

## Principal Update

Welcome to our Week 6 news.....

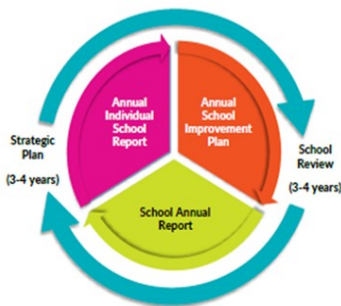
Busy times continue at Alawa—we certainly appreciate how so many of you stay in touch, respond to our various communications and ensure we know of things impacting your families so we can do our best to support.



### External School Review: This week at Alawa

As shared through the recent newsletter the Department of Education and Alawa Primary School have a strong commitment to performance and improvement and recognise the important relationship between school leadership, quality teaching, student learning, and community involvement.

The Review is an opportunity to review and reflect on our current practice, areas for improvement and evidence of progress made towards improving the quality of teaching and learning and student outcomes.



Our review concludes this afternoon [Thursday 24th] and the Review Team will be sharing their Executive Summary with staff after school. Next Monday I will then share this with School Council. Huge thanks to all the parents / carers who came along and spoke with the Review team earlier this week. We will then be using the Report along with the 2023 Perception Survey feedback to inform the development of our 2024-2027 School Improvement Plan. Stay tuned for further updates in the Newsletter.



### Student Led Conferences

It is that time again when families are invited into school for a chat with your child and their teachers. This is the opportunity for you to share their successes, their challenges and their plans for moving forward.

See further in the newsletter for details re booking directly online.

**Have you booked in yet?**

**Don't disappoint your child!**



### Early Years Swimming Program

Initial notes regarding dates, costing etc have gone home this week with children Preschool—Year 2. Please return ASAP so we have an idea of numbers intending for their children to take up this very valuable opportunity.

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 6** — What are you looking forward to with our upcoming Alawa Spectacular—Under the Big Top?

[**Sandy Cartwright**]



## Assistant Principal Update

Welcome to Week 6

It has been a busy time with our review taking place this week. Our whole school community has been given the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions about our school. The reviewers will recognise and celebrate our achievements as well as provide valuable feedback to assist us in determining steps forward to make our school an even better place.



**2023 Enrolments:** It is that time of year when we begin looking at enrolments for next year. Please ensure you have informed the front office if you have a younger child beginning school next year so they are on our enrolment list. We have started interviewing new families/students to our school. If you already know that you will be leaving Alawa next year please contact your classroom teacher or the front office.

We began our ***Bee A great reader Book challenge*** this week which is our huge whole school focus on reading. I hope you have seen our short clip with Ms Stratton which was put up on Youtube and shared with our classes to kick start enthusiasm for reading. We will be having reading sessions from teachers in the library at lunch, reading over the PA, reading at muster and our whole school community Bookcamp. See our flyer in this newsletter for more info.

Just a heads up, the SRC will also be organising a special bacon and egg breakfast on Wednesday in Week 8 just before our Bookcamp. Dad's please keep this morning free to join us for a free bacon and egg breaky. This will be free for Dad's, and just a gold coin donation for others.

Have a wonderful week

***Genevieve Donohue [Assistant Principal]***

## STEM news—Year 1 Thorne/Baines

Recently the students in Year 1 Thorne/Baines spent time in the STEM room.

The students had to collaboratively work in groups to firstly design and build a bridge to support a toy car; and secondly build a raft that could transport the gingerbread man safely across the river.

The students had a great time creating, exploring and collaborating as teams.



## Calendar of events

Friday 25 August	Assembly hosted by Year 3N followed by morning tea for parents and carers	8:40am
Monday 28 August	School Council meeting	5:30pm
Thursday 31 August	Whole School Performance & Community Night [Alawa Spectacular]	5-7pm
Wednesday 6 September	BookCamp Fathers day breakfast BEAT Festival: Alawa Choir performing	8:30-8:45am TBA Evening
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
Wednesday 12 September	BookCamp	8:30-8:45am
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 Survey

This is a friendly reminder to complete the NT School Survey. It is important that you take the time to complete the survey before it closes at midnight Friday 9th September.

The School Survey is simple and easy to access, taking less than 20 minutes to complete. It can be conducted online or you can request a printed version from your school. The results of the survey will help inform your school about your experiences and provide valuable information about what it is doing well and where it can improve.

For further information or to request assistance in completing the survey, please contact the front office or see email sent from our Xuno Parent Portal.

## School Survey 2023

8–25 August



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

The annual School Survey is your opportunity to share your experiences with your school and its education services to celebrate success and identify opportunities for improvement.

It's confidential, easy to access and takes 10–20 minutes to complete.

Please contact your school to access your School Survey.

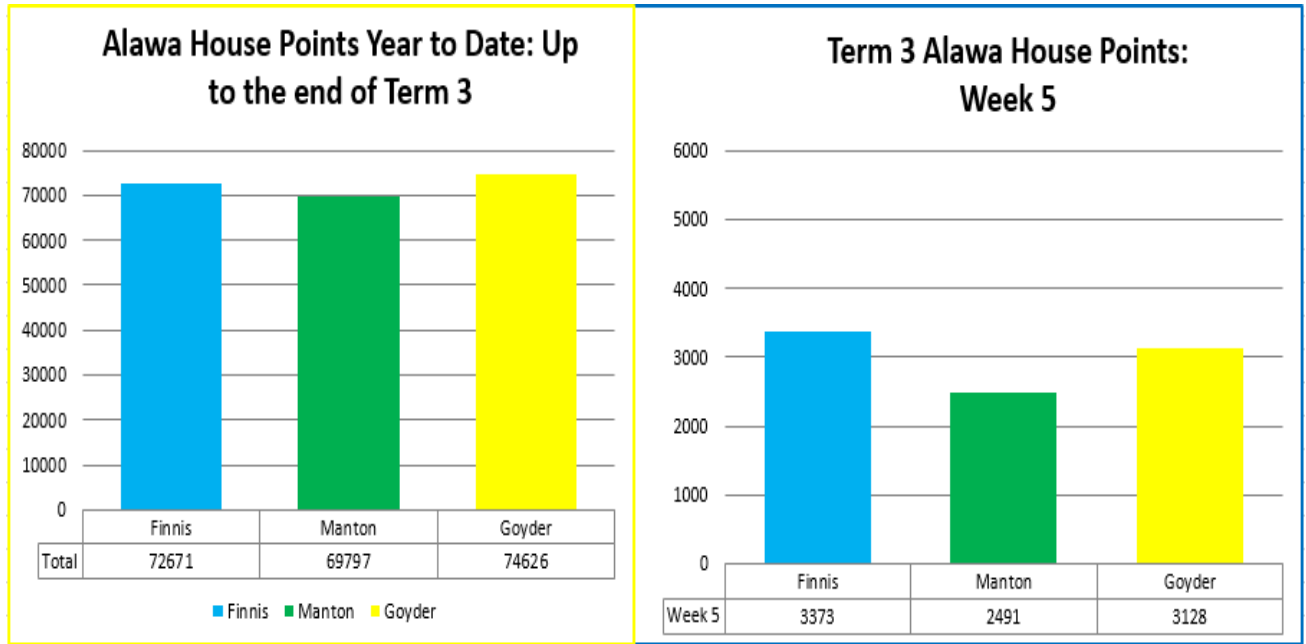
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### House points

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 5 of Term 3 Finnis was ahead with 3373 points!**  
**In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 74626 points!**

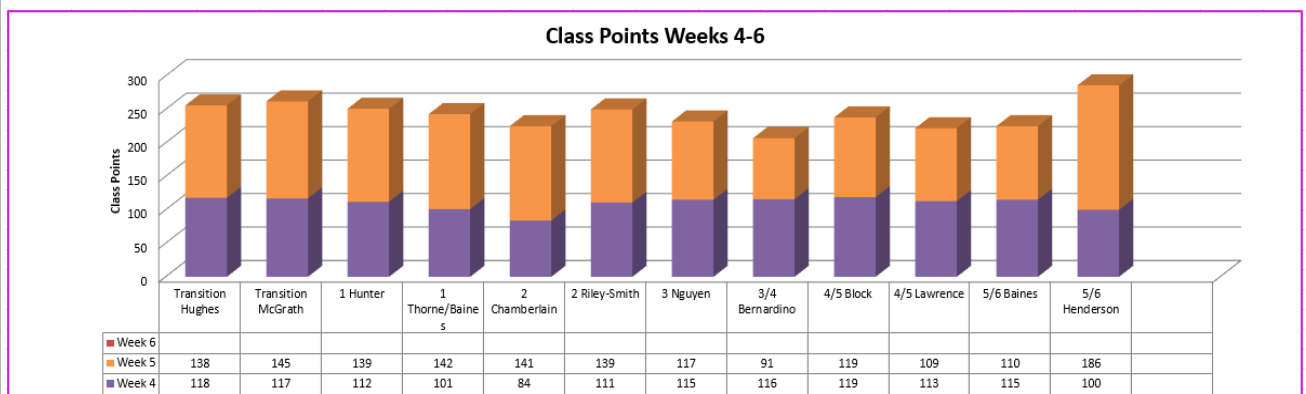


### Class Points

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 5 of Term 3 was.....5/6 Henderson with 186 points !!!**

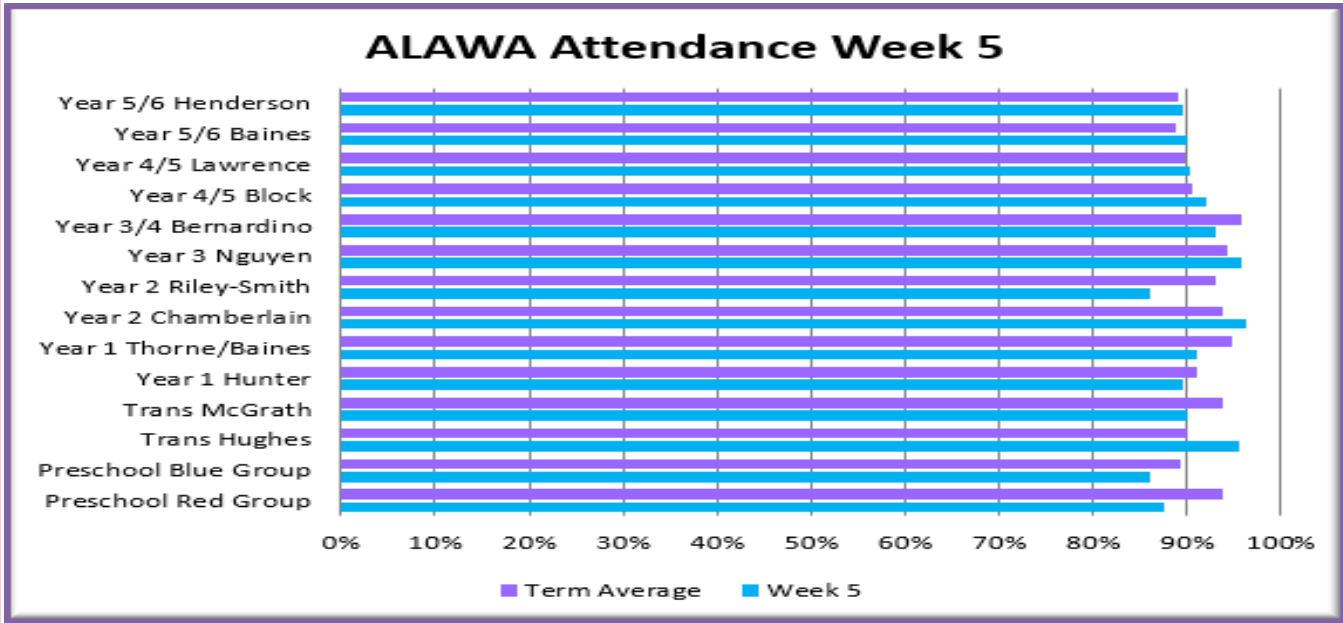


## Attendance

Primary School Average for Week 5 Term 3: **90.90%**

The class with the highest attendance for Week 5: **2 Chamberlain with 96.19%!!! Amazing job!!!**

In the lead for Term 3...**3/4 Bernardino with 95.84%!!!**



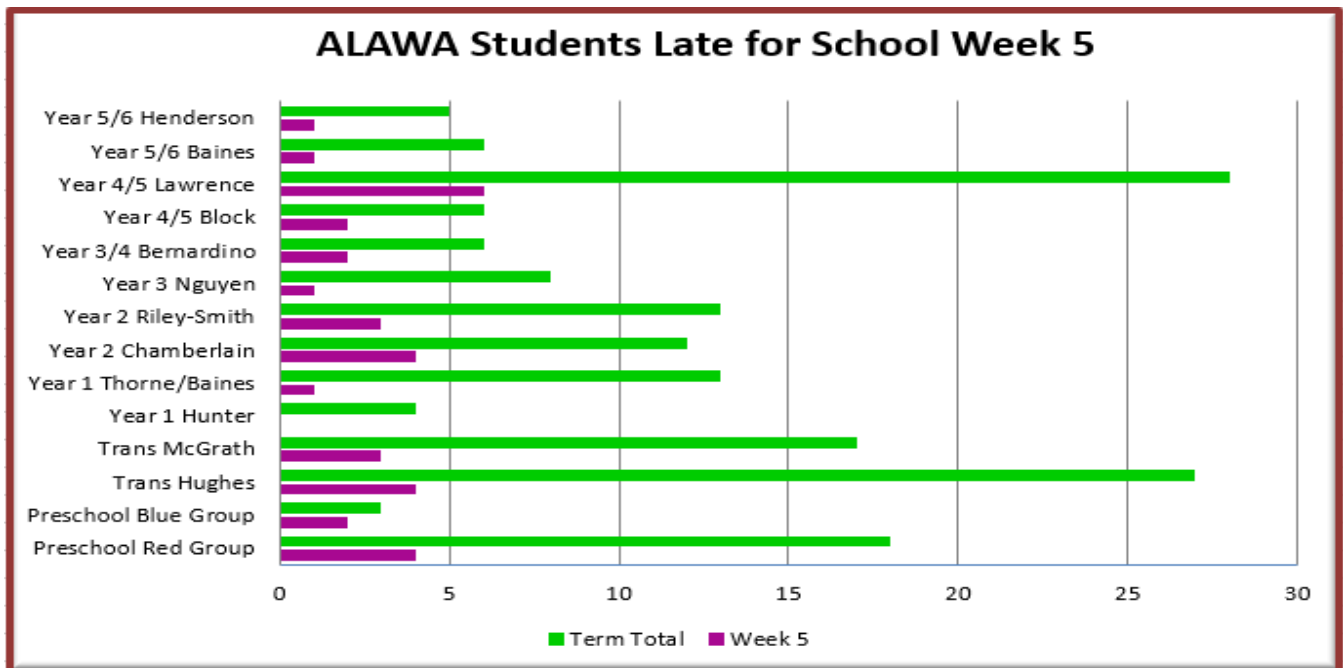
## Lates

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

There were 34 lates in Week 5!

For Week 5 the class with the least lates was: **1 Hunter with 1 late!!!**

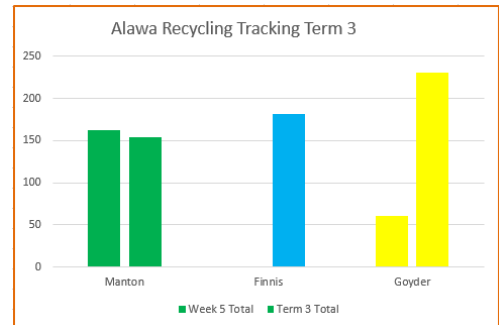
In the lead for Term 3... **Preschool Blue with 3 lates!!!**



## 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.



## Camp news—Year 3/4

Planning is well underway for a fun-filled camping trip at Tumbling Waters for the 3/4's! We cannot wait to see the beaming faces of our young campers as they embark on this thrilling outdoor experience.



As our students step into this natural oasis, they will have the opportunity to connect with the great outdoors, immerse themselves in the beauty of nature, and foster a deeper appreciation for the world around them. Our enthusiastic team of teachers and staff are meticulously planning every aspect of the trip to ensure the safety, comfort, and enjoyment of our students.

All students have been given excursion consent forms which includes the itinerary and what students are required to bring on camp. These are expected back ASAP.

Please remember 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.



First Instalment NOW OVERDUE	Thursday 27 July	Week 2	\$50
Second Instalment NOW OVERDUE	Friday 11 August	Week 4	\$50
Final Instalment <b>DUE this week</b>	Friday 25 August	Week 6	\$40

## Library news

There is a buzz happening around the school with the Bee a Great Reader Book Challenge kicking off. The Library was a hive of activity at lunch time with students participating in a book scavenger hunt. Today 8 students are heading to BookFest to meet author Leonie Norrington – more about that next week.

Last Friday saw the announcement of the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year Awards with **Runt** by Craig Silvey, **Where the Lyrebird Lives** by Vicki Conley, **My Strange Shrinking Parents** by Zeno Sworder, **Deep** by Jess McGeachin and **Tiny Wonders** illustrated by Sally Soweol Han winners of their respective categories.



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

## Playgroup news

It's such a lovely way to finish off the week by spending the morning with our friends at playgroup! We have had some new people coming to join us recently which has been wonderful getting to know them. Plus all the new bubbas who have arrived in the last month or two! There has been a buzz of excitement and anticipation waiting to meet them and hear their stories!



Some playgroupers will be starting Pre-school next year which can be a bit scary sometimes. It's really great to be able to explore the pre-school spaces, get to know where things are and to make some friends who will be there too.

Recently at playgroup we tried a new banana bread recipe, it was delicious! It was so good, that Miss Erin wrote out the recipe for everyone to take home. We ate it while it was still warm from the oven with a little jam and cream on top. I think that made it extra yummy!

Last week at playgroup we visited the farm which was especially exciting for our new playgroupers but the farm never grows old! We all love our visits to the farm, there are always animals to visit and feed, fruits and vegetables growing and new things happening.

This week we will be doing some cooking, I've had a yummy request from a playgroup member but we'll keep it a surprise until the next newsletter!

**Ms Erin [Playgroup Co-coordinator]**

## Alawa Spectacular

Only 8 more sleeps!

Food and activity stalls will open from 5pm-6pm. We will have a host of free and charged activities for your enjoyment

### Free of charge

- Skittles
- Tin Cans
- Roaming entertainment
- Obstacle course
- Bubble making
- Basketball shooting

### Charged activities [\$1-\$4]

- Glow products
- Pin the nose on the clown
- Chocolate Toss
- Face Painting
- Lucky dip and cake stall
- Chocolate wheel
- Guessing games

# MENU

## BURRITOS

Mouth-watering choice - served with rice, beans, salsa, guacamole, cheese & sour cream

- Slow cooked beef
- Crispy chicken
- Crispy vege fritter
- Smokey Pulled Pork

\$12  
Add Chips \$15



## Popcorn chicken \$10

Crunchy hand-crafted chicken balls, served with hand crafted potatoes



## SLIDERS

\$10  
Add Chips \$13

2 Brioche Buns with your choice below served with tomato chutney & mayonnaise

- Slow cooked beef
- Smokey pulled pork
- Crispy Chicken
- Gourmet vege patty



## COUNCIL BBQ FOOD STALL - PRICE LIST

- HOT DOG - \$3.00
- CHICKEN SATAY - \$3.00
- CORN ON THE COB - \$2.00
- POPPERS - \$2.00
- WATER - \$2.00
- POPCORN - \$2.00

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A RANGE OF BOTH FREE AND CHARGED FUN FILLED ACTIVITIES FROM 5PM - 6PM







# Alawa Spectacular- under the big top



**THURSDAY 31 AUGUST**  
**5PM -FOOD STALLS AND ACTIVITIES**  
**6:10PM - PERFORMANCE TO COMMENCE**

**TICKETS AVAILABE FOR ACTIVITIES AND  
FOOD/BEVERAGES ON THE NIGHT AND AT THE  
OFFICE THE WEEK BEFORE**  
**EFTPOS AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT**

\* Preschool age children will need to be accompanied by an  
adult for all activities



## Student Led Conferences

Bookings for Student Led Conferences are now open for families of Transition – Year 6 students only. [Preschool bookings are through Xuno]

Students will be leading the meeting and explaining to you what they have been learning in various subject areas this year. Your child has reflected on their learning and is preparing to share their reflection and some of their work with you. This will include information about their efforts, achievements and continued focus areas.

3pm – 6pm on Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 September

You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

\*Please note Farm, Kitchen and PE teachers have their spaces open for drop in, no interview booking required.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE Friday, 8 September**



Book School Interviews Online



Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held on **Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 September at 3pm – 6pm.**

You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST.**

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

You can book to see as many teachers as you wish to for each of your children.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE Friday 8 September COB.**

School event code

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Go

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter **THIS** school event code.  
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



1 Enter your details



2 Choose teachers



3 Choose times



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require if you do not have access or cannot come to the front office, or phone the school on 89977886. Interviews are strictly 15mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 89977886.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the "contact us" button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

## Honour Distinction Award winner

The following students will receive their Honour awards this Friday 25 August:

Tilly DeGennaro	Reuben Dwyer	Leonitas May-Presley
Reuben Roberts	Marian Ga	Sadie Jackson
Jorja Gontscharow	Maryana Olsen	Maryanne Manby
Stamatia Antonopoulou	Tamati Armstrong-Mears	Asha Fulton
Salem Cook	Marley Petterson	Ruby Althouse
Zanny Cartwright	Eva Li	Eleanor Dennis
Lucinda Ronayne	Sage Lehmann	Eleanor Farquhar Walker
Miss R-S	Jerome Dowling	Hien Nhan Ta
Florence Martin	Emmett Rutledge	Matilda Mortimer
Jed Carpenter	Xavier Vujcich	Ricky Petterson
Dieume Pwisa	Alexis Buer	Sophie McGowan
Kade Lehmann	Loti Barker	

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 **Henry Vidins** receiving an Honour Distinction Award.

## Preschool news

We would like to thank all the families that took part in our annual Bike-A-Thon and collected sponsorship. Across the two classes we raised a grand total of \$2100, such a huge achievement!

At the end of last week we collected the sponsorship forms from the office and are pleased to announce the winners of the most fundraised.

- ⇒ First prize went to Frankie Sheridan who raised a whopping \$450!
- ⇒ Second prize went to Theo Andrew
- ⇒ Third prize went to Savvy
- ⇒ Fourth prize went to Sylvia Colbran
- ⇒ And fifth prize went to Kaleb Dupe'



Once again we would like to thank all the sponsors of the event, Woolworths, MLA Joel Bowden, Tini Store, Bunnings Warehouse, Officeworks, The Territory Wildlife Park, Crocosaurus Cove and Crocodylus Park!



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

## Farm news

**Larrakia Season:** Dinidjanggama [heavy dew time] moving into Gurrulwa [big wind time]

7 Muscovy Ducklings and Duccle Chicks are for sale \$15 each. So many parent visitors coming in and joining in our lessons and we love it!!! If you have an Ochre Card and a spare hour please come and enjoy our Garden lessons! Your children will love it!

Farmer Bob and I have been super busy this past 2 weeks. We had a visit out to Zuccoli Primary, to see their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Program and we came back with lots of inspiration!

We had the team from Power and Water come and visit us and talk to the Year 5/6s about Water usage at the farm and how we can reduce our water wastage through our Alawa Farm Sustainability Project or AFSP. They will be providing us with a video to share with you all soon, so stay tuned your child might be featured! Thank you again Power and Water! Also we have had Ms Carly visit us, [River and Aislins mum]. She has been teaching a couple of classes in Photography! The students are very lucky to get to learn features of plants and flowers through the lens of her special Canon Cameras!

***Mrs Bronwyn Cleary and Mr Bob [Farm Team]***



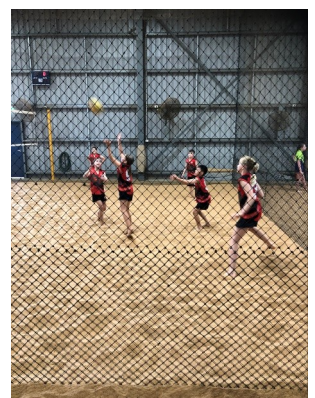
## Volleyball Gala Day

Last Friday, 12 students from Alawa had a blast at the Darwin region Beach Volleyball Gala Day. All students had a fantastic day out, displaying the Alawa school values.

The students played 5 different games throughout the day and umpired and scored for other schools .

The other teachers from the other schools were very impressed with our students by the way they were encouraging one another and other students from other schools.

Ms Troy says a massive thank you to all the students who participated, it was great to be apart of such a fantastic group and a massive thank you to Superstar Mum Morgan Vidins who volunteered to help for the day.



## 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 5 winner was Year 1 Thorne/Baines*

## 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:** Savory crepes with ham and cheese OR Ham cheese and Pineapple \$6.50

**Thursday:** Mexican Nachos - small \$4.50 large-\$6.50

**Friday:** Home made chicken burgers \$6.50

A reminder that our school Cafe is open Wednesday to Friday ONLY.

Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Order online at [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)



## Community notices



### Junior Registration Open!

Girls & Boys

U/10, U/12 & U/14

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

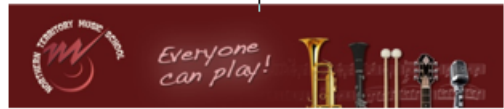
IMPORTANT DATES:

U/12 & U/14 Training starts 31/08

U/10 Training starts 14/09



Register: <https://www.playhq.com/afl>  
 Contact: [tracyvillagefc@gmail.com](mailto:tracyvillagefc@gmail.com)



### IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

The NT Music School's 2023 Instrumental Program has spots available for Alawa Primary School students interested in learning flute. Instrumental lessons are offered during school hours for students in Year 4, 5 and 6. Lessons are free with a \$50 contribution and instrument hire from \$100. Sports Vouchers accepted to assist with cost of hiring instruments.

Apply online now to secure your interest at [www.ntms.net.au](http://www.ntms.net.au)

Should you require further assistance phone the NT Music School on **8963 5550**.



## Bee a Great Reader Book Challenge

### In class

- ❖ Bee a Great Reader Challenge- prizes to be won
- ❖ 3 baskets from Yenni-
- ❖ Book review competitions -students and teachers
- ❖ Independent Reading time in classes

### Around the school

- ❖ Read a book or poem at muster
- ❖ Reading on the deck at recess and lunch
- ❖ Read a book over the PA
- ❖ Bookweek Parade- week 9



### Whole School Community

*Please join us for*  
**Bee a Great reader Bookcamp**  
 8:30-8:45  
 Wed wk 8 and 9  
 6 and 13 September

To **become** a good reader,  
**bee** sure to read every night.

### Library Lunchtimes

- ❖ Guest readers – Teacher/Staff /Volunteers
- ❖ Create digital books
- ❖ Bookmark making
- ❖ Storytime – Digital story books Online
- ❖ Reading Corners