



Week 3 Newsletter - Wednesday 15 February 2023

Principal Update

Week 3 - the term is rolling by already!

I continue to be impressed by the attitude, efforts and resilience of the majority of our students as they settle into learning for 2023. We have had a few very tired little cherubs as reality of full days back at school has hit but we are all working closely with families to support the separations each morning. I have certainly appreciated the feedback parents & carers have provided with regards to our new Xuno communication platform and commit to further improvement as we refine the new system and address issues being encountered.

Over the week I have seen our students in our primary classes discussing their data for Maths and Reading with their teachers and establishing their learning goals

for this term - the quality understandings and ownership of their learning is terrific and we look forward to sharing these with you at Student Led Conferences late this term.

Last Friday we held our first Assembly for the year, hosted by Carla, Ameliah, Misha and Ameliah from the 2022 Learning Commission. We were all super impressed with the new Digital Recipe Book launched by Ms Stratton which was developed last year. Access details have been sent to all students in Years 3-6 via email as well as posted out on our Facebook group page.

Student leaders

At Alawa Primary School we are committed to ensuring students have a voice – an opportunity to inform and influence all that goes on at our school. We are also committed to providing a range of opportunities for students to develop and display leadership skills.

We have now elected our School Captain and Vice Captains and then we move onto our House Captains this week. Mrs Hyke and I have been super impressed with the quality of the written applications and the thought our students who have self-nominated have put into submitting these to us last week.

| 2023 School Captains | 2023 Vice-School Captains |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Ameliah Howard | Jaxon Lee |
| Rosie Cleary | Alexandra Vidins |

Following this each class Years 1-6 elect their Class representative for the Student Council.

This week we also hold our interviews for the Senior Learning Commission [Years 5 and 6].

Mrs Cleary will announce the Tek Interns and within the next week Ms Sacha and Mr Lawrence will announce the Tek Ninjas.



Have a great week, stay healthy and safe,

Sandy Cartwright [Principal of the Best School in the Multiverse]



Assistant Principal Update

Week 3 is upon us and each week there are new and exciting things to look forward to.

Muster

Muster has been the highlight for me so far! I look forward to the fun and entertainment on offer after every recess and lunch. Even though we do have a great time, there are important aspects to it. Muster gives us the opportunity to come together to celebrate and highlight what's happening in class. We also explicitly model appropriate behaviours and expectations that adhere to our school values.

NT School Music Program

We welcome back Mr Mark Bleakley from the NT school of Music who will be joining us every Friday to conduct music lessons with our students in Years 4 – 6. If your child is participating in this program, please remind them to bring their instruments to school every Friday.

Student Leadership

Our student leadership elections are well underway with School Captains and Vice Captains announced later this week. We will be finalising House Leaders, Learning Commissioners, Tek Ninjas and Tek Interns. In addition, students from Years 1-6



will elect a Student Representative from each class to make up our SRC for 2023. It is wonderful that there are so many great opportunities for our students to take on leadership roles at Alawa!

Have a fabulous week.

Bianca Hyke [Assistant Principal]



Have you read the newsletter this week. A quick question.

As with last year I will sneak a little quiz question into the newsletter each week. If you are a student and know the answer send me an email to have the opportunity to earn 20 bonus house points.

Week 3 question: Which classes last week both won the Weekly Farm award from Mrs Cleary?

Ms Cartwright

Students Birthdays

We respectfully ask that families NOT bring cakes in or sweet treats for children's birthdays.

If you want to arrange something, sugar free icy poles can be brought in to be shared during break times or after school.

Please arrange directly with your child's teachers.





Introducing..... Sarah Hunter

I'm thrilled to be joining the Alawa teaching team in 2023 after working as a classroom assistant in 2022. Before becoming a teacher, I was trained in musical theatre and worked for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

When I'm not at school, I like hanging out with friends, playing video games, and playing piano. I'm most looking forward to meeting my year one students and learning from some of the best teachers here at Alawa!

Sarah Hunter [Year 1 Teacher]

Events calendar

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| ALAWAPRIMARY | Friday 24 February | Assembly hosted by Year 3/4 Bernardino - Morning tea to follow for parents and carers of Year 3/4 Bernardino | 8:40am |
| | Wednesday 1 March | Meet the Teacher | 5pm |
| | | Alawa Primary School AGM | 6:30pm |
| | Friday 3 March | Netball Gala day | All day |
| | Saturday 4 March | Farm Working Bee | 8:30am |
| | Friday 10 March | Assembly hosted by Year 4/5 Block - Morning tea to follow for parents and carers of Year 4/5 Block | 8:40am |
| | Wednesday 15 - Friday 27 March | NAPLAN testing [Years 3 & 5 only] | All day - timetabled |
| | Friday 17 March | Primary Years Swimming Program [Year 3-6 only] | All day |
| | Monday 20 March | School Council meeting | 5:30pm |
| | Friday 24 March | Assembly hosted by Year 1 Thorne-Baines - Morning tea to follow for parents and carers of Year 1 Thorne-Baines | 8:40am |
| | | Primary Years Swimming Program [Year 3-6 only] | All day |
| | Thursday 6 April | Soccer Gala day | All day |
| | | Last Day of Term 1 | |

Friday 7 April

Public Holiday - Good Friday

All day

Alawa Primary School AGM**When:** Wednesday 1 March, 6:30pm**Where:** School Library**Who:** Everyone welcome

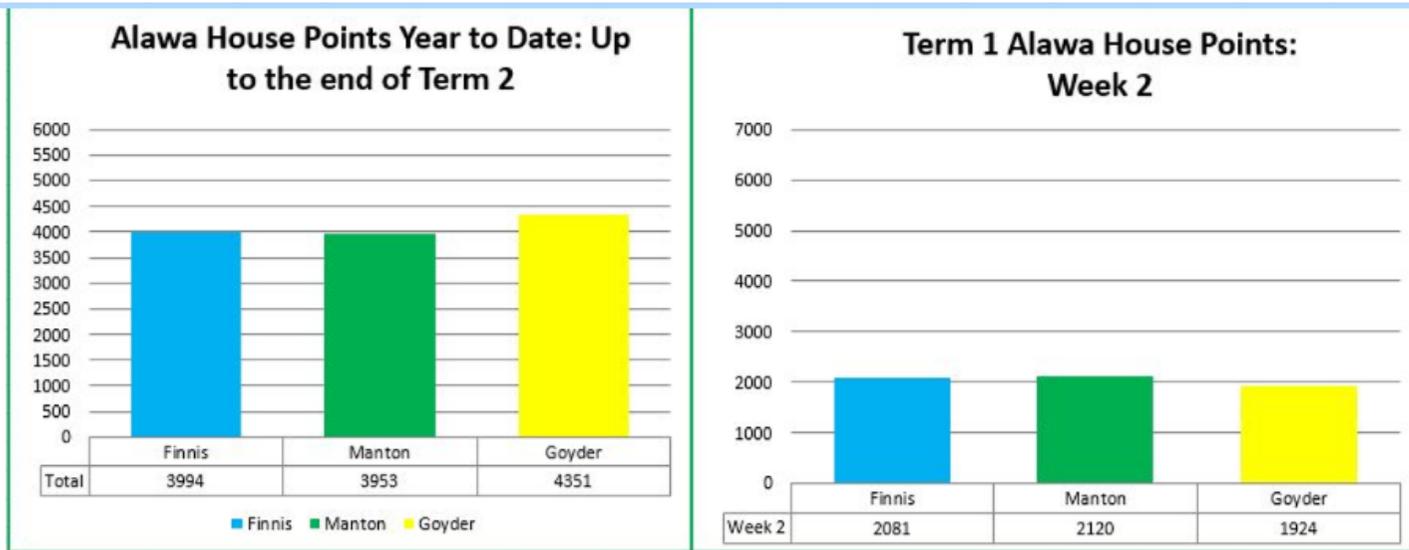
What: Being on School Council is an opportunity to be a part of our parent body who provide advocacy and representation for our families. The role of the school council is to support the Principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for our children. Participating as a school council member is a great way to contribute to the school. Being a part of the school council can be a very rewarding and interesting experience.

Council meetings are held once a month during the school term, after work hours, so it is a great way to be involved if you are busy during the day. Child care is available during the meetings if you need to bring your kids along. You don't need any specific experience or professional background to be a part of the School Council so if you have a keen interest in your child's education and school environment we encourage you to consider nominating to be a Council member.

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. Students also can earn house points for having a go at the weekly quiz emailed out Monday mornings by Ms Cartwright. These 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 points earned through the recycling project and water bottle checks.

In Week 2 of Term 1 Manton was ahead with 2120 points!**In the lead for the Term is Goyder with 4351!**

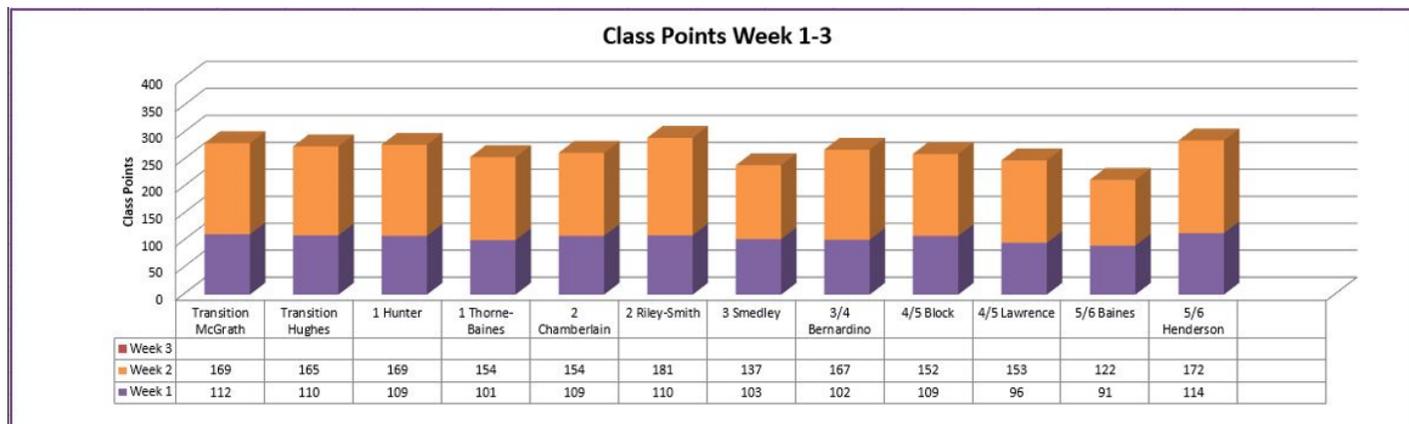


Class Points

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 Ms Cartwright and get to choose 5 songs that will play before our bells for the following 3 weeks.

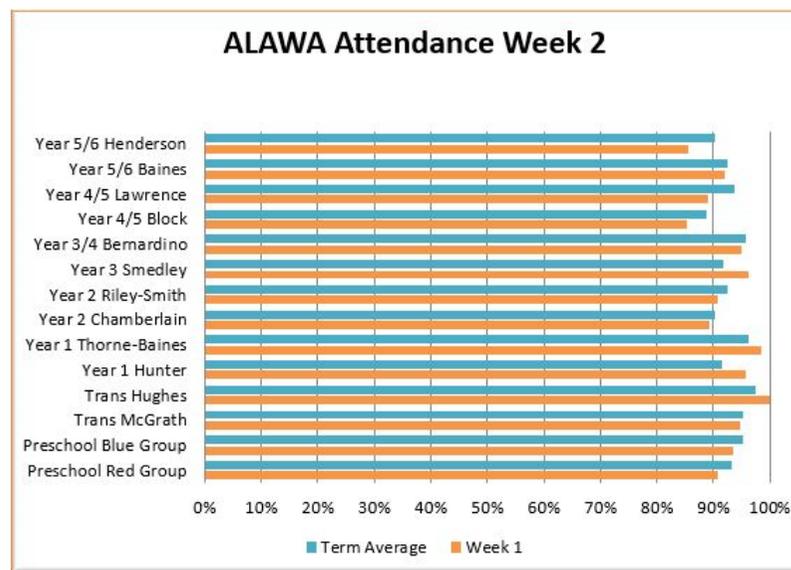
The class with the most points in Week 2 of Term 1 was....2 Riley-Smith with 181 points!!!



Attendance

Primary School Average for Week 2 Term 1: 93.67%

The class with the highest attendance for Week 2: **Year 4/5 Lawrence with 98.4%!!! Amazing job!!!**

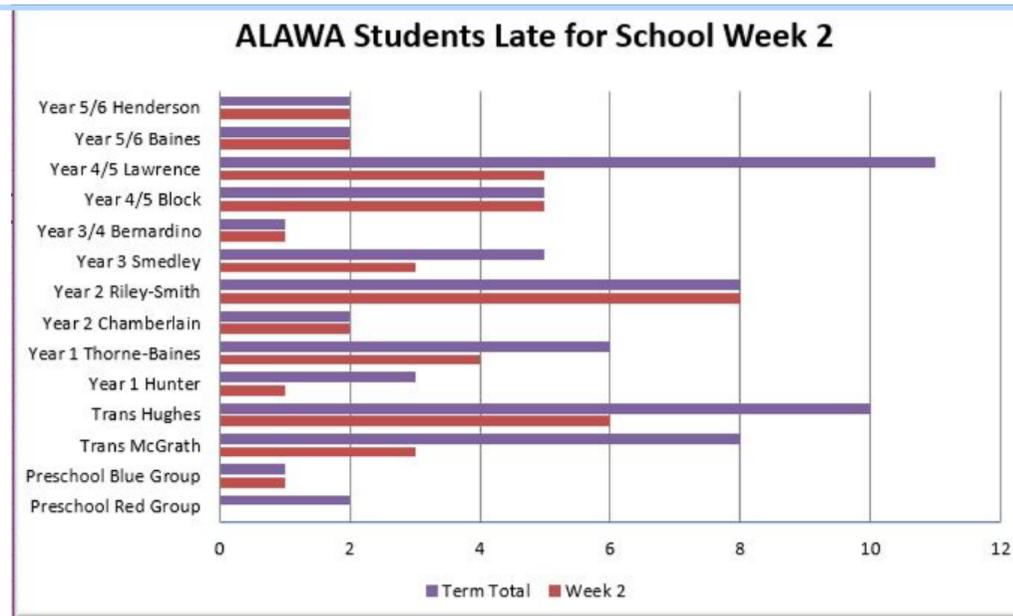


Lates

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

There were 42 lates in Week 2!

For Week 2 the class with the least lates was: Preschool Red with 0 lates!!!

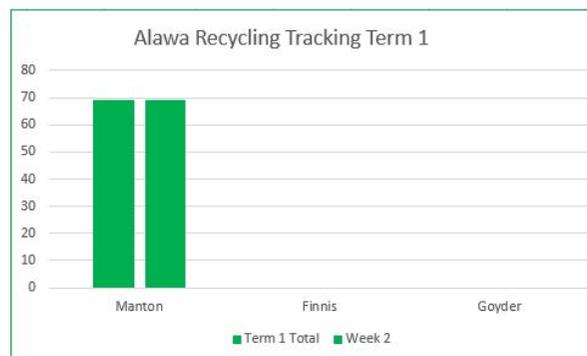


Recycling

A reminder that recycling is back up and running at the school.

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.



Library news

You may have noticed that Book Club has not come home this term. Do not despair - this year for Term 1 we are trying something different.

This term, I will be running a Mini Book Fair through Larrikin House Book Fairs during the Week 5 Meet and Greet on Wednesday 1st March and after school on the Thursday 2nd March. Larrikin House Book Fairs showcase Australian Authors and include Picture Books, Junior and Middle Grade Fiction, Non Fiction, Journals and Graphic Novels all at a reasonable price. Book prices start at \$1.00 and top out at \$25. You can check out some of the books we will be getting to see through the QR Code on the poster attached. You will also find this around the school over the coming weeks. I can't wait to show you some new options for your home bookshelves.

We will still be running our usual Scholastic Book Club in Term 2 and 4 and we will have the Scholastic Book Fair in Term 3.

Look forward to seeing you at our Mini Book Fair at Meet and Greet!

Miss Sacha [Library and ICT Manager]



Classroom news - Year 5/6 Henderson

Wow, what a start to 2023! In 5/6 Henderson we have been busy getting ourselves prepared for the year ahead. Firstly, we decided that it would be a great idea to get to know one another and create a solid team that would allow us to communicate and collaborate with each other. We believe in 5/6 H that we are all part of a team and that we make sure everyone feels like they belong. We are now a solid team and ready to take on any challenge this year. Our first point of call was to start by reviewing our Literacy and Numeracy data from last year and set SMART Goals [Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Relevant and Timely.] Now that we have a direction we look forward to the rest of the year and are prepared to kick goals!



Preschool news

We have been busy ensuring all preschool families are connected to Dojo-our wonderful digital communication tool. Dojo allows us to share photos and news about preschool giving you a window into your child's preschool experience. If you are not yet connected please come and see your child's teacher and we'll help get you in the loop.

To help settle children and for us to get to know your family, can you please send in a favourite family photo for display. We will be talking about families and how special and unique we all are this term. Displaying a photo of a child's family helps visually connect home and school and gives the child a sense of belonging to a group. You can bring in a photo of your family or send a photo through the Dojo message feature and we can print the photos at school.

Thank you and have a great week!

***Angela Henschke, Emma churchman, Kelly Crawford and Flor Hodgson
[The Preschool Team]***





Playgroup news

We had a fun first day back at playgroup this week it was lovely seeing everyone and meeting some new people too, everyone was eager and excited to be back! We had some fresh new play-dough to work on our motor skills and were very busy making animals and shapes. It was a beautiful overcast day outside so we had some fun on the bikes, really using some muscles to get up the hill with passengers onboard! We also had fun keeping balance on the planks and climbing on the playgrounds. Next week we'll be making scones for everyone to share. Look forward to seeing you all then.

Miss Erin [Playgroup Coordinator]

Primary Years swimming news

Hi Parent/Carers of Students in Years 3-6.

Thank you to all parents who have returned swimming tear-off slips and permission forms. Friendly reminder that payment is to be finalised Mon 6th March if you have not done this already.

If your child is **NOT participating** in the swimming program this term, please notify your classroom teacher or the front office as soon as possible. Any queries can be directed to your classroom teacher or Ms Bernardino. Thank you for your time and support.

Ms Bernardino





Long sleeved uniform shirts

Pre orders for our long sleeved shirts are now open. To order visit the front office during school hours. Orders will close this week - Friday 17th February.

Orders will take approximately 6 weeks so we anticipate arrival late this term so they are ready to wear Term 2.



Volunteer Survey

Our annual parent volunteer survey is now available by clicking the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlawaFamilyInvolvementSurvey>

At Alawa we value our Alawa school community and the support they provide us throughout the year in many various roles. We thank each of you for your commitment to our school and community and thank you for taking the time to complete our survey.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting the school on 8997 7666 or alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au

This survey will close Friday 3rd March.

**Please note that all volunteers in schools must have an ochre card to be sighted by staff and added to our register*

Cafe

Our Mission is to provide the Alawa School community with delicious healthy meals and snacks and to create meaningful links to our kitchen garden program. We will do our best to ensure we order the same products as advertised but occasionally have to change due to stock availability.

Available every day lunch only:

- mini beef burgers \$4.50

- spaghetti bolognese small serve \$4.50 or large serve \$6.50 /Gluten Free Spaghetti \$6.50 [Wed & Thu only]

Wednesday – Beef Nachos - Large size \$6.50, Small \$4.50

Thursday – Chicken Stir Fry - Large size \$6.50, Small \$4.50

Friday – Homemade Beef Burgers - \$6.50

A reminder that our school Cafe is open Wednesday to Friday ONLY. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Order online at www.quickcliq.com.au

Community Notices



Melaleuca
PLAYGROUP
(0 - 4 YEARS)

Every second Wednesday
0930am – 1030am
8th Feb, 22nd Feb, 8th Mar, 22nd Mar

Marina View Apartment Complex
32 Marina Boulevard
Larrakeyah 0820

Mums and dads welcome

Bring a piece of fruit which
will be cut up to share

For more information contact Emma Harris
Mobile: 0413 659 250 | Tel: (08) 8985 3311
Email: admin@melaleuca.org.au

www.facebook.com/melaleucaustraliaorg



KIDS SPACE
Children's Therapeutic
Group Work

What is Kids Space?
Parents' separation and divorce can be a time of change and transition for everyone. It may lead to some children feeling a range of difficult emotions and a sense of unsettledness. Kids Space is a therapeutic group for children whose parents are separated and/or divorced. It is a safe space for children to be able to meet with others, share their emotions, thoughts and experiences and learn new ways to deal with issues relating to parents' separation/divorce.

How does Kids Space work?
Children share an afternoon tea and then participate in a range of activities including playing games, creating art, reading stories, and puppet play with the aim of processing family changes and grief and gaining self-regulation and coping strategies that will benefit them while at home, school and socially.

When and who is Kids Space for?
Four weekly sessions, 3:30-4:45pm for children aged 5-12 years

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| 15 th FEB – 8 th MAR | 20 th APR – 11 th MAY | 25 th JUN – 10 th AUG | 13 th OCT – 3 rd NOV |

How to access Kids Space?
Referrals can be made directly to CatholicCare NT on 8944 2000. A practitioner will contact both parents to arrange a time to meet individually to discuss their child's needs and current coping styles. The practitioner, with permission from both parents, will then meet with the children to discuss the group. Further details regarding the group will be provided on referral.

Where is Kids Space being held?
CatholicCare NT – Shop 10B Goyder Centre, Palmerston Circuit, Palmerston City NT 0830

catholiccarent.org.au 

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Top End Star Gazers

Astronomy evenings on the Casuarina Senior College oval
Three 11 inch Celestron tracking telescopes

- Craters on the moon
- The rings of Saturn
- The poles of Mars
- The moons of Jupiter

- Open clusters of stars
- Globular clusters of stars
- Galaxies
- Lava flows on the moon

BBQ facilities available for booking

For school and community group bookings contact
Peter Ramsay
peter.ramsay@education.nt.gov.au

7.00-9.00 pm
\$50 for up to 50 observers

Want to play table tennis?

Come to our Club Open Day and give table tennis a go!

Saturday 18 February, 10 to 12, free and fun activity for all ages including free BBQ

Darwin Table Tennis Club Members will be on hand to talk to you about the Club, membership, opportunities for social play, our grade competitions, and our Junior Coaching Program

Demonstration by our top Junior players at 10.30am
BBQ about 11.30am

No prior experience is necessary, bats and balls provided, please wear sports shoes with non-marking soles and bring your water bottle (we have a water cooler)

Our Open Day is part of HOT100FM's Fit Feb program, so get involved, meet others, have fun, keep active and healthy!

More info Michael Xaxley DTTA President 0427 988 129

Venue: Marrara Multi-Purpose Hall, 10 Abala Road, Marrara

www.revolutionise.com.au/dtta Facebook: @darwintabletennis
Email: DarwinTTA@gmail.com

Junior Softball & Baseball

Registration costs: Mod Ball (8-13 years old) & Junior Fastpitch (14-18 years old)

\$50 Softball NT Membership fee (Pay once a year)

- o You get a SNT hat and a SNT shirt

\$75 for Term 1 (10th February – 31st March) Friday's

- o Will be at the Marrara indoor netball centre 5:30-6:30pm (Skills based 1 night a week)

\$150 for Term 2 (26th April – 16th June) Wednesday's & Friday's

- o Mod Ball and Junior Fastpitch league season starts (training will be on a Wednesday night 5:30-6:30pm and games will be on a Friday night 5:30-6:30pm both at Tracy Village Sports Complex)

\$150 for Term 3 (26th July – 15th September) Wednesday's & Friday's

- o Mod Ball and Junior Fastpitch league season starts (training will be on a Wednesday night 5:30-6:30pm and games will be on a Friday night 5:30-6:30pm both at Tracy Village Sports Complex)

\$75 for Term 4 (20th October – 8th December) Friday's

- o Will be at the Marrara indoor netball centre 5:30-6:30pm (Skills based 1 night a week)

Registration costs: Tball (4-8 years old)

\$50 Softball NT Membership fee (Pay once a year)

- o You get a SNT hat and a SNT shirt

\$50 for Term 1 (10th February – 31st March) Friday's

- o Will be at the Marrara indoor netball centre 4:30-5:30pm (Skills based 1 night a week)

\$100 for Term 2 (26th April – 14th June) Wednesday's

- o Training will be 4:30-5:30pm on a Wednesday night at Tracy Village Sports Complex

\$100 for Term 3 (26th July – 13th September) Wednesday's

- o Training will be 4:30-5:30pm on a Wednesday night at Tracy Village Sports Complex

\$50 for Term 4 (20th October – 8th December) Friday's

For more information and to register please go to www.nt.softball.org.au

Follow our Facebook to keep up to date [Softball NT & Baseball NT](#)

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Term 1 Dates

Term 2 Dates

Term 3 Dates

Term 4 Dates

School holidays

Craft & Care Program

Darrandirra Child & Family Centre

Create. Care and Connect

A Program for Parents

What will we do?

- Fun Craft Activities
- Cooking
- Community knowledge sharing
- Support with Literacy, Financial Literacy and Budgeting
- Trauma Awareness Training
- Support with writing resumes
- Fun outings and activities
- First Aid Training/Certificate

Dates

Start: Tuesday 07th of February 2023

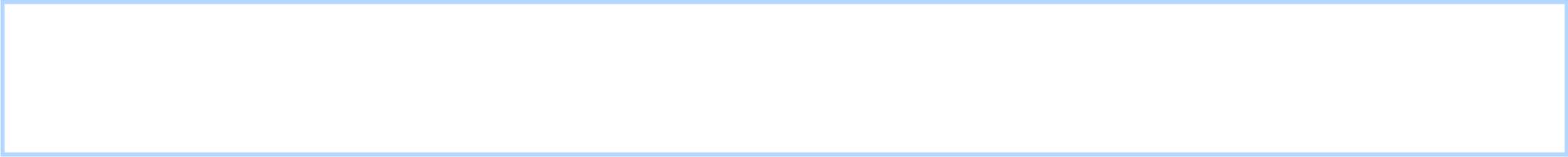
When: Every Tuesday, 9:00am-1:00pm

Where: The Darrandirra Child & Family Centre

Shop 27, Malak Shopping Centre -16 Malak Cres, Malak 0812

For more information speak to Darrandirra staff 08 8947 4007

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