

Week 1: 20 July 2023

Principal Update

Welcome to Term 3 at Alawa Primary School!

What a fab start to the Semester with so many smiley faces joining us for our first assembly back Tuesday morning. Did you see the video Ms Katie posted on Facebook from our first day?



As many of you are aware I had the opportunity last term to do a major road trip during my period of Long Service Leave and journeyed across half of Australia. I had an amazing time, saw so many gorgeous places, met so many terrific people also journeying around and really recharged, reset and made the most of the opportunity to tour our amazing country. I soon discovered many of the issues facing us in Darwin [anti social behaviour, social media concerns and severe teacher shortages] are being felt right across Australia. Huge thanks to Bianca Hyke and our Leadership Team [Gen Donohue, Jed Henderson, Ana Bernardino, Angela Henschke, Sharon Jennings and Janelle-Thorne] for keeping Alawa thriving through what was I hear a VERY busy term.

I have finally updated the blog for the past few weeks and it is accessible for anyone interested.

Blog link:

<https://mscandalle.blogspot.com/>

Over this week and next I will be visiting each class in Years 3-6 for our quarterly Pep Talks. This term I am focusing on the usual reflections, celebrations from the previous term along with attendance, student perception and behaviour data BUT also discussing the upcoming School Review for Week 6—stay tuned for more information about this in coming weeks.



Staffing Updates

- Back to Mrs Rachel Barnett as our Special Education Teacher [Working 3 days a week]
- Welcome to Ms Tiffany Nguyen [Year 3 Teacher]

Cheers for now **Sandy Cartwright [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 1 — How many places did I stay at on my road trip? [Hint—check the map above] [**Sandy Cartwright**]



Assistant Principal Update

Hello all families,

I hope you have all had a very restful break and are now ready for term 3. This is usually the term where students have a very clear understanding of expectations and routines in the classroom and all students can hit the ground running. I am looking forward to seeing some wonderful learning, with Dance, Inquiry and an extra focus on Reading this term.



Our **Instrumental lessons** will resume this week. The timetable will remain the same as last term and I will let you know if we will be changing the day next week so that we can make up for the missed Public holiday coming up.

Playgroup will begin again this week. Erin does a wonderful job organising these sessions and the children enjoy visits to the farm, cooking and exploring the playground in the Preschool area. We hope to see families that are intending to start their children at Alawa next year, take this opportunity to familiarise themselves with this space and begin to form friendships.

As we are all aware regular **attendance** at school is crucial in enabling each child to be successful. It is also really important for students to be on time as children will miss out on key learning. We would love to see an extra effort this term on attending on time, everyday and ensuring you contact the school if your child is going to be away or late.

Gen Donohue [Assistant Principal]



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the Australian parenting website

Hot tips for the week

Planning ahead : Behaviour Management

Key points

- Some situations make children's challenging behaviour more likely – for example, car trips, shopping and so on.
- Planning ahead can help you manage these situations and encourage better behaviour from children.

The 6 steps in this guide help you plan ahead. Start by identifying challenging situations and then work out how to handle them.

For more information visit the website below:

[Planning ahead: child behaviour management | Raising Children Network](#)

Calendar of events

Monday 24 July	100 days at school—Transition dress up day. Parents invited to join for the morning School Council meeting	8:30am—10:30am 5:30pm
Wednesday 26 July	Preschool Bike-a-thon	9—10:30am
Friday 28 July	PUBLIC HOLIDAY—Darwin Show day	All day
Monday 7 August	PUBLIC HOLIDAY—Picnic Day	All day
Wednesday 9 August	School photo day	All day
Thursday 10 August	Dripstone Middle School orientation day [Year 6 Students]	All day
Friday 11 August	Assembly hosted by Year 3/4 Bernardino followed by morning tea for parents and carers	8:40am
Friday 18 August	Basketball and Volleyball Gala days	All day
Monday 21 August	School Council meeting	5:30pm
Thursday 24 August	Book Feast	TBA
Friday 25 August	Assembly hosted by Year 3 Nguyen followed by morning tea for parents and carers	8:40am
Thursday 31 August	Whole School Performance	5-7pm
Wednesday 6 September	BEAT Festival Alawa Choir performing	
Thursday 7– Friday 8 September	Year 3/4 Camp	All day
Monday 11—Friday 15 September	Book Fair	All week
Tuesday 12 & Wednesday 13 September	Student Led Conferences	3-6pm
Friday 15 September	Book Parade	8:40am
Monday 18 September	School Council meeting	5:30pm
Friday 22 September	Assembly hosted by Year 2 Chamberlain followed by morning tea for parents and carers. Table Tennis and Golf Gala days Last day of Term 3	8:40am All day

School Photos

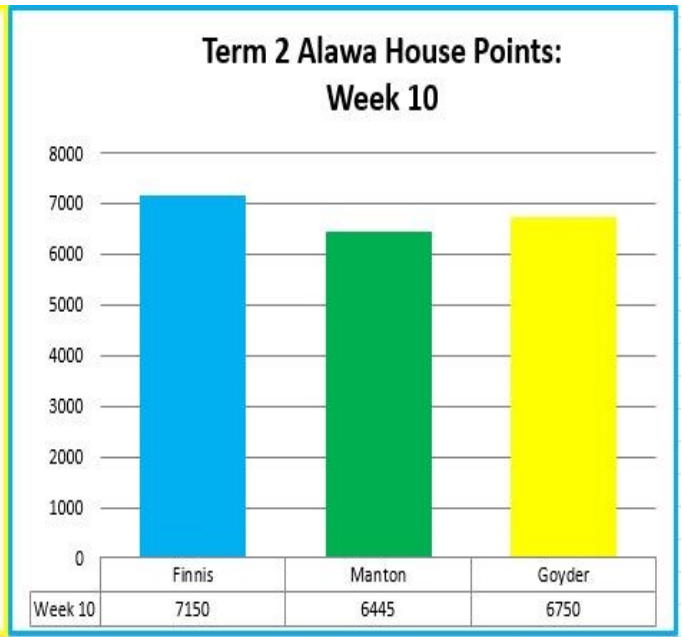
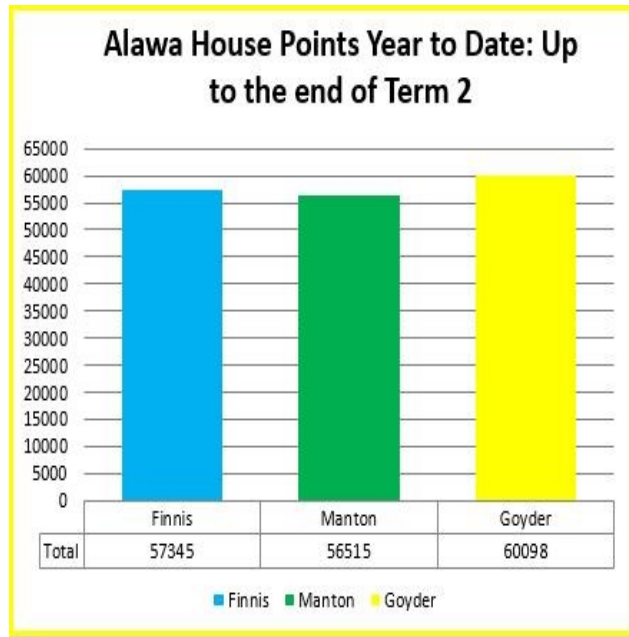
School Photos have been scheduled for Week 4, Wednesday 9 August. This year we will once again be using 'The School Photographer' who will have 2 photographers on site. Packages can be purchased from \$27.00 and all sibling orders MUST be in before the day to be included in the day's schedule. Envelopes will be sent home with students next week. If you have any questions please don't hesitate in contacting the front office.



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.

**In Week 10 of Term 2 Finnis was ahead with 7150 points!
In the lead for Term 2 was Goyder with 60098 points!**

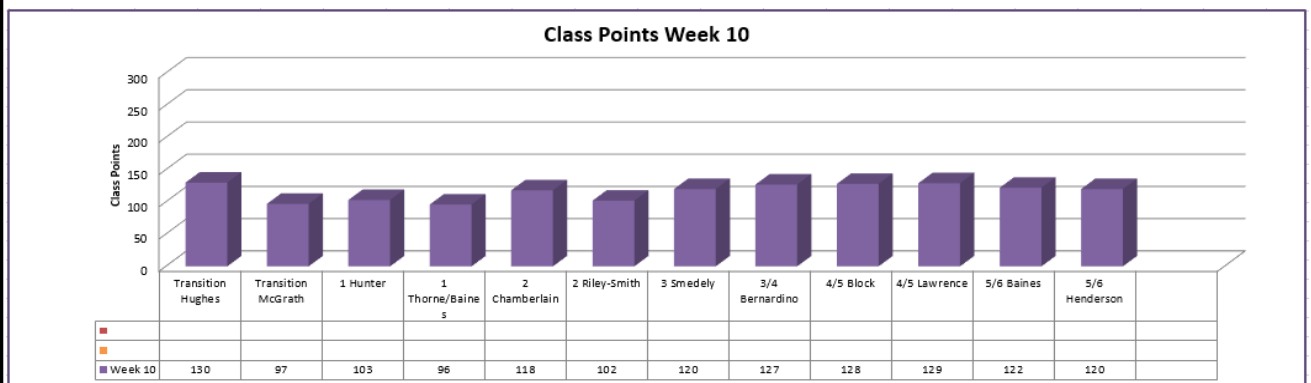


Class Points

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 recognizing 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 2 was....Transition Hughes with 130 points!!!

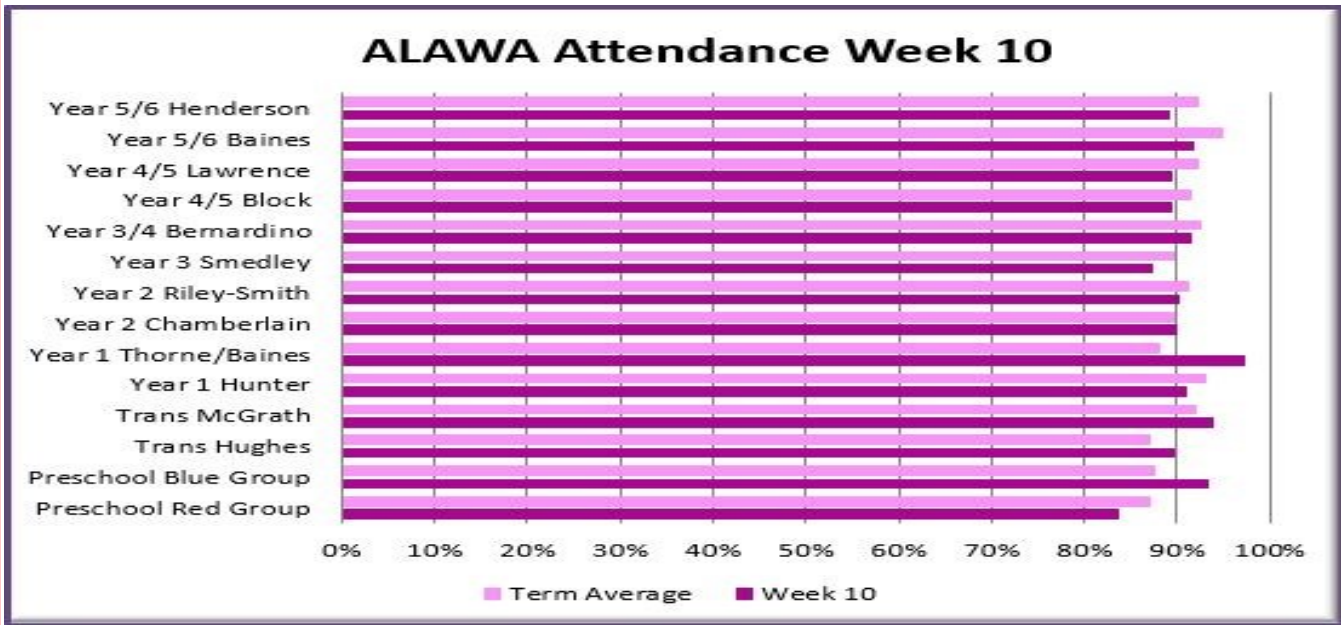


Attendance

Primary School Average for Week 10 Term 2: **90.94%**

The class with the highest attendance for Week 10: **1 Thorne/Baines with 97.22%!!!** Amazing job!!!

The winners for the term...**5/6 Baines with 94.92%!!!** They are having a pizza lunch Friday this week.



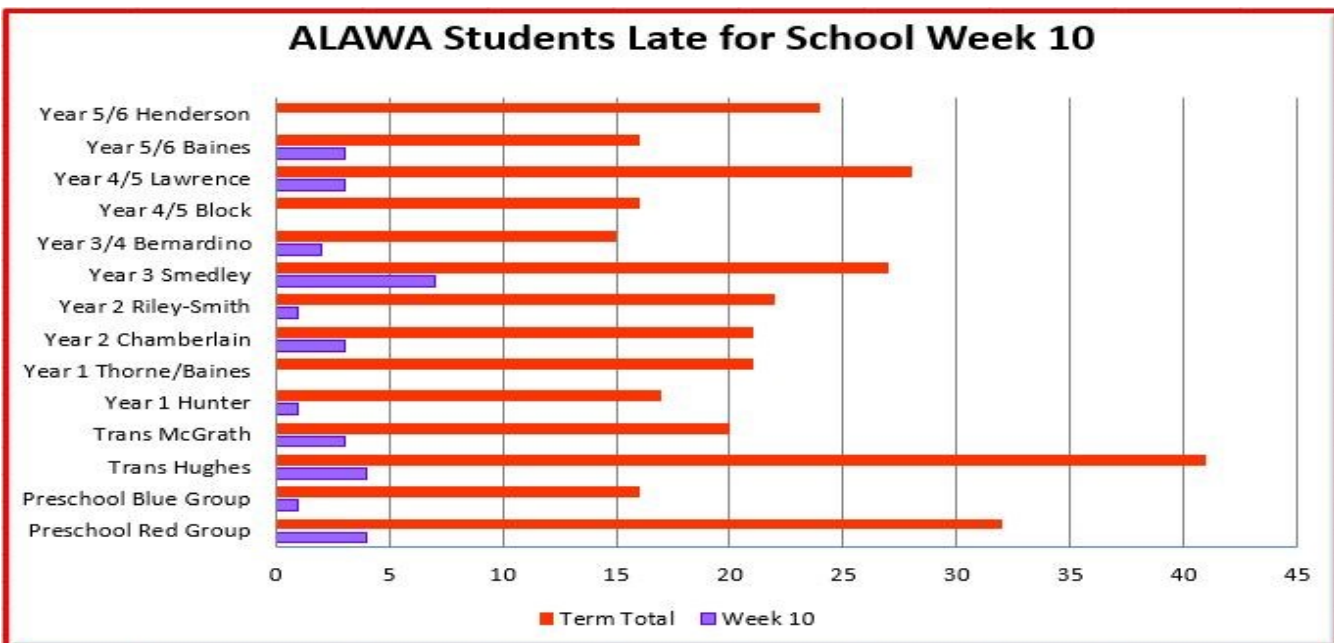
Lates

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

There were 32 lates in Week 10!

For Week 10 the classes with the least lates were: **1 Thorne/Baines , 4/5 Block and 5/6 Henderson with 0 lates!!!**

The winners for the term...**3/4 Bernardino with 15 lates!!!**



Honour Awards—To be presented Thursday 27th July

Due to Friday 28th July being the Darwin Show public holiday we will not be hosting an assembly for Week 2. Students will be receiving their Honour Awards on Thursday 27th July at muster after recess, starting 10:55am. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us at muster for this presentation. As our newsletter is now being published on a Thursday we are listing the Honour Awards in the Week 1 newsletter. Parents/Carers of students who hand in 10 Merits in Week 2 and will be receiving an Honour Award at muster Week 2 will be phoned and notified that their child is receiving an award.

At Muster on 27th July 4 students will be presented with Honour Awards in recognition of receiving 10 Merit Awards—congratulations!

Perrin Agnew-Auld

Lachie Whitmee

Misha Roseth

Annabel Rachor

Honour Distinction—To be presented Friday 21st July

On Friday 21st July we will also celebrate our Honour Distinction Award winner Lestari Smith! Congratulations!!!!

Lestari will receive her award at recess Muster.

Welcome back—First day of Term 3



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Congratulations Mrs Snow

From Miss to Mrs over the term break. A very big Congratulations to Miss Hunter on her wedding.
We wish her a long and happy marriage!!!!



Volunteers needed—come help out and have some fun!

This years school concert theme is Circus. It is a combination of dance and acrobatics.

You DON'T need to juggle, be a dare devil or be a clown!

Your desire to help is all you need.

Looking for volunteers to get in on this exciting opportunity and help arrange side show ally, the games and activities and the food etc. for the event.

Many hands make light work!

To express interest please call the Front Office on 8997 7666 or send us an email alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au

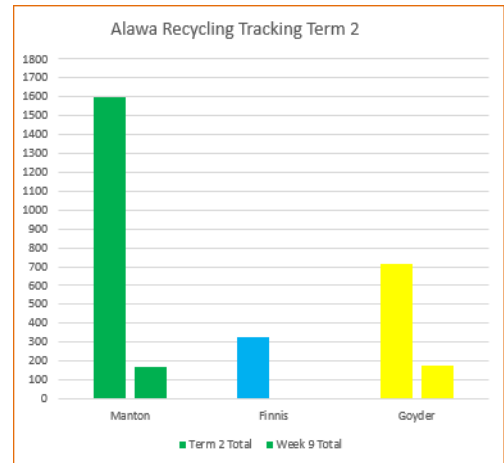


Recycling

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.

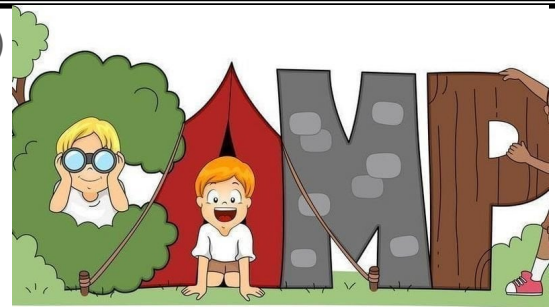


Camp news—Year 3/4

Year 3/4 Camp is set for Thursday 7-8th September. It is one of the most anticipated events of the year for students and staff.

Planning has commenced and the initial camp note will be sent home in the first week of Term 3. Please be aware that there are attendance and behaviour

expectations that are carefully considered leading up to camp. Your child's safety, wellbeing and learning is of utmost importance. If class teachers have concerns or queries about a child's participation in camp, they will contact you to make a time to discuss them. If you have a concern or query, please contact your child's teacher early next term.



Thank you for your time and support.

Ms Bernardino [Year 3/4 Camp Coordinator]

Introducing...



My name is Miss Tiffany Nguyen and I will be teaching Year 3. I recently graduated from Charles Darwin University with a Master of Teaching in Early Childhood and Primary Stream. I gained knowledge and practical experience through various work placements during my studies.

These opportunities have shaped my teaching philosophy, emphasising the importance of individualised instruction, fostering critical thinking skills, and creating a nurturing classroom environment where every student feels valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. Before that, I attended high school at Georges River Grammar, Bankstown, NSW, and graduated with a Bachelor of Business from the University of Technology Sydney.

I am committed to creating an inclusive and respectful environment where students feel safe expressing their thoughts and ideas. I am committed to providing each child with a dynamic and engaging learning experience in my classroom!

I look forward to meeting everyone and being part of the Alawa community.

NAIDOC Assembly hosted by Year 4/5 Lawrence




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Kitchen news

WHERE DOES THE KITCHEN CONTRIBUTION GO?


20 weeks of exciting cooking
2 hours per week for a semester of exciting and delicious kitchen classes




Shopping
Ms Stratton gets fresh food and other produce from supermarkets, butchers and Asian grocers for the lessons




Foodbank
Ms Elsa shops at Foodbank for freezer items and to stock up the pantry




Equipment
Replacing equipment like pots and pans, woks, plates and cutlery




Consumables
buying hand wash, dishwashing tablets and cleaning products



Class supplies
Magazines, posters, pens, pencils, books, prizes



Kitchen produce sales supplies
Jars, containers, labels, bags, spoons for making and selling items such as ice cream, jam, dehydrated produce etc



Alawa Kitchen

Ms Tina Stratton [Kitchen Teacher]

Defence School Mentor news

Welcome back to term 3. It is always so lovely to come back to school after the break and see all of the smiling faces and feel the excitement the students have to be back at school. I was lucky enough to get back home to South East Queensland with my five children to visit my parents and friends. Two weeks wearing a puffer jacket reminded why I love living up here.

This week Laura and I spent some time visiting classrooms and reconnecting with the Defence students. We loved hearing about what everyone did over the break and what the students are looking forward to this term, the Whole School Performance is a hot favourite.

This term I will be stepping back a little and reduce my hours by having Wednesdays off. As a result Laura will be increasing her DSM hours. This term Laura will be supporting the Defence students in Preschool, Transition, 1 Hunter, 4/5 Block and 5/6 Henderson, as well as facilitating Defence Kids Club on a Wednesday lunch time. Laura has brought some fabulous new ideas and lots of enthusiasm with her to the DSM role.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact me by email, phone or pop in and see me in the front office.

Ms Katie [Defence School Mentor]

This Wednesday lunchtime in Defence Kid's club we had a blast playing some games. Guess Who was a particular favourite with the kids taking turns to verse Miss Laura and, unfortunately, they won every round. Next week we will be icing and decorating (and eating) biscuits with sprinkles and lollies - all the good stuff! Defence Kids Club is a wonderful opportunity for our students with a defence parent to engage with each others and have some fun in a relaxed environment. Each Defence child is welcome to invite one friend along to join us for Kids Club during Wednesday lunchtime.

Ms Laura [Defence School Mentor]

Library news

It has been wonderful to see all of the smiling faces around the school over the last few days. As we get back into the swing of things I thought I would update you on all of the excitement to expect over the course of Term 3 regarding Reading and the Library...

Through the term we will be:

- Welcoming Kate and Jol Temple the Authors of amongst other books the Bin Chicken Series. Kate and Jol will be visiting next Wednesday the 26th of July for 3 sessions with Transition through to Year 6.
- Week 6 will see Book Week for which the theme this year is Read, Grow, Inspire; and the
- announcement of the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year awards.
- In Week 6, eight students will be attending the Annual Bookfeast this year meeting Author of Barrumbi Kids Leonie Norrington.
- We will be running the Bee a Great Reader Book Challenge from Week 6 through to the end of Week 9 with students, teachers and community members reading and reviewing their favourite books, finding a new book and encouraging one another in a love of reading.
- The Scholastic Book Fair - Hats off to Reading - will be running through the week and during Student Led Conferences in Week 9 and finally,

All of this will culminate in Our Annual Book Parade on the Friday of Week 9.

I hope you will join us in our excitement for the term ahead and if you have the time to come along and support the students and the school in our exciting adventures in reading we would love to have you along for the ride.

Sacha Evans [Library and ICT Manager]



Preschool news

Next week on Wednesday 9 – 10.30 is our preschool bike-a-thon. We hope many families are able to attend and share in the excitement from the day with us!

We are very excited to announce that our two major prizes for the two children who raise the most money are a family pass to Crocodylus Park and a family pass to Crocosaurus Cove. These will be announced in the weeks after the bike-a-thon once all the children's fundraising comes back to school.

We are busy finalising plans for the day and are still looking for some parents to volunteer for 30 minute time slots to help sell the food and drinks on the day. Please make contact with one of us if you are able to volunteer for 30 minutes on the day.



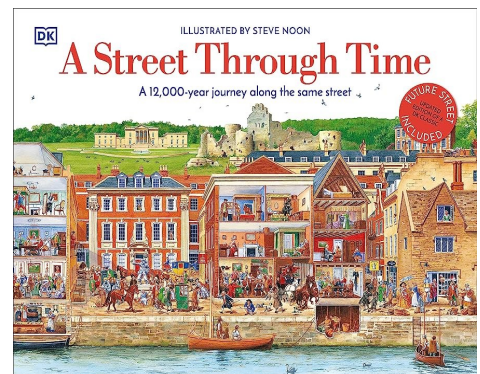
Angela Henschke, Emma Churchman, Kelly Crawford and Flor Hodgson [Preschool Team]

A gift from Amelie and Eleanor

Amelie and Eleanor went on a beautiful adventure exploring England. They saw amazing things, learnt about the country and tasted delicious food.

From that trip we were lucky to receive a gift from the girls—a book titled “A Street Through Time” by Steve Noon. This illustrated history book for children takes you on a 12 000 year journey to find out the story of a single street.

Thank you so much for the new addition to our school Library!!!



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 everyday 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: Chicken & Jackfruit Curry with Rice- Small serve - \$4.50, Large Serve - \$6.50

Thursday: Sushi- option 1: Chicken schnitzel, cucumber & mayo \$6.50 or option 2: Tuna, corn and mayo- \$6.50

Friday: 2x Homemade beef skewers with tomato and capsicum, rice and slaw. \$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

Weekly Farm award

This year we continue to celebrate the best Farm Class of the week on Fridays.

The Farm Class of the week is selected, based on their abilities to working cooperatively as a team and always following our Farm rules. The Farm classes are divided each week into 3-4 smaller groups and each one has a Group Director. Group Directors are in charge of giving out responsibilities to their group, keeping their area tidy and giving out points.

The Week 10 winner was.....Transition Hughes !!!



Community notices



Join Tracy Village Term 3 - 2023

Location: Tracy Village Social and Sports Club, 28 Tambling Terrace, Lyons

When: 24th July – 18th September (8 sessions)

Time: 5pm – 6pm

Cost: \$100 (Or covered by NT Sports Voucher)

<https://www.playhq.com/afl>



MARRARA
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Year 7 – 2024 Information Session

26 JULY 2023
AT 7.30 PM

Register your interest 8920 2000



Community notices

MINIROOS KICKOFF

An introductory football program for BOYS AGED 5-11 YEARS



STARTS
JULY 27
2023

Get active and learn to play football in a fun, safe and inclusive learning environment

5pm to 6pm
EVERY THURSDAY
at Darwin Football Stadium

\$100 for 6 sessions
(includes participant pack)



For more information: paula.dacosta@footballnt.com.au

MINIROOS KICKOFF

An introductory football program for GIRLS AGED 5-11 YEARS



STARTS
JULY 24
2023

Get active and learn to play football in a fun, safe and inclusive learning environment

5pm to 6pm EVERY MONDAY
at Darwin Football Stadium

\$100 for 6 sessions
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YEAR 6 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AND SCHOOL TOUR FOR ENROLMENT IN 2024

NIGHT 1
WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY 2023
5.30pm to 6.30pm in the School Library

NIGHT 2
WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST 2023
5.30pm to 6.30pm in the School Library