

**Week 2: 19th October 2023**

**Principal Update**

Welcome to our Week 2 news.....

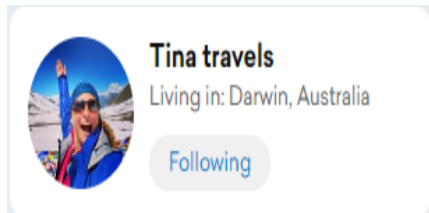
Term 4 is flying by already as our students are busily engaged in our annual standardised assessments for Reading and Maths in Year 1-6.

**Pep Talks**

Over the past 2 weeks I have spent time in each class from Year 3 to Year 6 for our quarterly Pep Talk. While covering as usual our term 3 attendance and behaviour data and celebrating the progress we have all made I have also this term been focussing on the outcomes of our School Review and the Recommendations. The students have been very keen to hear / see the feedback and also discuss the next steps for us at Alawa.



I have also taken the opportunity to share the very special and informative Travel Blog being updated regularly by Ms Stratton as she treks in Nepal—with ALLE as her companion  
For anyone keen to have a look simply go to the Find Penguins



Travel Blog website  
[Travel Tracker And Travel Journal App](#) —  
[FindPenguins](#)

**Community Consultation—our 4 year Improvement Plan**

*We invite parents from the school community to share their views, seek further clarification about our 2024 –2027 Evidence Improvement Plan through open sessions, Everyone is invited to come along to:*

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

Have a fab week,  
**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 2** — Which mountain has Ms Stratton been attempting to climb in the past weeks?  
**[Sandy Cartwright]**



## Assistant Principal Update

Welcome to week 2,

As you are aware Sandy and I have been spending time in the classes delivering our **PEP talks**. Just like in the primary talks we also reflected on events and achievements from last term such as the great feedback our school had from the review. The students learnt that just like students have goals for their learning, so do teachers, and we want this school to be the best it can be. You may have noticed the badges the students were wearing when they came home, which has a visual of the program called the Zones of Regulation. Please take the time to chat with your children about our key messages from our PEP talks.



In week 1 and 2 our students from years Transition to Year 6 participated in **Progressive Achievement Tests: (PAT)**. These assessments are a mandated assessment by the NT Education Department. The purpose of PAT is to provide student achievement and growth data in Maths and Reading at a student, class, school and system level. This information is used by our teachers to determine achievement levels as well as each child's next steps for learning. Tests use a personalised pathway to determine your child's ability in Reading and Maths. The Adaptive test accurately assesses a student during the test by continuously adapting the questions to fit their overall level of achievement. If a student answers a question correctly, they receive a harder one; if they answer incorrectly, they get an easier one.

I continue to carry out interviews for new Preschool families for next year. We currently have spaces in the Preschool and are open to enrolments out of zone. Our Playgroup sessions also continue to be held in the Preschool. If your child is beginning next year, please join us each Friday at 9:30 where your child can make new friends and become familiar with the Preschool environment.

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

Thursday 26th October	Preschool Orientation Session	5:00pm—6:00pm
Friday 27th October	Assembly hosted by Year 2 Chamberlain	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
Wednesday 8th November	Transition Parent Night	5:00pm—6:00pm
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	NTLC Pitch to the Minister Day Learning Commission	All day
Wednesday 15th November	Preschool Orientation Session	1:30pm—2:30pm
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

## Playgroup

Welcome back everyone. Playgroup is back on this Friday 20th October .

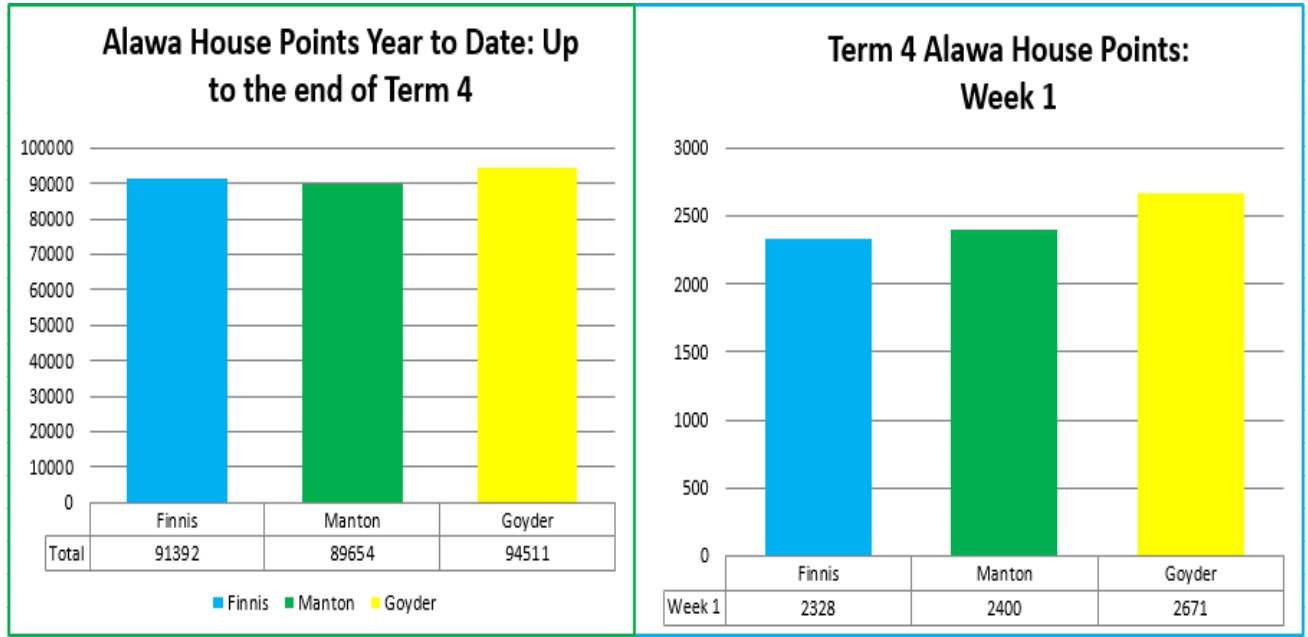
Playgroup is a great place for kids to enjoy new experiences, develop language and use their Imagination. I am looking forward to having new and existing families back. Let's have some fun!!!

**Miss Erin [Playgroup Coordinator]**

### 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 1 of Term 4 Goyder was ahead with 2671 points!**  
**In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 94511 points!**

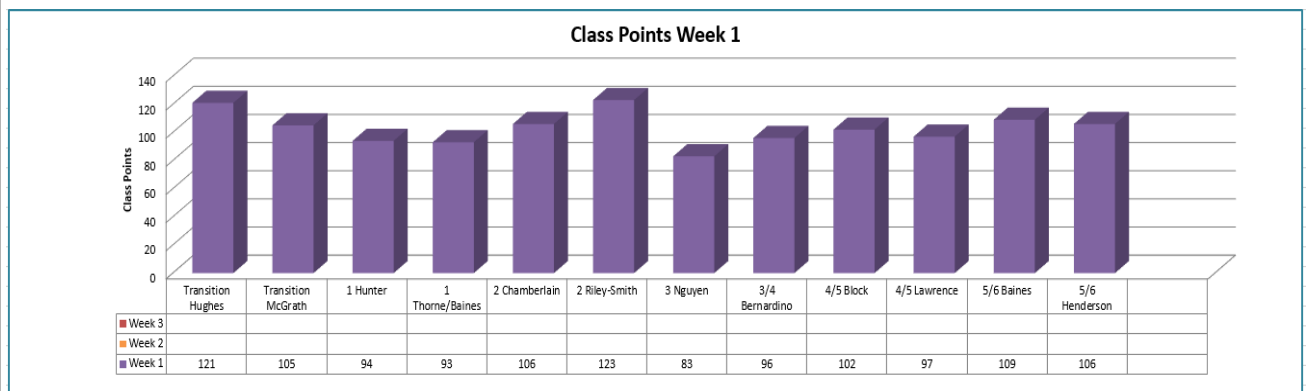


### Class Points

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

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

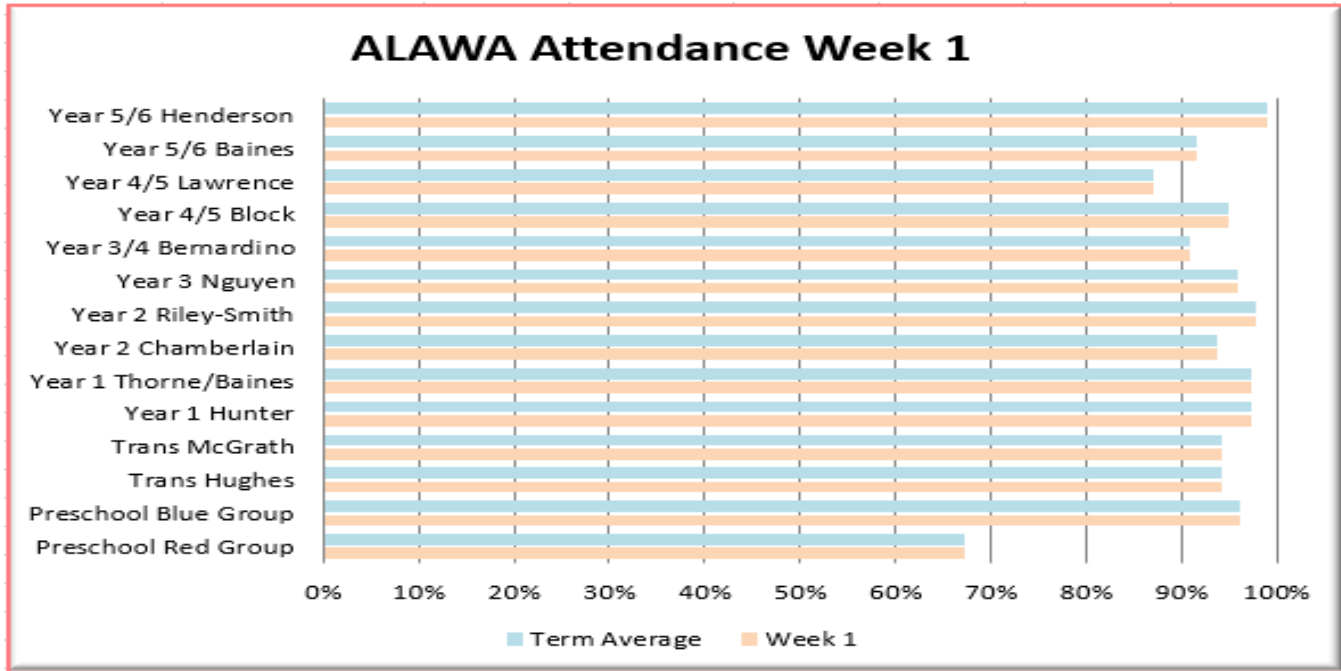
**The class with the most points in Week 1 of Term 4 was....2 Riley-Smith with 123 points !!!**



## Attendance

Primary School Average for Week 1 Term 4: **94.10%**

The class with the highest attendance for Week 1: **5/6 Henderson with 99.07%!!! Amazing job!!!**

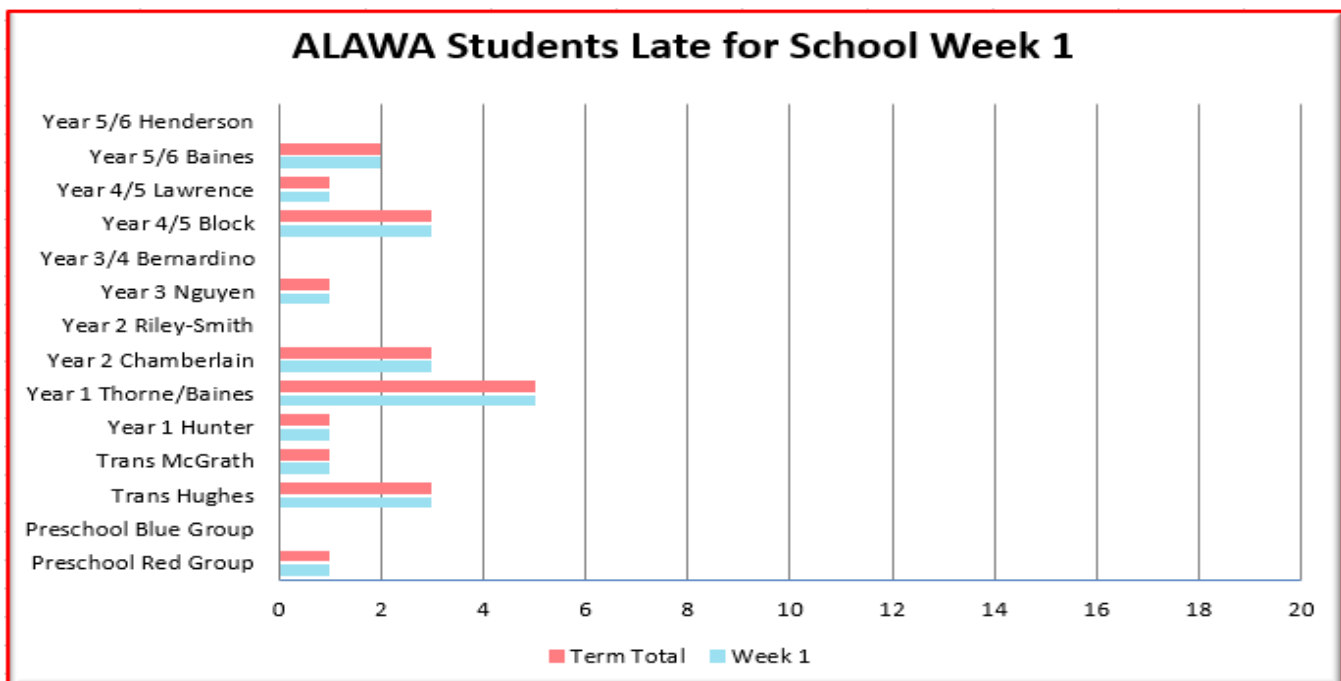


## Lates

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

There were 21 lates in Week 1!

For Week 1 it was *fabuloso* to see NO lates at all for **2 Riley-Smith, 3/4 Bernardino and 5/6 Henderson!**

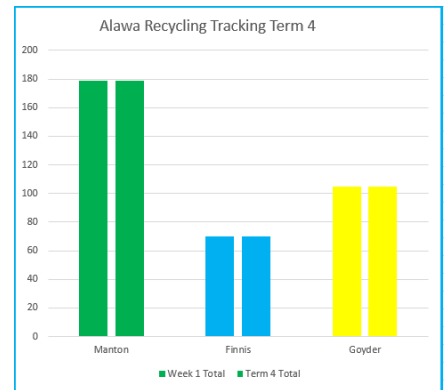




## Recycling

**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.



## Farm news

Over the holidays sadly the black rabbit, Oreo, died of old age. We have still got Duke. We hatched Muscovy Ducklings and Mixed Breed Chicks. You can visit the farm and buy one for \$15.

First week back for Term 4 has been an amazing week in Year 2. We had the multi-disciplinary Larrakia Artist, Nadine Lee, visit us and share her amazing skills and First Nations knowledge.

We were fortunate enough to learn how to harvest bark from the Farms Native Hibiscus [*Hibiscus tiliaceus*] that we will weave into bracelets over the next few weeks.

After the lesson we shared in some bush tucker that Nadine prepared earlier including a Magpie goose stew and some bush medicine [*Morinda citrifolia*] drink. The lesson focus was based around changing materials in Science, and what a privilege to have such an engaging and knowledgeable guest to help us learn on the Farm. This was funded through the Federal Government Wellbeing Grant.

**Larrakia Season:  
Dalirrgang. Build up time.  
A few hints at the rain  
coming, please apply  
mosquito repellent at  
home on farm days!**



## Library news

Our last Book Club of the year went home last Friday and orders are due back by **Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October**. You can view the catalogue and order online through the Scholastic Bookclub website at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP), download the LOOP app From [Google Play](#) or from the [App Store](#). In fact, if you check out the Loop app you will find an extra 50 titles not included in the print catalogue. Alternatively you can return your order form and payment to the office. Spare catalogues will be available at the office if you missed out on getting one.

**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.

### In the Spotlight:

Football Superstars [pages 1 and 4 of Issue 7 Catalogue]. Each book in this series focuses on a different Football [Soccer] star, their life and career. It is a great introduction to biographies and suitable for ages 8-12.

Football Superstars is a series aimed at building a love of reading from a young age, with fun cartoons, inspirational stories, a simple narrative style and a cast of characters chipping in with quotes, jokes and comments [[allenandunwin.com](http://allenandunwin.com)]



**Sacha Evans [Library and ICT Manager]**

## Welcome to Alawa: Mr Corey Daniels

Hi Alawa Community,

My name is Corey Daniels and I have really enjoyed my first week at Alawa, where the kids and staff have certainly made me feel welcomed. I come to Alawa with my partner Meg from Swan Hill in Country Victoria.

As a teacher, I really enjoy making connections with the students and ensuring that they go home with a smile each day and seeing the growth in their learning. Outside of school, I really enjoy my sports, playing football [AFL], cricket and golf, as well as travelling, exploring and eating nice foods. Thanks Alawa for welcoming me to your school and I look forward to meeting lots of you.

Thanks

**Corey Daniels**



## **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 each 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:***

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## 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:

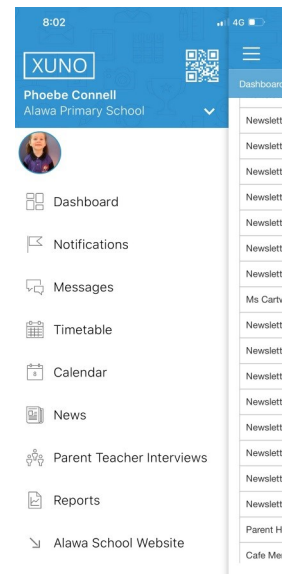
- ⇒ Portal [Access to messaging, student reports and the school calendar of events, News messages and newsletters]
- ⇒ Email notifications
- ⇒ School Visitor Kiosk
- ⇒ Parent Teacher Interview used by Preschool families for the recent SLC's]
- ⇒ Incident tracker [Sick Bay, behaviour, Gala days, awards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



## Preschool news

The preschoolers have settled into Term 4 and are enjoying exploring new investigation areas both indoors and outdoors. Last term box construction on the verandah became a really popular investigation space during outdoor time. Children utilized available boxes, collage materials and tools such as tape and glue to bring to life all sorts of imaginative ideas. This term box construction is looking just as popular, and our box collection is disappearing as fast as it is restocked!

We would appreciate any donations of clean boxes of all varieties including cereal boxes, egg cartons, biscuit, and snack boxes etc. We cannot wait to see the magnificent creations the preschool children will construct this term.



**The Preschool Team**

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

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

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School Email: [alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au](mailto: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:

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



Email us if you can help out!!!!

[alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au)

## Honour Award Students last week



*Congratulations!!!*





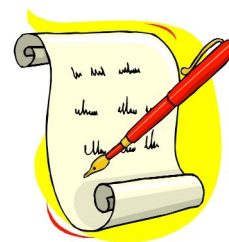
### 3 Nguyen News

It's hard to believe we're already in the last term of Year 3!

During the past week, Year 3 Nguyen enjoyed reconnecting after the holidays. We shared our holiday experiences and discussed and reaffirmed our classroom rules and expectations.

This week in Year 3, we have been revising our persuasive writing to prepare us for Real-Time Writing in Week 3. Students have been introduced to our poetry unit. We will be spending time analysing poetic devices and creating our own poems in the upcoming weeks.

**LOOK  
WHAT'S  
NEW!**



### 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.

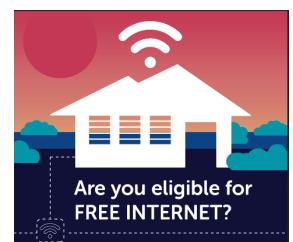
There are many ways families can nominate for the SSBI.

- 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au)  
using the Online Order Code below:

**23S5056PC46A**

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](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)



## Hot tips

## About anxiety

### Anxiety and mental health in children

Fearful and anxious behaviour is common in children. Most children learn to cope with a range of normal fears and worries. However, extra help may be needed when:

- children feel anxious more than other children of their age and level
- anxiety stops them participating in activities at school or socially
- anxiety interferes with their ability to do things that other children their age do easily
- the fears and worries seem out of proportion to the issues in their life.

When children become anxious more easily, more often and more intensely than other children, they may be diagnosed with an anxiety disorder. The most common anxiety disorders in children of primary school age are Phobias, Generalised Anxiety Disorder and Separation Anxiety. Research estimates that between approximately two and nine per cent of children and adolescents in Australia have anxiety disorders.

## How you can help

Parents and other adults can help by supporting children to be brave. In order to be brave children need to have skills for understanding and managing their feelings. They need to learn about helpful thinking that they can use to encourage themselves to have a go, and they need to gradually build up their confidence by taking on small challenges.



## Donations for Vinnies Christmas Hampers

In the past our school has been a supporter of the St Vincent de Paul Society NT community works.

This year we are facilitating a 'Donation Point' by collecting toys and non-perishable goods on behalf of Vinnies until the week of Monday the 11th of December.

If you have any donations please feel free to drop them off in the Front Office. Everyone's help would be greatly appreciated.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
good works

**Vinnies SEEKING CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS**

*Ideas...*

**FOR CHILDREN** Baby to age 16  
New Toys, Books, Games, Gift Cards, Movie Vouchers

**FOR FAMILIES** Baked beans or spaghetti  
Canned spam, bully beef, ham  
Non-perishable Canned fruit, vegetables  
Don't melt Breakfast cereals, jams, honey  
Festive feel Coffee, mito, tea, condensed milk  
Rice, pasta, simmer sauces  
Pretzels, nuts, dried fruit, salty plums  
Cracker biscuits, chips  
Gingerbread, jelly, lollies  
Toiletry items

St Vincent de Paul Society  
NT Community Works

All donations go to Vinnies during the month of December!  
WHERE AND WHEN TO GIVE YOUR GIFTS  
Vinnies Stores & Conferences (St Marys, St Pauls, Holy Spirit, Holy Family) or Society Partners  
Collections close on Monday 11th of December 2023 | (08) 6948 8113



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](mailto:gl.alawa@nt.scouts.com.au)

**Darwin Languages Centre**

Hi! 嗨  
Hola!

## 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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**NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT**  
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[www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au](http://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!

**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)

**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)

**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)

For more information contact: [joshua.mccarthy@afl.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:joshua.mccarthy@afl.com.au)