well as our knife skills. Where possible we aim to include Alawa Farm produce including eggs, herbs, fruits and vegetables.

A large part of kitchen is working in teams and we spend a lot of time on the group roles and how to be a productive team member as well as using our communication, collaboration and problem solving skills. We will also reflect on our lessons both what we cook and how we work together to complete a successful lesson.

In the last few weeks we have had some spectacular cooking fun. We first went to Thailand and made a delicious Thai basil stir fry. We have stacks of Thai basil in the farm so made use of this. The classes really enjoyed making this one so I have included the recipe below. Last week we went to Malaysia and made tasty Laksa. I was so proud of many of the students who make the effort to try something they didn't think they liked and tofu ended up being quite popular.

Keep a look out later in the year for an Alawa Kitchen Cookbook. I have already started typing up our favourite food tour recipes with some students and will be compiling these into a printed cookbook.

Easy Thai basil stir-fry

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 2 garlic cloves, finely grated
- 1/2 large mild red chilli (or to taste)
- 250g Mince (pork, beef or chicken)
- 200g Asian greens (beans, bok choy, spring onion etc)
- 1/4 cup oyster sauce
- 1/2 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tsp fish sauce
- 1/2 cup Thai basil leaves



Ms Stratton [Kitchen Teacher]

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Over this term preschool has been very lucky to receive some amazing donations from the Vidin's family! Alex and Henry have been apart of the Alawa community since they began in preschool. As you can see, the preschool children have loved using the resources and they are greatly appreciated!

Preschool is always on the hunt for donations to enrich our program, so if you are ever having a clean out at home, feel free to send things our way.

Suggested donations:

- Old toys
- Empty food packaging for box construction
- Old books
- Unused kitchen equipment ie, plates cups, tongs, wooden spoons
- Unused craft equipment
- Dress ups
- Old preschool uniforms

But if you have anything and your not sure if we will use it, bring it in any way!



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

LIBRARY NEWS



Welcome to Book Week at Alawa Primary School. I hope you are all enjoying a great book this week. Classes are celebrating all things book related throughout the week and we will be finishing up with our Book Parade on Friday.

BOOK WEEK

I love to see all of the different characters and the different books the students are reading on show during the parade. If you are stretched for time and are unable to create a costume please consider having your child draw or colour in a picture of their favorite character or make a mask that they carry during the Book Parade. If you would like a page to draw your character on drop in to the office and pick one up.

There is also a family category for dressing up, who is your favorite character and what is your favorite book? We would love to see you join us in our celebration of reading and the magic it provides in our lives.



Volunteer Call Out:

Book Fair will be running all week in **Week 6**. I am still looking for some volunteers to help setup, sell books and pack up. Setup will be happening Friday the 16th of August after the book parade and pack up on Monday the 26th of August at 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 or an hour during any of these times please let me know via email or through the front office.

Happy reading
Ms Sacha [Library/ICT]



PLAYGROUP NEWS



On Friday, Playgroup resumed for Term 3. We had families returning after a long break over the holidays and we met some new faces, too.

Playgroup started with making play-dough. First we made blue and then we made purple. It didn't take long for our curious kids to explore mixing the colours together, firstly a beautiful sunset colour and then a lovely night blue. It was messy and sticky to begin with, but with a bit more flour the kids had lots of fun squishing and rolling - they were even able to take some home.

We also ventured to the farm and plan on doing that every fortnight. We had Elziabeth join her mum and brother to help guide us through the different areas. We saw the chickens and heard the big rooster crowing, we said hello to the reptiles, fish, guinea pigs and rabbit. There were also tiny chicks in the incubator that the children were very interested in. On the way out we even saw a big pineapple growing in the garden.



Next time, we hope to feed the goats some delicious banana leaves. We look forward to more families joining us in the coming weeks, if you have little ones, please feel free to come along [or let your friends know].

Mrs Aleesha Rutledge [Playgroup Leader]

EARTH SCIENCE INCURSION FAKE A FOSSIL

All of our Early Years classes were fortunate last Thursday to have a very experienced and passionate scientist visit our school. Lachlan Hallet from Earth Science Australia presented an engaging, hands-on, informative experience for our children.

Lachlan has a vast knowledge of fossils and shared many interesting facts about them - some of the fossils were over 100 million years old! Each student had the opportunity to cast their own ammonite fossil and take it home.



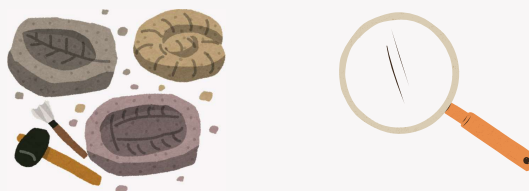
Xavier examining the ammonite fossil



Lachlan and the children with their ammonite fossils



Armin casting the fossil to make his own ammonite fossil



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 4 of Term 3 Finnis was ahead with 2307 points!
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 87635 points!**

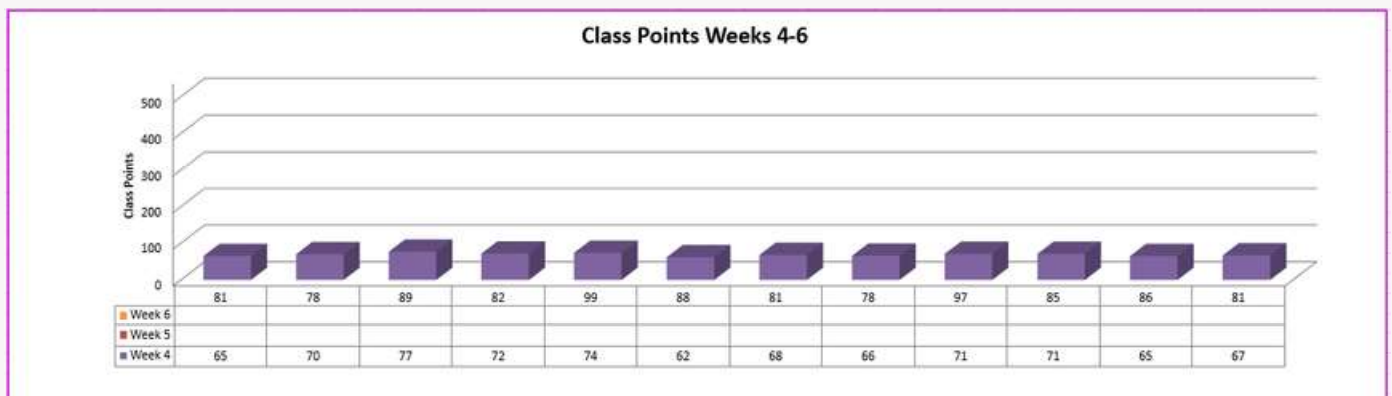


CLASS POINTS

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 4 of Term 3 was...1 Robinson with 77 points!!!

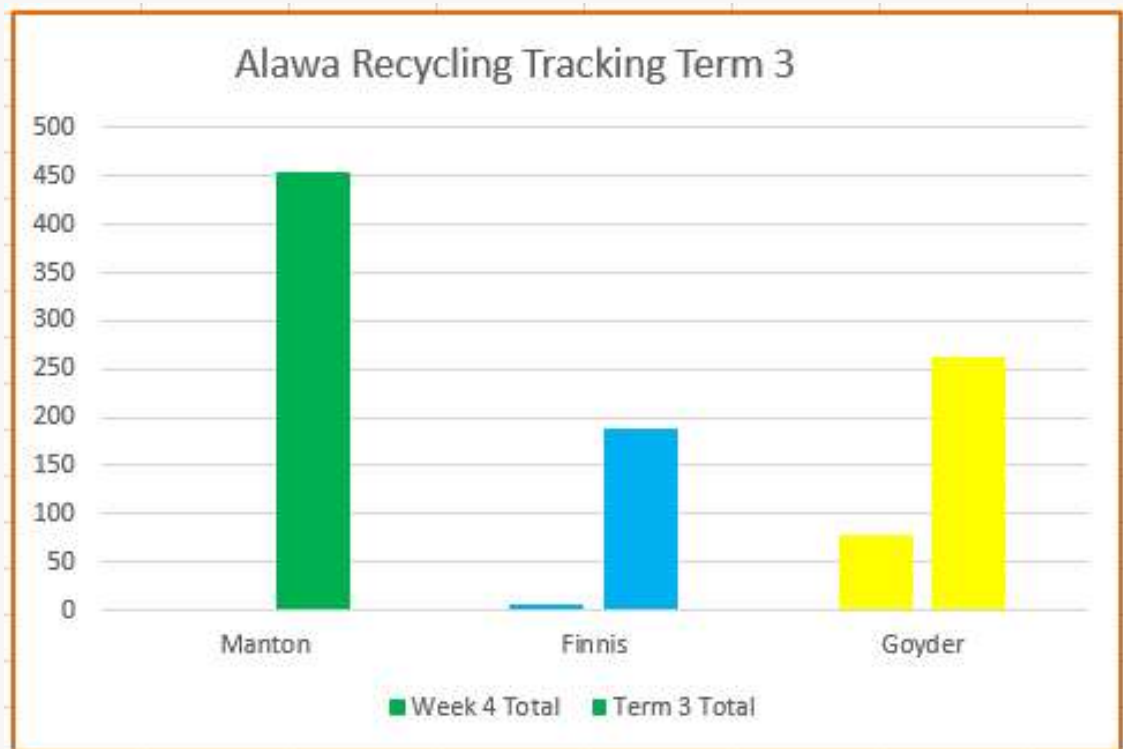


RECYCLING



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)

NOW ONLINE

SPORT VOUCHER

Children living in an urban area are eligible to receive two \$100 sport vouchers each year. One in January and one in July, for sport, recreation and cultural activities. Redeeming your child's voucher is now even easier with a new online application form. Vouchers will not be issued through schools. Parents or carers need to apply for vouchers online each semester.

TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER

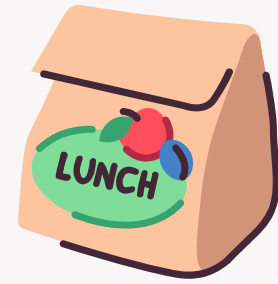
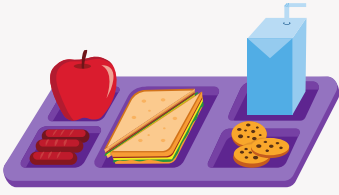
1. Visit sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply
2. Click apply online
3. Follow the prompts to complete the form

APPLY TODAY

If your child's details are in the system, your voucher will be available to print or save immediately. If your child's details are not found in the system, a voucher will be sent to your residential email address within 7 days. Further information is available by calling 1800 812 800 or email sport.voucher@nt.gov.au

www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT



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.

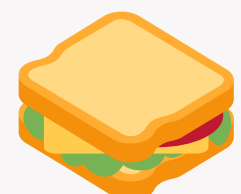
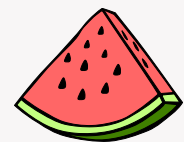
Steps to get started:

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>	
CHILD'S 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
Cherry 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
Cherry 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 Box - Tropical	\$3.50
Golden Circle Popper Juice Box - 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

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

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

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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



RIGHTS ON SHOW Art Awards and EXHIBITION

Darwin Community LEGAL SERVICE

In My Shoes

AWARDS & OPENING NIGHT
Friday 29th Nov 2024
5:30pm - everyone welcome
Supreme Court of the NT

EXHIBITION
2nd - 12th Dec 2024
8am - 4pm Weekdays
Supreme Court of the NT

ENTRY FORM
www.dcls.org.au/ros
or for more info email:
erin@dcls.org.au

ENTRIES CLOSE 15TH NOV '24
Open to all ages, abilities, art
mediums and interpretations.

Event made possible with NT Government grant funding
from the Community Benefit Fund.

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 tigersfc@bigpond.net.au	Wanderers FC 0414 453 023 wandererseagles@gmail.com
PINT FC 0438 611 332 pintfc@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!

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, TIMI

Review of Secondary Education in the NT

Your key questions answered

For more info about the review scan the QR code

EDUCATION.NT.GOV.AU

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.