

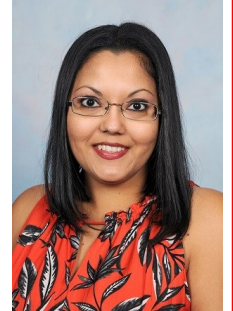


Week 4 : 10 May 2023

Principal Update

Dear families,

We had a special guest visitor to our school last Thursday. Education Minister, Eva Lawler and local MLA, Joel Bowden paid a visit to the school. Upon arrival our guests were greeted and presented with flowers and farm produce by our School Captains and Vice School Captains. The minister spent some time meeting and talking to the leadership team about our school improvement agenda and future projects. I spoke about the council's plans to build a toilet facility to our existing library and how this would improve accessibility to our library during and after school hours especially since we often rent out the space to other businesses. The Minister was very interested and asked for plans and submissions to be passed on. I will keep you posted if there are any updates. I also spoke about the need for Primary schools to have greater access to support services such as play therapist and counsellors for students with social and emotional needs.



Our student leadership then took the Minister on a tour of the school showcasing the Mindfulness Room, farm, kitchen, café and library. She was very impressed and said Alawa was an outstanding school!

Over the last couple of weeks, a group of students from Year 5 and 6 attended the Media Enrichment Program at Dripstone Middle School. The project focuses on using Green Screen technology to create movies. Our students have been working on making a short movie about themselves using this technology. This week, we also had a group of 8 students attend the Maths Enrichment Program at Dripstone Middle School. Transition programs such as these are such a valuable experience for the students.

Warm regards,

Bianca Hyke [Acting Principal]

Assistant Principal Update

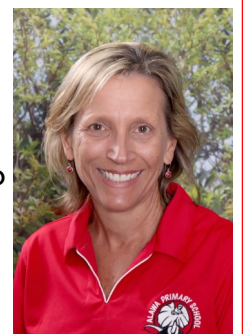
To all families,

The Australia Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for developing and overseeing the National Assessment Program (NAP) It is required to develop assessments and administering it in all participating schools. Our school has been chosen to participate in the NAP Science Literacy sample assessment. This includes our Year 6 students. This assessment will take place on Thursday next week.

In the parent survey last year, parents and carers expressed concerns over their child's ability to manage their emotions and to self-regulate. Our Wellbeing team has responded to this feedback by discussing how we can support families in this area. We are pleased to invite you to a Parent Information session which will occur on the 22nd of May. Please see details in our flyer in our newsletter.

Have a wonderful week.

Gen Donohue [Assistant Principal]



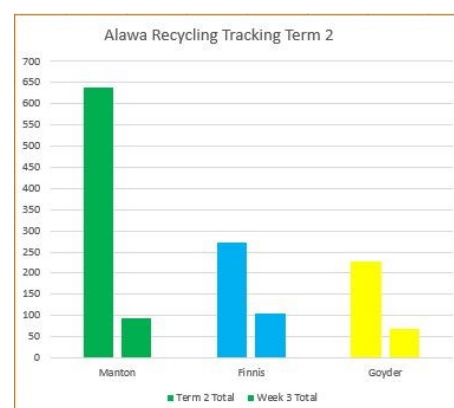
Calendar of events

Wednesday 10 May	Bootcamp—students, families and staff	8:15-8:45
Friday 12 May	Assembly hosted by Year 2 Riley-Smith, followed by Morning Tea for families of hosting class.	8:40am
Wednesday 17 May	Bootcamp—students, families and staff	8:15-8:45
Friday 19 May	AFL Gala day	All day
Monday 22 May	School Council meeting	5:30pm
Wednesday 24 May	Bootcamp—students, families and staff	8:15-8:45
Friday 26 May	Assembly hosted by Transition Hughes, followed by morning tea for families of hosting class. Slime Spectacular	8:40am 1pm– 2:30pm
Wednesday 7 June	800m races and field events—Year 3-6 only	8:40am—10:30am
Thursday 8 June	Masterchef	3:30pm
Friday 9 June	Sports day	All day
Monday 12 June	Public Holiday—Kings Birthday. NO SCHOOL	All day
Wednesday 14—Friday 16 June	Year 5/6 Camp	All day
Monday 19 June	School Council meeting	5:30pm
Wednesday 21 June	Preschool Bikeathon	9am-10:30am
Thursday 22 June	Assembly hosted by Year 4/5 Lawrence, followed by morning tea for families of hosting class. Last day of Term 2	8:40am All day
Friday 23 June	Pupil Free day	All day

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.



Sporting Schools

This term the kids are enjoying basketball once a week with coaches from DBA.

The afterschool AFL Program is also progressing well. Over the last few weeks the students were able to enhance their skills.

1st week focus was handballing.

2nd week - kicking

3rd week - marking and defending

The final week is this Thursday 11/5 & hopefully a game will be played.



Ms Gina [Sporting Schools coordinator]

Playgroup

Such a lovely day at playgroup on Friday! Down to the farm we went as we were all eager to meet the new baby chicks! How cute they were with all their different colours of fluffy fluff. We all took turns at saying hello, then we were off again, taking our parents and grandparents to visit the other farm animals. We talked to the goats, checked on the fish, and peeked in the cages to find the guinea pigs and rabbits. As we made our way around the farm we pointed out the plants and fruits that we know. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful farm!



Back at the pre-school room we enjoyed playing with lots of sea creatures and farm animals. We were very good at identifying lots of different creatures of the ocean. We also loved playing with the horses in the little wooden farm house and of course practicing our puzzle skills. So many things to keep us busy in the pre-school room and in the pre-school playground, it's always such a fun time to be with our friends and for our parents to chat.

This Friday we may do some baking. Looking forward to seeing you then!

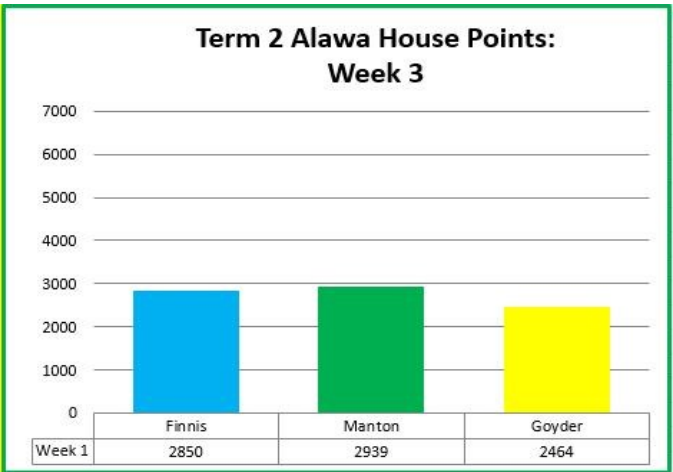
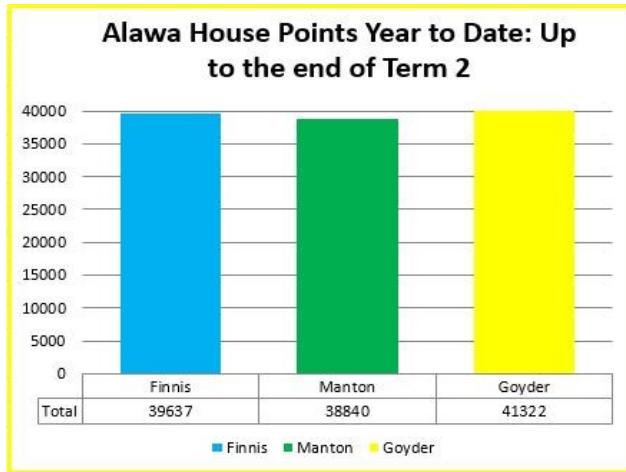
Ms Erin [Playgroup co-ordinator]

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 3 of Term 2 Manton was ahead with 2732 points!

In the lead for the Term is Goyder with 41322 points!



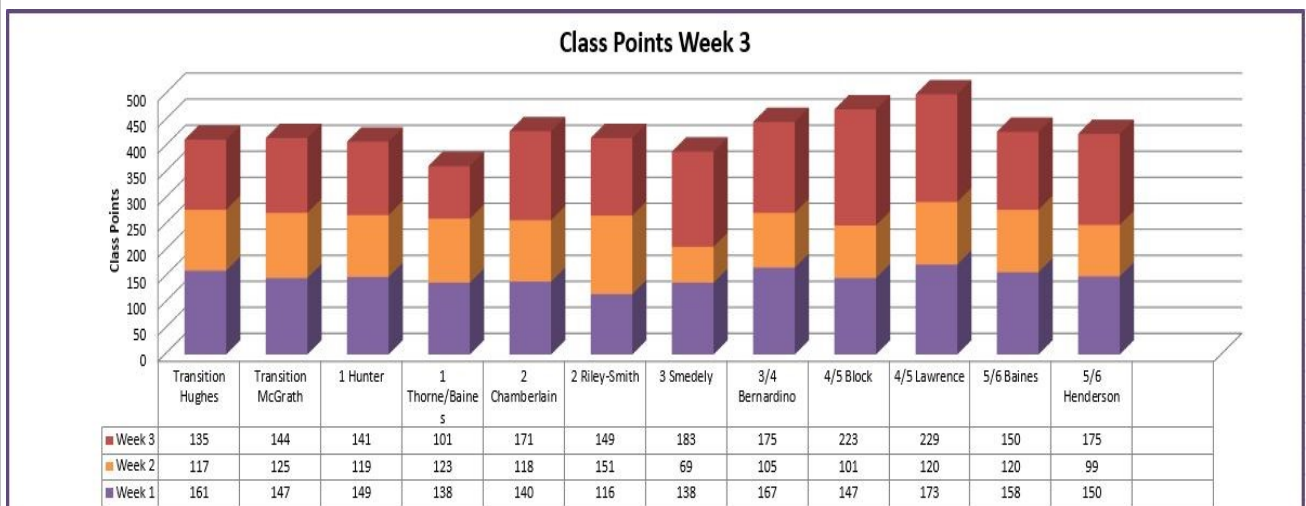
Class Points

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 Mrs Hyke 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 3 of Term 2 was...4/5 Lawrence with 229 points!!!

The winning class for Weeks 1-3 was...4/5 Lawrence with 522 points!!!

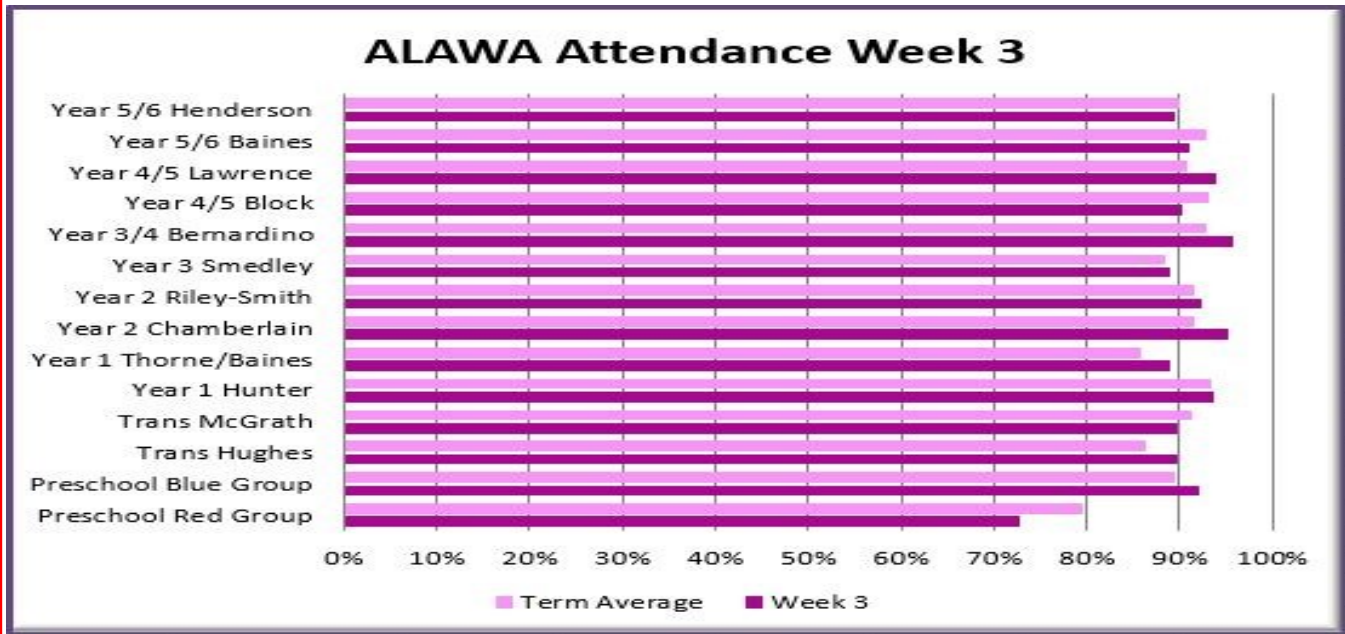


Attendance

Primary School Average for Week 3 Term 2: **91.64%**

The class with the highest attendance for Week 3: **3/4 Bernardino with 95.79%!!! Amazing job!!!**

In the lead for this term...**1 Hunter with 93.43%!!!**



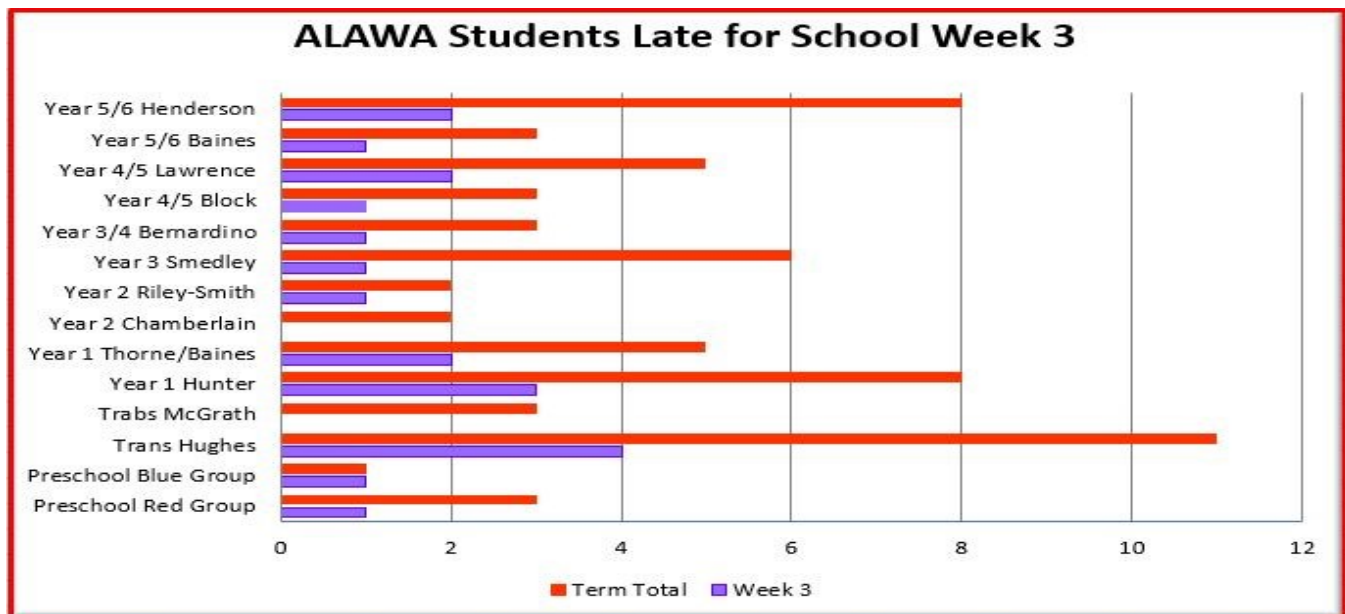
Lates

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

There were 20 lates in Week 3!

For Week 3 the classes with the least lates were: **Transition McGrath and 2 Chamberlain with 0 lates each!!!**

In the lead for the this term...**Preschool Blue with 1 late!!!**



Honour Distinction Award

Last week we celebrated another Honour Distinction Student. It was great to see Makayla's family at assembly to see her receive her Award.

Principal Makayla had this to say: At first I was a little nervous but once I started walking around handing out merits it was really exciting. I was really proud of myself. I handed out merits and stickers, visited classes with my friends like preschool, kitchen and art. Congratulations Principal Makayla, you did a fabulous job.



Honour Awards—To be presented Friday 12th May

This Friday at Assembly 27 students will be presented with Honour Awards in recognition of receiving 10 Merit Awards—Congratulations! We will also celebrate our Honour Distinction Award winner Gabby McCrae!

Emily Tannock	Jarrah Bebbington	Kayden Taylor	Jett Brenton
Lestari Smith	Maebe Thomson	Gabby Lee	Marley Petterson
Rosie Cleary	Ava Mansell	Ali Hunter	Lachlan Li
Chloe Carlsund	Arlo Whitmee	Henry Vidins	Xavier Cockfield
Reilly Tanner	Matilda Cleary	Alexandra Vidins	Ingrid O'Donoghue
Jaxon Lee	Rosemary Gurruwiwi	Jace Crawford	Josiah Wolstenholme
Lydia McCready	Rafael Clark	Emilia Carrillo	



How can we support our children to identify emotions?

What is happening in the body?

What tools can be used to self-regulate?

Parent Information Night

Please join us for a presentation from Grant Russell. He is an educator who delivers professional learning in supporting students with additional and emotional support needs.

Where: Alawa School Library

When: Monday 22 May
5:00pm

Behaviour and Emotional Regulation

Farm news

This term, we hatched 20 Baby Chicks. Some mixed breed and some Belgium Duccles. They're all growing well and the children are loving watching them cheep and jump under the heat lamp. Please let us know if you have a heat lamp and would like to care for some of them over a weekend.



Vermiculture: The students in Transition and year 1 are currently learning about how to care for worms. The worm farm is an ongoing learning experience for the children to learn the importance of sustainable practices.



This week students from transition and year 1 got to explore the setup of a worm farm. They eagerly sifted through castings to fill the new worm bed with worms! Here is a photo of a student, that recognised the letter 'S' made by a worm's body.

The classes have been fantastic at saving their lunchbox scraps to feed the worms. A special shout out to year 1 Hunter for all their amazing bags of worm food!

We always appreciate food scraps from home! Thank you to every family who continues to bring compostable scraps in or take time to feed our chickens through the fence.

Mrs Cleary and Farmer Bob



SLIME RUN SCHEDULE - FRI 26TH MAY 2023

ON THE DAY- Students wear white/Slime Run shirt [any sleeved shirt child is wearing for the Slime Run] to school and bring a towel.

8:30-10:30- Trans Hughes Assembly and learning as per usual.

Time	What
10:50am	House Points Muster [points given to students wearing white/Slime Run shirt]
11-12pm	Class as per usual
12-12:10pm	Eating time
12-10-12:40pm	Play time
12:40-1pm	Students to go back to classroom. 2 nd Roll Call. Students to pack bags, fill water bottles. Headbands and sunglasses will be given to each student. Students take bags to quadrangle.
1-1:25pm	<i>*Shoes and socks will be removed and left in the quadrangle with student's bags</i> SLIME THE TEACHER event in quadrangle [1:10pm]. Whole School Slime Run Safety Talk and Cha-Cha Slide warm up. class group to their starting station.
1:30-2:30pm	Slime RUN and FUN FUN FUN
2:30pm	Slime Run Activities STOP
2:30pm	Pack up equipment and all classes to assemble in Quadrangle icy poles and dismissal on the bell. Please be aware students will be covered in SLIME and water.

SLIME THE TEACHER

How this works?

Listen up kids, would you love the chance to pour a bucket of slime all over a teacher's head?

If you answered YES, this is your lucky day.

For every kid that raises the following amounts they will go in a draw to win the opportunity to slime the teacher.

If you raise over **\$100**, 5 lucky students will be drawn to slime 5 teachers.

If you raise over **\$300**, 1 lucky student will be drawn to slime Mr Joel Bowden [Member for Johnston]

If you raise over **\$500**, 2 lucky students will be drawn to slime Mrs. Donohue & Mrs Hyke.

If you raise over **\$1000**, 1 lucky student will be drawn to slime Ms. Cartwright, in Week 1 Term 3.

Cutoff date for Slime the Teacher will be COB Monday 22nd May.

Drawing of students to occur Tuesday 23rd May at recess muster.

Sliming of Teachers will occur in quadrangle at 1:10pm Fri 26th May.



SLIME SPECTACULAR 2023

Get your slime on, Alawa Primary School is hosting a Slime Spectacular School Fun Run fundraiser!

This term we are fundraising for ICT Upgrades and iPad replacements in classrooms with a Slime Spectacular School Fun Run with Australian Fundraising!

The Slime Spectacular School Fun Run will be on Friday 26th May from 1:30-2:30pm.

Not only are we hosting an awesome slime event, but Students can also order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match!

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes by Wed 24th May.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student – it could be you!
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

If you have any questions about-

- Online sponsorship, contact Miss Sharon Jennings via alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au
- Volunteering on the day, contact Miss Sharon Jennings via alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au
- All other enquiries, contact Ms. Bernardino via alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au

Happy fundraising Slimesters!

Ms. Bernardino on behalf of the Slime Spectacular Team

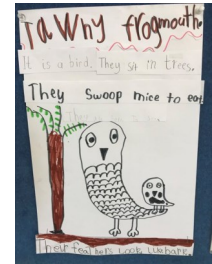
Classroom news — Year 1 Thorne/Baines



Year 1 Thorne-Baines all had a great holiday and have settled back into learning this Term. In English we have been learning about information texts and how they are different to stories we read. We love our daily writing and are starting to use dictionaries to find correct spelling and interesting words .



Here is a factual poster made in our literacy group. We hope you learn something about the Tawny Frogmouth. We are all starting our own reports next week!



Year 1 Thorne/Baines

Weekly Farm award

This year we are celebrating 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.

Last weeks winner was.....Transition Hughes!!!

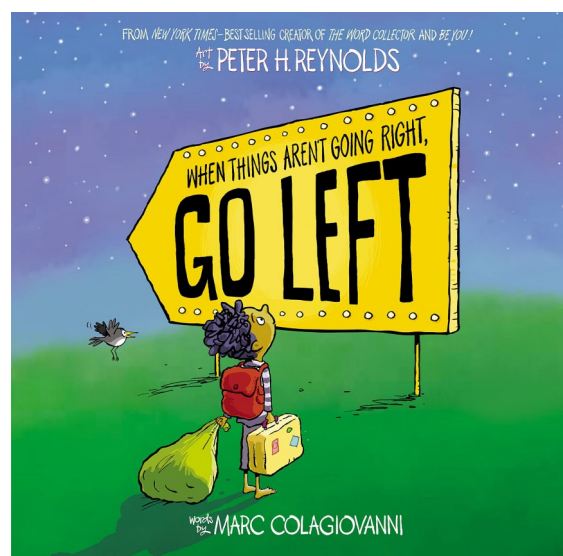


Library news

Book Review: When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left

I came across this book on a recent visit to the Bookshop Darwin and absolutely love it. Over the years I have attended workshops around resiliency and talked to many different people about strategies to overcome the speedbumps that crop up in life. This book provides inspiration, affirmation and reassurance to the reader while providing an opportunity for discussion around how we can direct our own path.

Have a great week and Happy Reading 📖

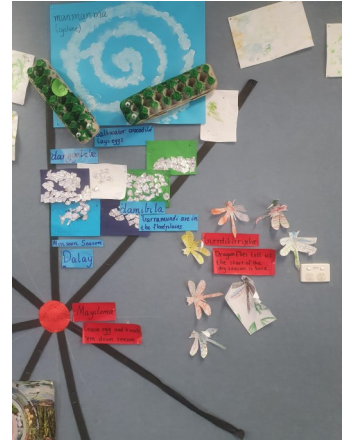


Miss Sacha [Library Teacher]

Preschool news



In Preschool Red we have been exploring the Larrakia seasons of Darwin. So far we have explored Dalay, the monsoon season and it is now Mayilema, the goose egg and knock 'em down season. The mayilema (spear grass) gets knocked down by the winds and the birrdibirripba (dragonflies) signify the start of the dry. We have seen lots around the school!



Preschool Team

Angela Henschke, Emma Churchman, Kelly Crawford and Flor Hodgson

Mother's Day Raffle

Mother's Day Raffle
With over \$1,500 worth of prizes to be won!
\$2 per ticket
[write name and phone number]
Full Prize List Include:

- Mother's day monster basket
- Greene's Eco Friendly pack
- Priceline Sukin gift pack
- Tony & Guy hair pack
- Sunday gift pack
- Pet Portrait
- Airport Tavern voucher
- Stationary gift pack
- Robin's Kitchen Cookware
- QBD bookstore
- Carlee Hair Design cut and blow wave
- Woolworths voucher
- Rainforest Florist gift pack
- T2 gift pack
- Beauty Queen gift card
- Foreshore Café voucher
- Nail Lovers voucher

Raffle drawn at assembly on Friday 12th May

Last week students came home with raffle tickets for our Mother's Day Raffle. Don't miss out on great prizes to be won!!

Please support this great fundraising initiative run by the SRC by purchasing a ticket for \$2.

We have plenty of extra tickets at the front office... you gotta be in it to win it!!!

The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 12th May.

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 4—What language is spoken in Egypt?





SRC MOTHER'S DAY STALL

THE SRC WILL HAVE A VARIETY OF SMALL ITEMS
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THEIR ANNUAL
MOTHER'S DAY STALL

STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE A SPECIAL
MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BETWEEN \$1.00 - \$5.00

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY - FRIDAY 12TH MAY

BEFORE AND AFTER 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 bolognese small serve \$4.50 or large serve \$6.50 /Gluten Free Spaghetti \$6.50 [Wed & Thu only]

Wednesday – Vietnamese rice paper rolls - \$6.50

Thursday – Scandinavian meatballs and mash \$6.50

Friday – Pork roast and gravy roll—\$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

Volunteers needed

We are currently seeking volunteers to help with the Slime Spectacular and Sport's Day events coming up. If you are interested please send an email to alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au or call the office on 89 977 666.



Community notices



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