



Week 6: 16th November 2023

Principal Update

Welcome to our Week 6 news.....

It was terrific to see so many families come along and lend a helping hand at the Alawa Farm working bee last Saturday—all up 36 children and 26 adults. Alawa Merits heading home this week for all involved. Huge extra thanks once again to our superb Farm team—Bron Cleary and Farmer Bob!

Loads of bonus house points—especially to the Goyder Team who were out in force:
 Goyder 1700 points Manton 450 points Finnis 700 points



Children’s University Graduation

On Monday evening I had the privilege of attending the Children’s University Graduation at CDU along with our 10 students who have been engaged in this program this year guided by Mrs Block.

STUDENT	HOURS	AWARD
Dalajaa Thakar	38 hours	Undergraduate Award – Bronze
Arlo Whitemee	51 hours	Undergraduate Award – Bronze
Jackson Pearson	51 hours	Undergraduate Award – Bronze
Aria Green	54 hours	Undergraduate Award – Bronze
Ellie Bui	55 hours	Undergraduate Award – Bronze
Catherina Brady	59 hours	Undergraduate Award – Bronze
Finlay Davey	60 hours	Undergraduate Award – Bronze
Makayla Pearson	66 hours	Undergraduate Award – Silver
Rafael Clark	101 hours	Undergraduate Award – Gold
Caitlin Gleeson	166 hours	Undergraduate Certificate – Silver

Through the program educational experiences for children outside their regular school hours are recognized with certificates.

Children’s University partners with local educational providers like museums, theaters, school clubs, and sports groups to create diverse learning environments. This helps build kids' self-confidence and encourages them to explore new ideas. Such commitment deserves to be celebrated.

Learning Commission

On Tuesday our Student Commissioners attended the culminating event for the year ‘Pitch to the Minister’ and Expo.....I was super proud once again of our amazingly articulate students. Stay tuned for a full report from our Student Commissioners.

Basketball Gala Day

Last Friday Ms Troy and 20 of our older students had the opportunity to have some fun at the 3 x 3 Basketball Gala Day—from all accounts sounds like they all did their best and had a fab time!

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 — Who was the Principal last Friday after receiving her Honour Distinction Award at Assembly?

[Sandy Cartwright]



Assistant Principal Update

Hello and welcome to week 6,

Today we had our **Preschool Open Session** from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. It was a wonderful opportunity to find out more about what to expect at this stage of schooling and how you can prepare your children for this important stage of their life. We are looking forward to seeing our new families for 2024. Thankyou to our Preschool teachers for sharing our lovely space, our approaches and expectations for Preschool at Alawa.



TRANSITIONING TO 2024 CLASSES: Towards the end of the year our students will be visiting the learning areas where they will be moving to for the following year. This is a time where they can meet some of the teachers that may teach them next year and explore the new learning space. We believe it is really important to help prepare students for this change and give them the opportunity to consider how things may be different from their current year level. Please begin speaking with them about the wonderful new opportunities they will be having next year in their new class. There will also be an extra opportunity for students who require that extra support to relay further concerns/worries that they may have. The build up is certainly here. Let's hope we have some more rain this week.

Kind regards,

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

Tuesday 21st November	Dr Corey Paediatric Clinic	All day
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 Dr Corey Pediatric Clinic	All day 8:40am All day
Tuesday 12th December	Class Parties / Reports go home 2023 Presentation Assembly Volunteers Morning Tea	9am 10:00am
Thursday 14th December	Last day of Term 4 Year 6 farewells after lunch	1:40pm

Apple for the Teacher

This is your chance to celebrate their dedication and make them a star! Vote for your favourite teacher and help us crown the Top End's most beloved school educator.

What's in it for you?

The winning teacher will score a BRAND NEW MAC COMPUTER!

Their entire class will win a Harvey Norman Goodie Bag!

The entire school will be treated to a Pizza Party School Disco!

You have until Friday 17 November at 7am to cast your vote. Vote once, or once a day – and don't forget to tell your friends to vote too.

The teacher with the most votes will win the title for 2023 and score these amazing prizes for their class and school.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to honour your exceptional teacher. Vote today and let's make their dedication shine even brighter!

Get behind your favourite teachers, Darwin!

Follow the link below to vote...

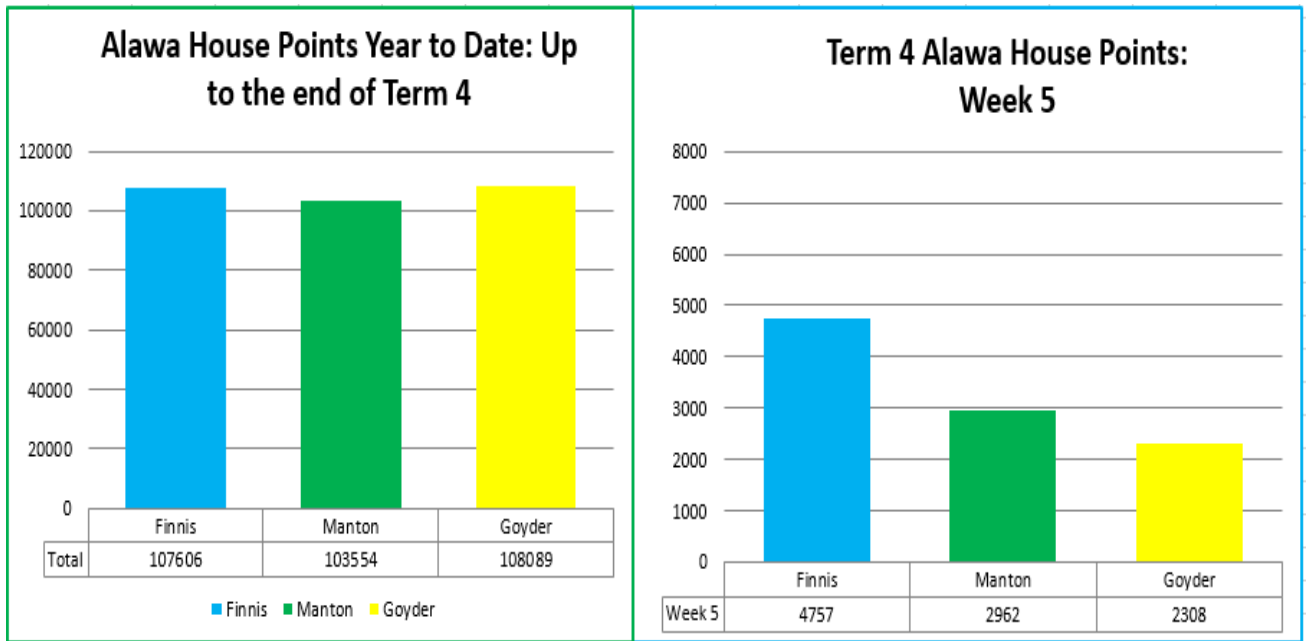
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House points

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 4 Finniss was ahead with 4757 points!

In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 108 089 points!

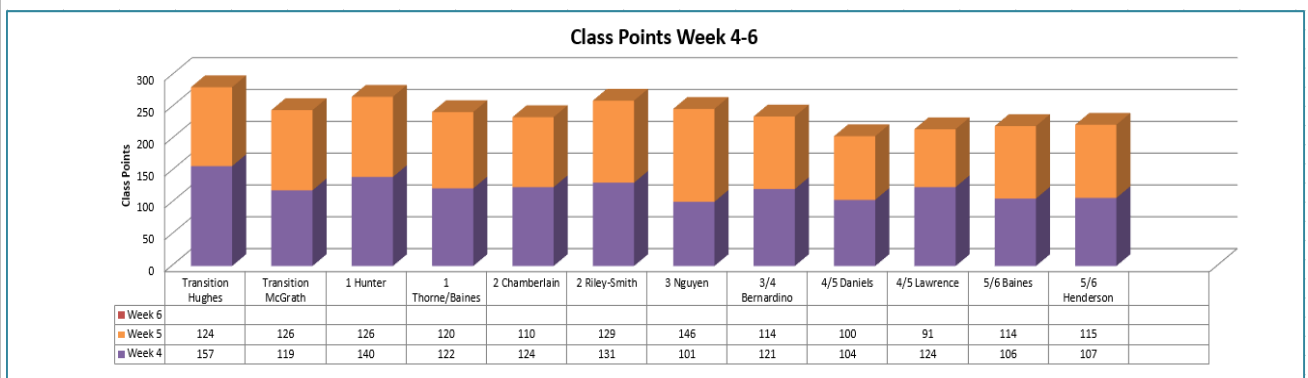


Class Points

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 5 of Term 4 was....3 Nguyen with 146 points !!!

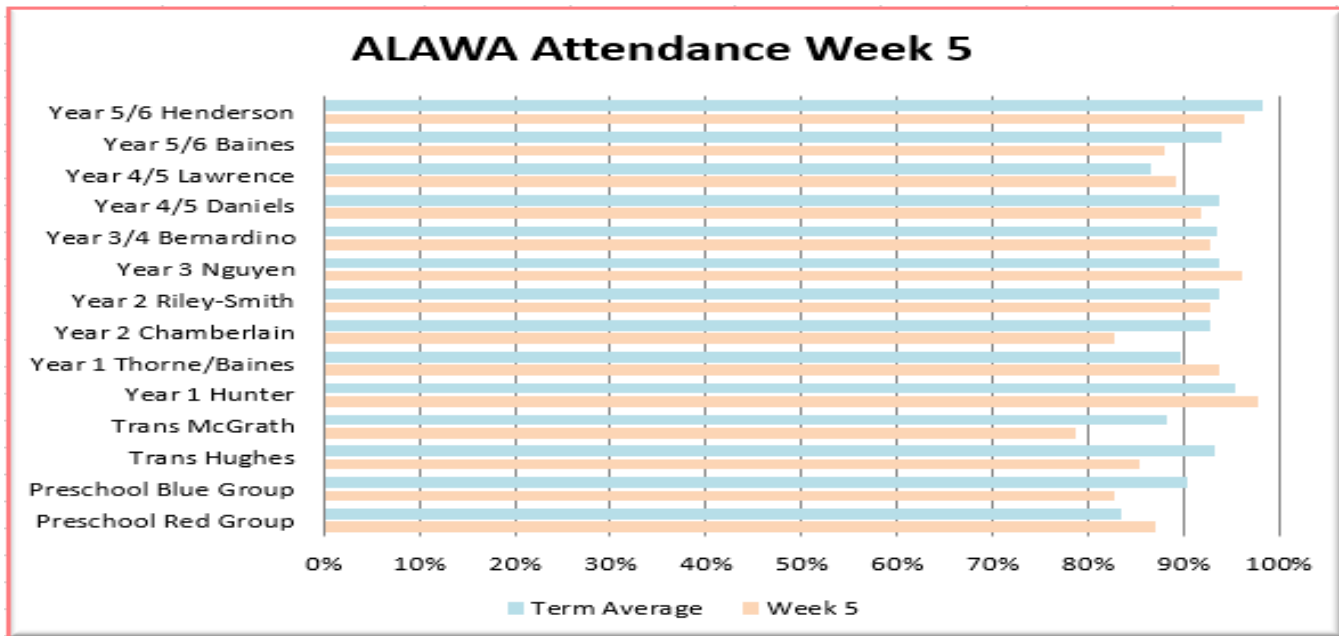


Attendance

Primary School Average for Week 5 Term 4: **90.45%**

The class with the highest attendance for Week 5: **1 Hunter with 97.89%!!! Amazing job!!!**

In the lead for Term 4 we have... **5/6 Henderson with 98.19%!!!**



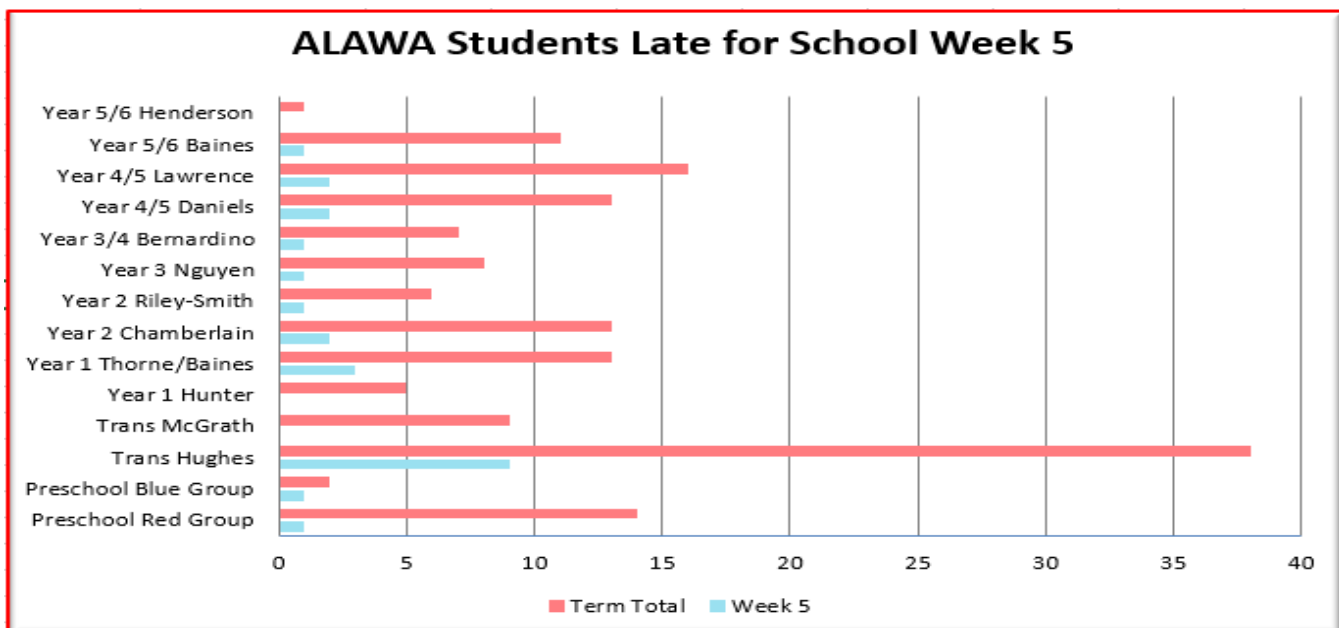
Lates

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

There were 24 lates in Week 5!

For Week 5 it was *fabuloso* to see NO lates at all for **Transition McGrath, 1 Hunter and 5/6 Henderson!**

In the lead for Term 4 we have... **5/6 Henderson with 1 late!!!**



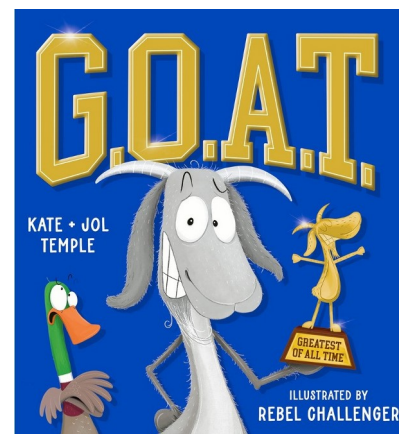
Library news

As we are halfway through Week 6 and the end of the year is approaching at what seems like lightning speed, you will find overdue notices coming out on a weekly basis. Please have a look around to see if there are any Alawa Primary School library books lurking around the house. If you receive a notice and cannot find the book listed please pop in or contact me by phone or email as it may have slipped through the system and be hiding on the library shelves. Students will be able to borrow up until the end of Week 8[1st December].

I happened across a new book written by the Authors Kate and Jol Temple who visited our school in July. With the picture books - That Bird has Hands, Bush Turkey, Room on the Rock, Move that Mountain and the Bin Chicken series already under their belt this book promised to be just as fun. G.O.A.T. is the story of a Goat who is a pretty great Goat who, in fact thinks he is the Greatest Of All Time! But some of Goat's friends are great too. Who is really the **GOAT**? This is a fun book that creates acronyms from words and encourages fun word play. Have a read and let me know if you are the GOAT and if so what does G.O.A.T. or your name stand for?!

Have fun and Happy Reading .

Sacha Evans [Library and ICT Manager]



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 follow 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 6 winner was.... I Thorne/Baines

Playgroup

Last Friday was the perfect day for visiting the farm. Outside was a beautiful day, not too hot with a lovely grey overcast sky. We had a couple of new people at playgroup too, they were very excited to come on a farm adventure with us! The regular playgroupers showed the way as we are very confident now at following the path to the farm. In through the gate the first things we spotted were the cool-looking pineapples, some teeny-tiny finches in the grass and the noisy 'honks' of magpie geese.

We spent a lot of time with the chickens, ducks and geese this week. We had a few yummy scraps to bring them which they were very happy about. One of our playgroup parents has some hens visiting the school farm at the moment, 4 to be exact, but on Friday we started getting worried when only 3 could be found. It was coming over dark and stormy, we knew we would get wet soon if we didn't make a move back to the preschool room! It took a lot of searching and some help from Farmer Bob and soon Big Chicken number 4 was found safe and sound, happily nesting in a little quiet spot she had found. A quick 'hello' to Nancy and Marshmallow then we had to flee! We made it back to preschool just in time to see the beautiful rain pouring down while we played on the verandah. What a fun adventure!

Looking forward to seeing you this week and we will do some baking.

Ms Erin [Playgroup Coordinator]

Honour Awards and Honour Distinction last week



Olivia Mills was Principal for the day on Friday the 10th of November, visiting classes such as Transition McGrath, Blue Preschool, and Ms. Baines. Olivia, Alice O'Donoghue, and Tamsen Gayford visited Blue Preschool to read some books to the class. Her favourite part of becoming principal for the day is the advantage of receiving free food from the canteen and kitchen. Olivia also went to the library with Transition McGrath to listen to a book. She also suggested that the canteen should make Potato Tornadoes, Olivia thinks that they would sell out quite fast.

Week 7 Assembly

On Friday of Week 7 [24th November] we will be hosting a special assembly to present Student Leadership Awards and Certificates.

Parents and carers are invited to be a part of this event. An email reminder with details will be sent to those families.



Farm news

Larrakia Season: Balnba is the season of the first rains. We are delighted to have the frog eggs exploding throughout the farm, in puddles, ponds and the aquaponics.

Farm News: Sadly, our boy Guinea Pig Shadow passed away and we are looking for a new friend for Grace. 16+ Chicks have hatched, and all our ducklings are doing well.

Farm Highlights: This last 2 weeks has been very exciting. We welcome back Farmer Bob, who has returned from his WA trip. Luckily, we had Mr Jon to help and a big thank you to him for all his hard work.

We have completed our Landcare Grant by building our Aerobin composters positioning them and learning more about the compost lifecycle. Lastly, we had an amazing turn out for our 'Welcome to the Wet' Working Bee. I saw so many families connecting while pulling weeds or pruning. In Farmer Bob's words as an Alawa Team "We get more done in one day, then a whole year with the classes!" it was fantastic! Bring on the Wet Season!

Mrs Cleary and Farmer Bob [Farm Team]



Preschool news

Last week Preschool had a visit from Laura and 'Boof the Barra' from Royal lifesaving. Boof came along to teach us all about being safe in and around the pool. This was a very timely visit as preschool, along with all early years children at Alawa will be having swimming lessons over Week 7 and 8.

Laura talked to us about rules such a no jumping, no running and safe behavior. She focused on the 3 'Aqua code' rules which are: Never swim alone, Call for help and Reach to Rescue.

Boof joined us to sing a very catchy tune [complete with groovy actions] all about being water safety wise. We think our preschoolers are well and truly ready to be very water safety wise when they start their swimming lessons next week.

Have a great week

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



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



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: 3x Vietnamese rice paper rolls—Vegetarian or Chicken & Vege. \$6.50

Thursday: Jacket potato with bacon, cheese, chives & sour cream \$6.50

Friday: Fettucine carbonara \$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



Swimming Program

Early Years Swimming Timetable 2023

The following timetable shows when each class have their swimming lessons at Nightcliff Pool.

	Monday / Tuesday 20/11 & 21/11 27/11 & 28/11	Wednesday / Thursday 22/11 & 23/11 29/11 & 30/11
9:00 - 9:30	Preschool- Red	Preschool- Blue
9:35 - 10:15	Transition	Transition
10:20 - 11:00	Year 1	Year 1
11:05 - 11:45	Year 2	Year 2

Buses will transport students to and from the pool – departing usually 30mins prior to the lesson and returning 30mins after the lesson.

Parents are welcome to observe lessons.

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 **new** 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
(Please don't gift wrap)

FOR FAMILIES

Non-perishable
Baked beans or spaghetti
Canned spam, bully beef, ham
Canned fruit, vegetables

Don't melt
Breakfast cereals, jams, honey

Festive feel
Coffee, milo, 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
COMMUNITY WORKS

All donations go to Families (and it's tough this Christmas!)
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) 9948 8113

Community notices



Dripstone
middle school

2024 ENROLMENTS

NOW DUE!



Please return enrolment packs to your Primary School or to the Dripstone Middle School Front Office as soon as possible!

APPLY

www.dripstonemiddle.nt.edu.au/enrolments-3/



Dripstone
Middle School



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Enrolments open during School Holiday for Alawa Primary School

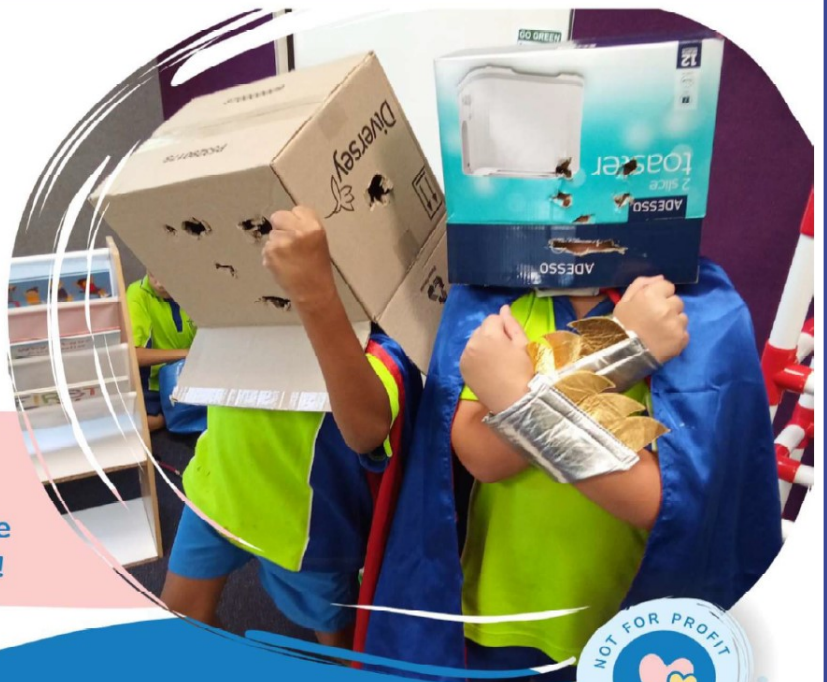


Enrolments now open for Vacation Care!



\$75 per
day

We'll keep
the children
entertained these
School Holidays!



**Book
your child's
place.**

Contact **Joyce Chang**
for online enrolment
forms and any other
enquiries.

wagamanoshc@childaustralia.org.au

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Community notices

DARWIN SCHOOL OF BALLET

PRESENTS

The Sleeping Beauty



BOOK NOW: SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2023
TWO SHOWS: 10.30AM | 6.30PM
 CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY THEATRE

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Centre for Disease Control

Key resources for notifiable diseases & public health in the NT

HEALTH ALERTS

Current information about active health conditions, diseases and risks in the NT



TIME OUT

Minimum periods of exclusion from childcare and school following exposure to an infectious disease



DISEASE RESOURCES

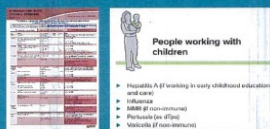
Surveillance updates, bulletin, disease information, factsheets and guidelines on public health conditions



IMMUNISATION

Schedules & updates

1. For children
2. For educators / carers



SCAN



<https://health.nt.gov.au/public-health-notifiable-diseases>



MOSQUITOS & MIDGES

Mosquito and midge pest calendars

