

Week 1: 12th October 2023

Principal Update

Welcome to our Week 1 news.....

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. 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.

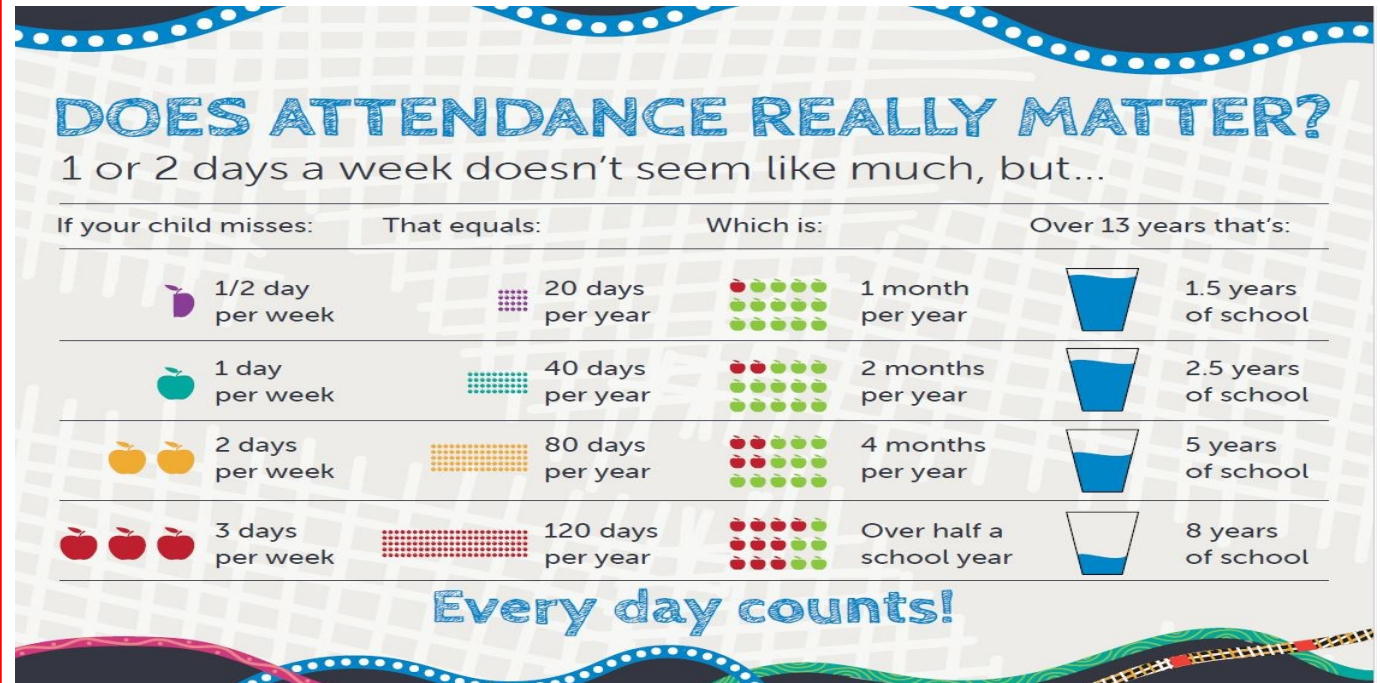


Teachers will send home class letters within the next two weeks providing an overview of the learning in their class this term and key messages for families. These will come home via Xuno email.

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]



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 — Which class is hosting Assembly this week on Friday 13th October?

[Sandy Cartwright]



Assistant Principal Update

Hello everyone,

I hope you have had a restful break and are ready for a fantastic Term 4. Like all schools we have a very busy Term planned. We have many events to look forward to as we prepare to finalise 2023 as well as get ready for 2024.



This year, **NT Mental Health Week** will be held 8-16 October. World Mental Health Day was on Monday 10 October. This is a day dedicated to reflecting on our mental health and wellbeing, raising awareness of the importance of mental health and to check in on each other to see who may need support. The theme for 2024 World Mental Health Day is **'Mental Health is a Universal Human Right'**

The home environment, and the families that occupy them, play a primary role on the ongoing development of children and young people and their mental health.

Be You is the national mental health in education initiative delivered by Beyond Blue, in collaboration with Early Childhood Australia and Headspace. It has some excellent resources and information on how we can support our students mental health and Wellbeing.

Websites and apps to explore

Smiling Mind has a **free app** you can download that guides you through different mindfulness meditations to assist in calming down the body and mind.

Breathe is an app designed just for young people to help manage anxiety and worrying.

Have a wonderful week.

Calm is another app that helps you improve your health and happiness through meditation, sleep, and other wellness activities.

Have a wonderful week.

Genevieve Donohue [Assistant Principal]

2024 Intentions



We have commenced looking at student enrolment numbers for 2024 with a view to developing our class structures / compositions for the year. It would be appreciated if you could advise us ASAP if you WILL NOT be at Alawa next year.

Thanks

Calendar of events

Friday 13th October	Assembly hosted by Transition McGrath and special parents morning tea Following for parents / carers of those cherubs	8:40am
Monday 30th October	Community consultation with our 2024-2027 Explicit Improvement Agenda Plan	3pm
Wednesday 1st November	Community consultation with our 2024-2027 Explicit Improvement Agenda Plan	8:30am
Thursday 26th October	Transition to Dripstone Middle School Preschool Orientation Session	8:30am—10:00am 5:00pm—6:00pm
Friday 27th October	Assembly hosted by Year 2 Chamberlain	8:40am
Wednesday 8th November	Transition Parent Night	5:00pm—6:00pm
Thursday 9th November	Transition to Dripstone Middle School	8:30am—10:00am
Friday 10th November	Basketball Gala Day Assembly hosted by Year 5/6 Henderson	All day 8:40am
Saturday 11th November	Farm Working Bee	8:30am—10:30am
Tuesday 14th November	N TLC Pitch to the Minister Day Learning Commission	All day
Wednesday 15th November	Preschool Orientation Session	1:30pm—2:30pm
Thursday 23rd November	Transition to Dripstone Middle School	8:30am—10:00am
Friday 24th November	Assembly hosted by Year 5/6 Baines 2023 Awards and Certificates	8:40am
Tuesday 28th November	Masterchef Bake Off	3:00pm—5:00pm
Thursday 30th November	LEAP/RISE Brekkie at Dripstone Middle School	8:45am—10:30am
Friday 1st December	Defence Kids Dress-up	All day
Wednesday 6th December	Preschool Graduation	5:00pm—6:00pm
Thursday 7th December	Year 6 Graduation	5:30pm—6:30pm
Friday 8th December	Year 6 Graduation Fun Day Assembly hosted by Mrs Donohue and the SRC	All day 8:40am
Tuesday 12th December	Class Parties / Reports go home 2023 Presentation Assembly Volunteers Morning Tea	8:40am 10:00am
Thursday 14th December	Last day of Term 4 Year 6 farewells after lunch	1:40pm

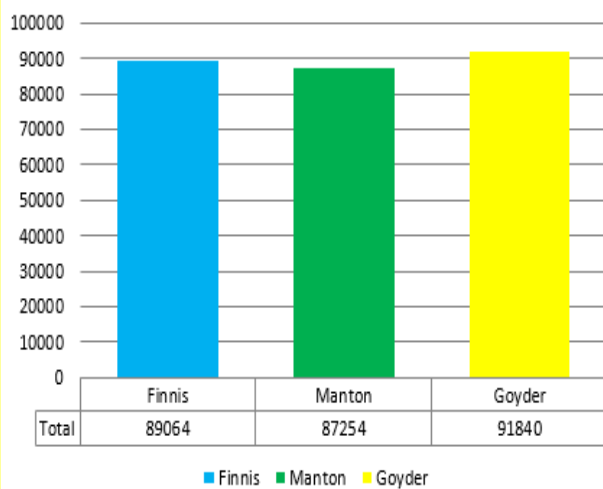
House points

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.

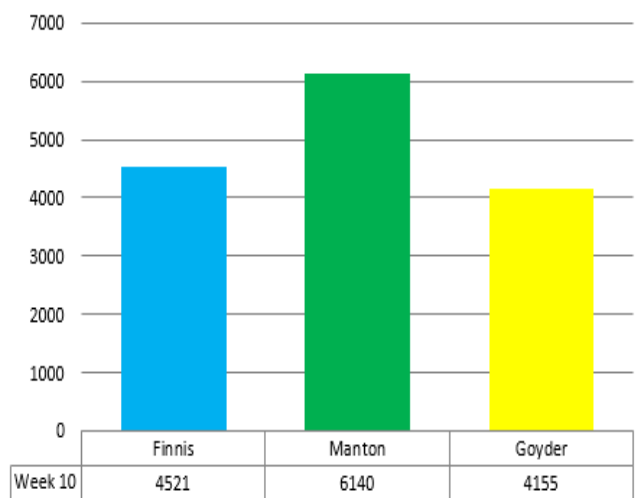
In Week 10 of Term 3 Manton was ahead with 6140 points!

In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 91840 points!

Alawa House Points Year to Date: Up to the end of Term 3



Term 3 Alawa House Points: Week 10



Class Points

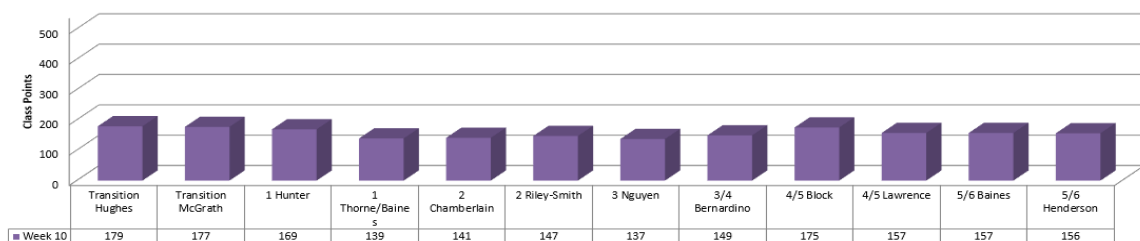
Muster is held at Alawa after each recess and lunch break - this gives us an opportunity for everyone to settle from playtime, share any celebrations and work on consistency of messages and expectations.

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 with 179 points !!!

The class with the most points in Term 3 was...5/6 Henderson with 1489 points! Amazing effort!

Class Points Weeks 10

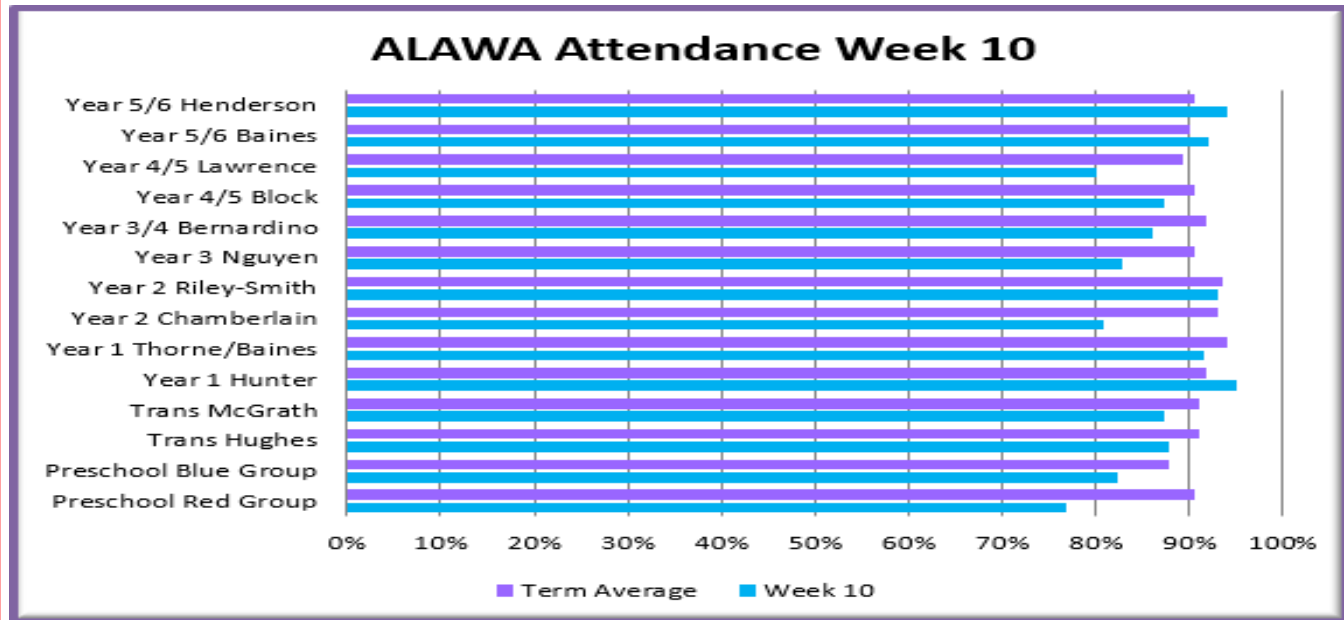


Attendance

Primary School Average for Week 10 Term 3: **86.95%**

The class with the highest attendance for Week 10: **Year 1 Hunter with 95.00%!!!** Amazing job!!!

The class with the highest attendance for term 3 was **1 Thorne-Baines**—special pizza lunch this Friday.



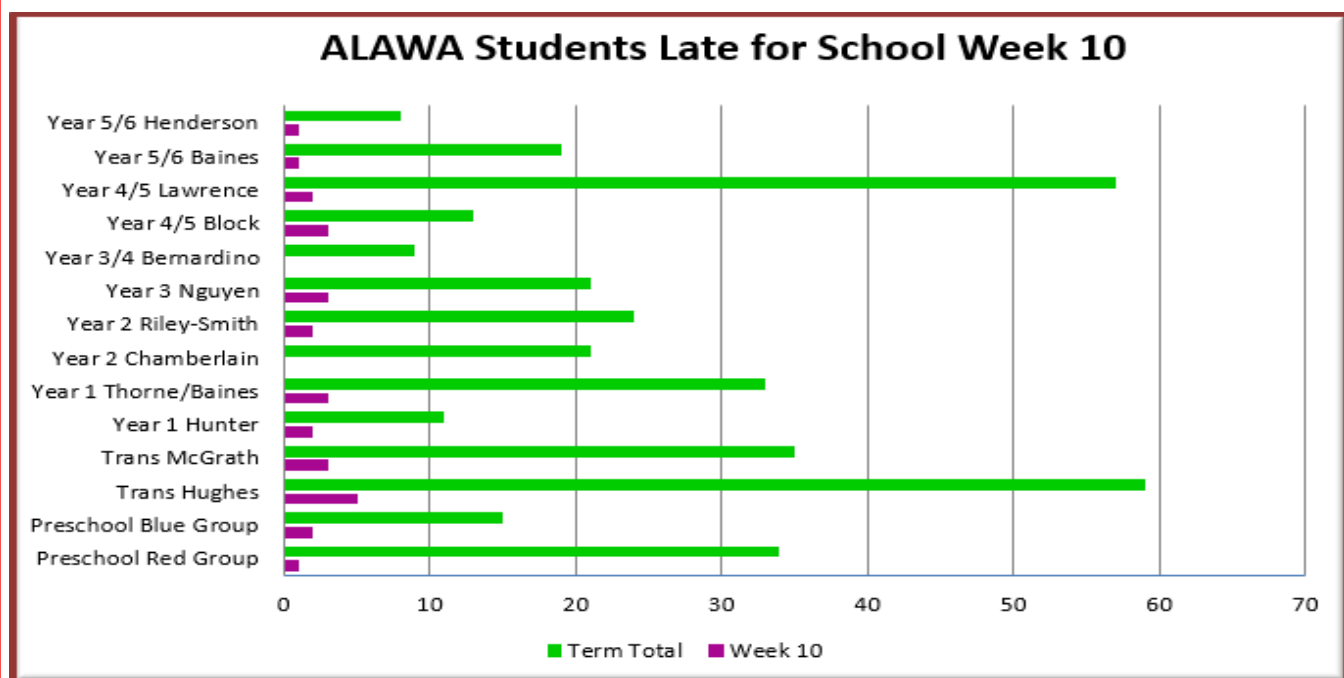
Lates

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

There were 28 lates in Week 10!

For Week 10 it was *fabuloso* to see NO lates at all for **2 Chamberlain and 3/4 Bernardino!**

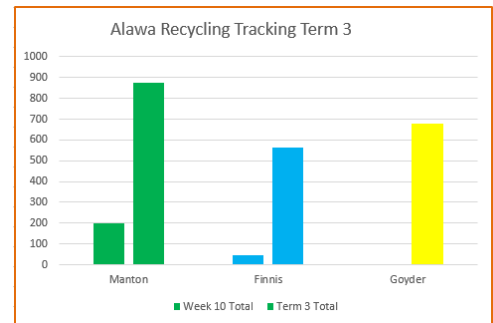
The class with the least lates for Term 3 was... 5/6 Henderson with 8 lates!!!



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

Welcome back! It has been so good to see the students happy faces this week. I wanted to thank you for all of your support this year and to let you know that the Book Fair in Week 9 of last term raised \$845 in rewards which the school can use towards new books for the Library and for resources for the classrooms. I am still awaiting some reorders and will send them home as soon as they arrive.

Our last Book Club of the year, Issue 7, is now out and with Christmas fast approaching it is jam packed with great value options to consider. In fact, if you check out the Loop app you will find an extra 50 titles not included in the print catalogue. The catalogue includes books, activities, posters and more. Posters, stationary and Books from this issue start at \$1 and include a number of titles that won't break the budget such as: \$3 – Where's Santa's Elf?, Laugh O'clock Christmas Stocking Stuffer, Goosebumps Most Wanted – The 12 Screams of Christmas, A Christmas Carol; \$5 – Miss Understood, Dragon Prince – Through the Moon (Graphic Novel), Whatever After - If the Shoe Fits and much more.

Christmas Gift Orders: When you order online you can choose the Gift function so that when your order is delivered to the school it will be marked as a gift and be set aside for you to collect separately. If you are ordering through the school please let us know when you order if you would like your order set aside when it arrives and we will contact you. Orders are due back by **Friday the 27th of October**. 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](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.scholastic.loop) or from the [App Store](https://apps.apple.com/au/app/scholastic-loop/id1444444444) or return your order form and payment to the office. Spare catalogues will be available at the office if you miss out.



Sacha Evans [Library and ICT Manager]

DSM News

Welcome back to Term 4. 2023 has flown by and we have now hit, what I believe is the best term of the year. Term 4 is always an action packed and fun filled term. A highlight on the Term 4 calendar each year is the Free Dress Day hosted by Defence Kids Club. On the Friday of Week 8 students are invited to wear clothing of their choice to school in return for a gold coin donation. The funds raised are donated to a not-for-profit Defence Organisation. This year we will be donating to Legacy Australia.

Another significant upcoming event on the Defence calendar is Remembrance Day. Year 5/6 Henderson will be hosting a Remembrance Day assembly on Friday 10th November to remember and pay our respects to those Service Personnel who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

As we head into the end of the year and all of the joyous occasions it brings, Defence families head into another all too familiar season.....Posting season. This means that over the next couple of months we are going to see friends, family and neighbours packing up their lives and moving on to their next location. As well as new families moving to Darwin. Moving is a major life change. It is an event filled with a variety of emotions. A move of choice may be viewed as a positive opportunity associated with feelings of excitement and anticipation. In contrast, a move without choice may be associated with feelings of fear, anxiety, and sadness. Each family member may experience different emotions at different times. However, if relocation is approached with an optimistic attitude, it can promote family growth and involvement. On that note, if your family is posting at the end of the year please remember to notify the school.

Mrs Katie Wedel [Defence School Mentor]

Honour Awards this week at Assembly

The following students will receive their Honour Awards this Friday 13th October:

Xavier Vujcich	Tommy Jenner	Ajah Ajang
Jaxon Gontscharow	Olivia Scheide	Caitlin Gleeson
Marlow Brenton	Ellie Bui	Shalisa Cassidy
Rafael Clark	Casey Raby	

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 **Stella Wedel** receiving an Honour Distinction!



2023 School Review Recommendations and the next steps: Your invitation to provide input and feedback

As we shared a few weeks ago we recently went through an external school review as all schools in the NT do every 4 years. From that review we now have 2 clear recommendations which will form the basis of our new 4 year Explicit Improvement Agenda.

Recommendations

Enhance the teaching and learning capabilities and expertise in the school through:

- ⇒ further development and embedding of evidence-informed, effective teaching strategies during explicit and guided instruction to promote deep learning
- ⇒ further refine pedagogical practices to maximise the impact on learning for all students across all learning areas
- ⇒ collaboratively building an agreed understanding of differentiated teaching and learning
- ⇒ providing explicit extension opportunities to progressively build students' conceptual understandings, effective questioning and critical thinking skills, with emphasis on challenging highly capable students
- ⇒ encouraging more innovative and creative practices by further development of inquiry learning.

Identify, develop and implement an evidence-informed, comprehensive and consistent approach to literacy instruction that incorporates and values current models and strategies, and includes:

- ⇒ an in-depth understanding of how students learn complex literacy skills
- ⇒ professional learning processes for staff to become experts in curriculum design and delivery
- ⇒ a collaboratively developed model for instruction
- ⇒ strategies to differentiate for and engage all learners
- ⇒ systems to monitor and evaluate practice.

We have started unpacking these as a staff as a focus at our professional learning day Monday this week and will share the high level goals being formulated with School Council on Monday 23rd October.

We then invite parents from the school community to also share their views, seek further clarification etc at open sessions, Everyone is invited to come along to:

- ⇒ Monday 30th October 3pm OR
- ⇒ Wednesday 1st November 8:30am

Xuno—our main school communication platform

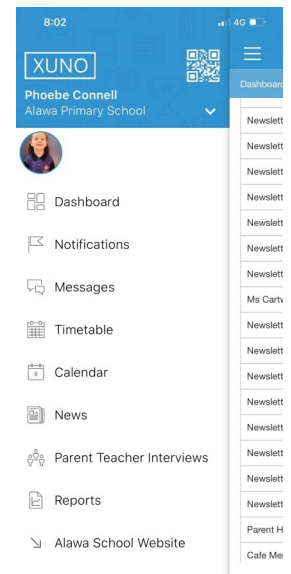
In January 2023 we moved from using Skoolbag App over to Xuno.

There are a few aspects to Xuno we are currently using:

- ⇒ Portal [Access to messaging, student reports and the school calendar of events, News messages and newsletters]
- ⇒ Email notifications
- ⇒ School Visitor Kiosk
- ⇒ Parent Teacher Interview used by Preschool families for the recent SLC's]
- ⇒ Incident tracker [Sick Bay, behaviour, Gala days, awards etc]

There are also features / functionality we are looking to use in the future:

- ⇒ Payments
- ⇒ Newsletters [we trialled this at the start of the year but had formatting issues but they developers have advised better functionality is now available]



In the Perception survey we received a few comments expressing concern about the usefulness of Xuno, it's ease of use and reliability. We would like to pass your concerns onto the developers to see if the use can be improved.

If you have concerns it would be appreciated if you could email us with details or phone the front office or pop in and see us.
alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au



Meaningful Maths at Alawa:

Don't forget to respond to our survey if you would like further information

SO.....while we are super proud of our Maths approach and the ongoing achievement of outcomes for our students and they certainly share their own perceptions that they are improving we want to raise awareness with parents about our approach and address your concerns so you can continue to support your child at home.

Please take a few minutes to respond to this survey to inform us as to how you would like further information so we can then ensure we cater for this and address the request for more information from 68 people as shared through the recent perception survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H7FDDRY>

Preschool Orientation Sessions



Alawa Preschool

*Come along to one of our
Alawa Preschool Orientation sessions*

Thursday 26 October, 5pm-6pm
Wednesday 15 November, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Explore the preschool environment and have a chat to preschool staff.

Alawa Preschool class times:
2 Full days 1 half day

Rich learning experiences
including visits to our Alawa



Telephone Contact: 8997 7666

Website: www.alawaprimarv.nt.edu.au

School Email: alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au

Early Years Swimming program



We need your help!



As parents / carers of children in Preschool—Year 2, you'll be aware that we have our very valuable Early Years Swimming Program coming up next term. This is a part of the Curriculum and we certainly hope the majority of our students are participating in this program which focuses on water safety and survival as well as swimming stroke instruction.

We do our absolute best to reduce the costs to parents for this program by 'hiring' coaster busses and recruiting volunteer licensed drivers. This saves us about \$50 per student which we would otherwise have to charge to pay for charter busses to ferry children to and from the pool.

So are you able to help out?

Even a day?

8:15am—1:15pm

Days requiring licensed drivers:

- ⇒ Monday 20th November
- ⇒ Tuesday 21st November
- ⇒ Wednesday 22nd November
- ⇒ Thursday 23rd November
- ⇒ Monday 27th November
- ⇒ Tuesday 28th November
- ⇒ Wednesday 29th November
- ⇒ Thursday 30th November



Email us if you can help out!!!!

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Findlay - Under 12 NT Champion for Junior 8 Ball

During the school holidays Findlay competed in the NT Junior 8 Ball Championships over three days. He was amazing and came away as the Under 12 NT Champion. He has been selected to represent the Northern Territory and will travel to Canberra in January to compete in the National Championships. He was also voted the best and fairest player by his peers, which he was more excited about!



4/5 Lawrence news

Welcome back to what promises to be an exhilarating Term 4! There's an electrifying buzz in the air as we kick off the last term!

As we step into Term 4, we have been greeted with a positive sense of enthusiasm and curiosity from the students. It's awesome to witness their eagerness to learn, explore, and grow academically.



This term is all about celebrating the knowledge and skills acquired throughout the year and taking them to new heights.

The build-up season signifies change, transformation, and growth, much like our students' educational journey. Just as the wet season transforms the landscape with rain and thunderstorms, we encourage our students to embrace this term as an opportunity to bring their learning to life, make new discoveries, and flourish in all they do.

4/5 Lawrence

Are you eligible for FREE INTERNET?

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) to provide free home internet for 12 months for up to 30,000 families with school aged children that do not currently have a National Broadband Network (NBN) connection at home.

The Department of Education is supporting the Australian Government's SSBI by becoming a nominating organisation to help identify eligible families within the Northern Territory (NT).

To be eligible families must:

- have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school in 2023
- not have an active NBN internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility
- live in a premises that can access the NBN via a standard connection. This will be validated by NBN Co.

There are many ways families can nominate for the SSBI.

- Receive/request a nomination form from your child's school.
- Access the nomination form online at <https://forms.office.com/r/sLSrGb74BP> or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click on the link that appears.

Request a nomination form by emailing digitalanddata.doe@education.nt.gov.au or calling 8972 5344.

Nomination forms need to be returned to schools or completed online as soon as possible so that vouchers can be delivered and **activated before 30 April 2024**.

For more information on SSBI please visit www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI





Alawa Primary School

SPORTS & CO-CURRICULAR PHOTOS

Please find below a list of all the photographs available.

These can be viewed and ordered online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au
using the Online Order Code below:

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The photo prices are:

\$18.00 each, 2 for **\$34.00**, 3 for **\$46.00**, 4 for **\$58.00** or 5 for **\$70.00**

Any additional photographs are **\$10.00** each. This discount is only available per family order.

The photos will be available to view and purchase **ONLINE ONLY**

Name of Group	Name of Group
House Captains	Junior Choir
Junior Learning Commission	Learning Commission
Library Monitors	School Captains
Senior Choir	SRC
Tek Ninjas	Tek Ninjas Fun
Tek Interns	Transition Group
Year 6 Fun	Whole School

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

Wednesday: Homemade beef pies—1 for \$4.50 or 2 for \$6.50

Thursday: Chicken and vegetable noodle stir fry \$6.50

Friday: Roast pork and gravy rolls \$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



IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENTS



CURIOUSDESIRE.COM
QUENCH CURIOSITY

Attending class regularly is an important part of education and one that will positively impact students for the rest of their lives. By attending class regularly, students have more opportunities to develop good study habits and relationships with their teachers and peers.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
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Attendance Reduced Risk Of Dropouts

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Attendance Improved Academic Performance

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Attendance Higher Chances Of Graduating From College

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Attendance Increase Chances Of Earning Higher Pay

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Attendance Increased Chances Of Receiving Job Related Training

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Attendance Higher Chances Of Earning Certification And Licenses

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Attendance Higher Chances Of Becoming Employed

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Attendance Higher Chances Of Getting Into A Good College

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Attendance Aids In Mental And Physical Development

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Attendance Builds Confidence In Oneself

11

Attendance Helps Students Succeed In Life

Community notices



Scouts NT
Join Scouts
Alawa Scout Group
 65 Lakeside Drive,
 Alawa, NT
 Age Group: 5 to 14 Years

Fun | Friendship | Adventure

Contact: gl.alawa@nt.scouts.com.au



Darwin Languages Centre

Enrol Now - Term 4
AFTER SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLASSES
 YEAR 1 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We have places available for **Beginners & Continuers** in:
 Greek, Japanese, Korean, German, Portuguese & Spanish.

We also have places for **Continuers only** in:
 Auslan, French, Italian, Mandarin & Indonesian.

CLASS FEES \$120 PER TERM

Monday Tuesday Wednesday
 4:00PM - 6:00PM
Saturday
 10:00AM - 12:30PM (MANDARIN ONLY)

Bus collections
 \$6.50 per collection from the following primary schools:
 Anula | Alawa
 Essington | Jingili
 Larrakeyah | Leanger
 Nakara | Nightcliff
 Parap | Stuart Park

BBQ
 Sausage Sizzle & Juice
 \$3.50

Contact us to check availability!

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 8997 7000 / dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au
www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au

Empowering our community to be lifelong learners



NAB AFL AUSKICK RETURNS IN TERM 4

All Term 4 Centres kick off in October!

HEAD TO PLAY AFL/AUSKICK TO FIND YOUR CENTRE!



nab AFL Auskick

 <p>Pint FC Auskick Centre Time: Thursdays 4:30pm - 5:30pm Dates: 19th October - 30th November Venue: DXC Arena, Marrara Who: Anyone aged 5-12 Cost: \$100 (NT Sports Vouchers Accepted)</p>	 <p>Darwin Access All Abilities Auskick Centre Time: Mondays 5:00pm - 5:45pm Dates: 16th October - 13th November Venue: Alawa Oval Who: Anyone aged 5-12 Cost: \$50 (NT Sports Vouchers Accepted)</p>	 <p>Wanderers FC Auskick Centre Time: Tuesdays 4:30pm - 5:30pm Dates: 17th October - 28th November Venue: Anula Oval Who: Anyone aged 5-12 Cost: \$100 (NT Sports Vouchers Accepted)</p>
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For more information contact: joshua.mccarthy@afl.com.au



PLAY FOR KICKS

Superkick is next level fun for 7 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

ANULA SUPERKICK CENTRE
TUESDAYS/4:30PM - 5:30PM

Where: Anula Oval
 Dates: 31st October - 28th November
 Who: Anyone Aged 7-12
 Cost \$50

PLAY Superkick

PLAY AFL/SUPERKICK

Contact: joshua.mccarthy@afl.com.au