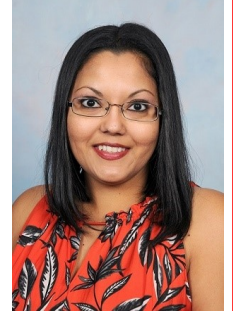




Week 7: 1 June 2023

Principal Update

Our Senior Learning Commission students led by Mrs Jo Baines and Mrs Katie Wedel, have been working hard on unpacking various data sets including behaviour, English, Maths and attendance from across the school. After some robust debates on what they believed our line of inquiry should be, they have settled on English – writing. They have now been working on narrowing their focus to form a line of inquiry. I will keep you posted over the next coming weeks on the outcome. It is very inspiring being a part of such passionate and engaging conversations about school improvement through the eyes of our students. I will provide an update on Junior Learning Commission next week.



Another great student initiative that has started this year is the Children's University run by CDU. Mrs Georgia Block has been leading this project. Children's University Australia aims to provide high-quality learning activities for children aged between 7 and 14 years, engaging the wider community as learning partners in this process. The Children's University is an initiative that has had great success in many parts of the world for its positive impact on the lives of young people. The program aims to foster confidence and self-belief, provide new experiences, enable the development of essential skills and to empower children to make informed and positive choices about their future. Students enrolled in Charles Darwin Children's University will be issued a 'Passport to Learning,' which records their learning journey.

Bianca Hyke [Acting Principal]

Assistant Principal Update

Hello everyone,
Welcome to week 7.

What an exciting time we had last week with our Slime Run. It was clear the children had a wonderful day, especially the children who raised so much money and were lucky enough to slime the teacher. I'm not too sure if we were that lucky though.



There seems to be a lot of students coming in late to school which is of some concern. I know its getting cool and it's nice to sleep in, however, please be aware that the beginning of the day is key learning time and students are missing out when late.

National Simultaneous Storytime was celebrated last week. This year the book is called '*The Speedy Sloth*' by Rebecca Young and Heath Mckenzie. The book imparts social and emotional lessons about the importance of being true to oneself and celebrating your own unique abilities. All classes viewed or listened to the book being read with their buddy class and completed a range of activities promoting this book.

Have a wonderful week.

Gen Donohue [Assistant Principal]

Calendar of events

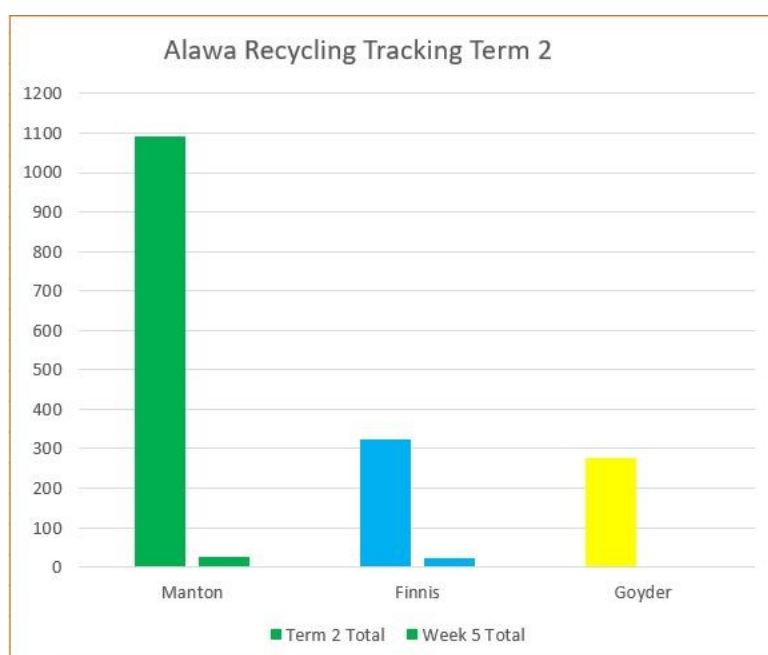
Wednesday 7 June	800m races and field events—Year 3-6 only	8:40am—10:30am
Thursday 8 June	Masterchef	3:30pm
Friday 9 June	Sports day	All day
Monday 12 June	Public Holiday—Kings Birthday. NO SCHOOL	All day
Wednesday 14—Friday 16 June	Year 5/6 Camp	All day
Monday 19 June	School Council meeting	5:30pm
Thursday 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
Wednesday 12, Thursday 13, Friday 14 July	Alawa Harvest Holiday cooking program	9am– 12pm
Monday 17 July	Pupil Free day	All day
Tuesday 18 July	School resumes for Term 3	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.



Raising Confident, Happy Children

Hot tips for the week



Helping Children and teenagers learn and practice self-regulation

- Self-regulation is the ability to understand and manage your own behaviour and reactions.
- Self-regulation helps children and teenagers learn, behave well, get along with others and become independent.
- Self-regulation begins to develop rapidly in the toddler and preschooler years. It continues to develop into adulthood.
- Ways to develop your child’s self-regulation include talking, planning, problem-solving and role-modelling

[helping-toddlers-calm-down](#)

[helping-children-calm-down-3-8-years](#)

[helping-pre-teens-and-teenagers-calm-down](#)

Alawa Harvest Holiday Cooking program

Our school holiday cooking program is on once again. Wednesday 12, Thursday 13 & Friday 14 July. Contact the front office for booking form and to secure your child's spot [classes limited to 15 only] alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au



Alawa Harvest Kitchen Holiday Cooking Classes

The Alawa Harvest Kitchen is pleased to announce a unique school holiday experience! If your child enjoys cooking, tasting, harvesting and learning how to take food from the paddock to the plate, then this is the class for them.

THE ALAWA HARVEST KITCHEN

A tour of our Alawa School Farm, to pick fresh seasonal produce for the cooking class, is included in this experience.

Our experienced chef and staff with extensive knowledge of tropical produce, will take your child on a culinary experience not to be missed!

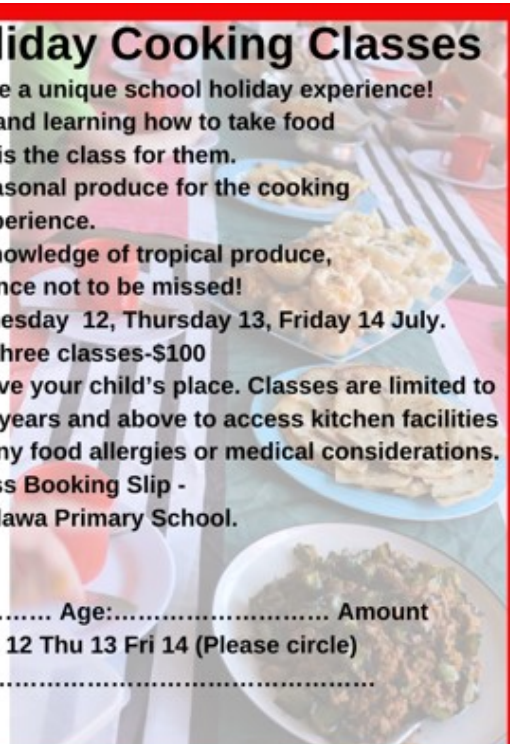
Three hour classes are available from 9am – 12noon, Wednesday 12, Thursday 13, Friday 14 July.

Costs: One 3 hour class-\$40.00 All three classes-\$100

Please contact us on 8997 7666 to book and pay ahead to reserve your child's place. Classes are limited to 15 per class to ensure a quality experience. Children must be 8 years and above to access kitchen facilities successfully. When booking, please notify staff, in writing, of any food allergies or medical considerations.

Alawa Harvest Kitchen Cooking Class Booking Slip -
Please return by Monday 19th June to Alawa Primary School.

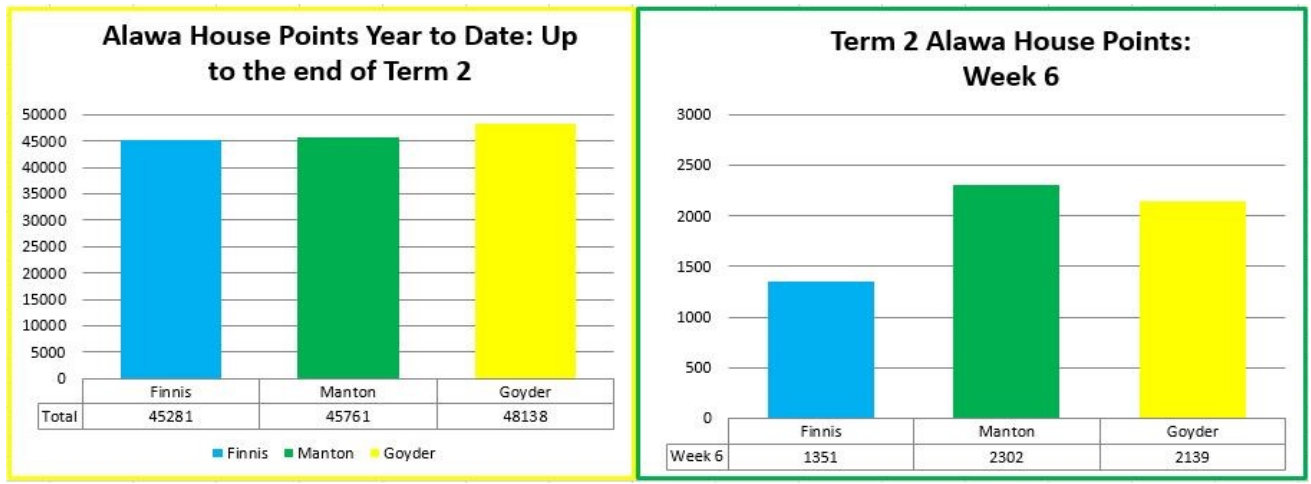
Child's Name:..... Age:..... Amount Paid:.....
 Classes Attending: July Wed 12 Thu 13 Fri 14 (Please circle)
 Parent's Name and Contact Number.....



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 6 of Term 2 Manton was ahead with 2302 points!
In the lead for the term is Goyder with 48138 points!**

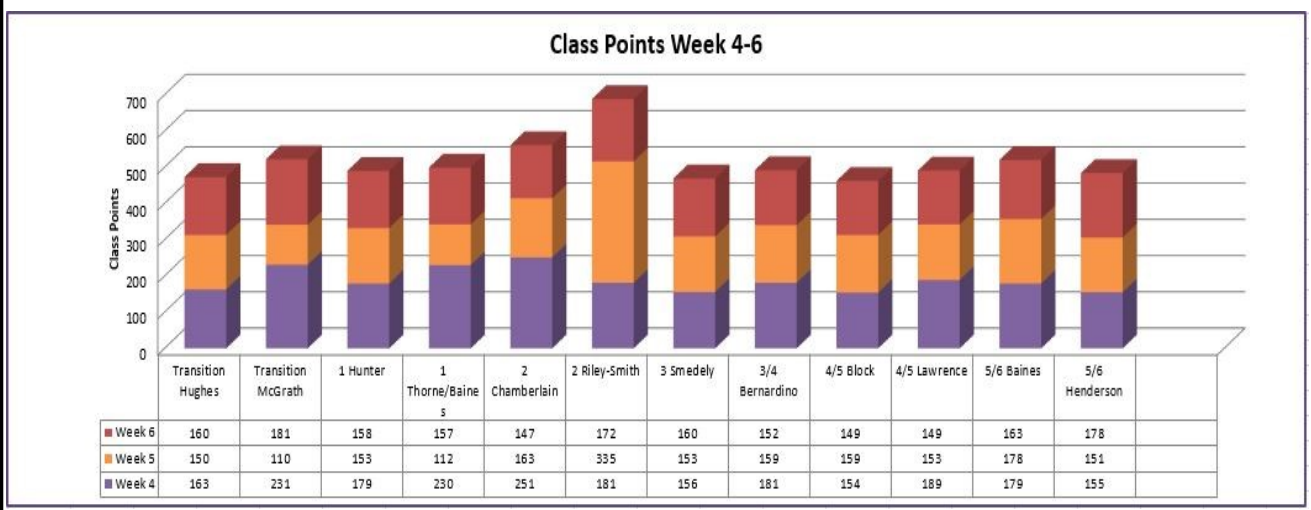


Class Points

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 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 6 of Term 2 was....Transition McGrath with 181 points!!!
The winners for Weeks 4-6 are....2 Riley-Smith with 688 points!!!**

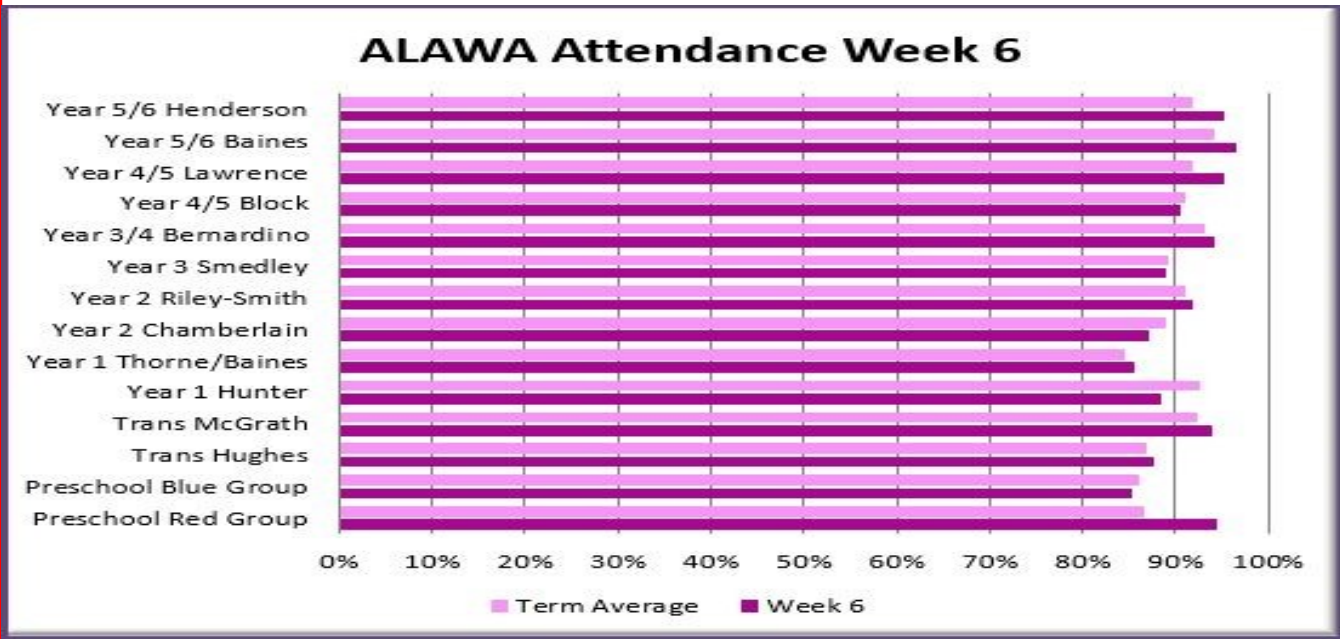


Attendance

Primary School Average for Week 6 Term 2: **91.27%**

The class with the highest attendance for Week 6: **5/6 Baines with 96.67%!!! Amazing job!!!**

In the lead for this term...**5/6 Baines with 94.12%!!!**



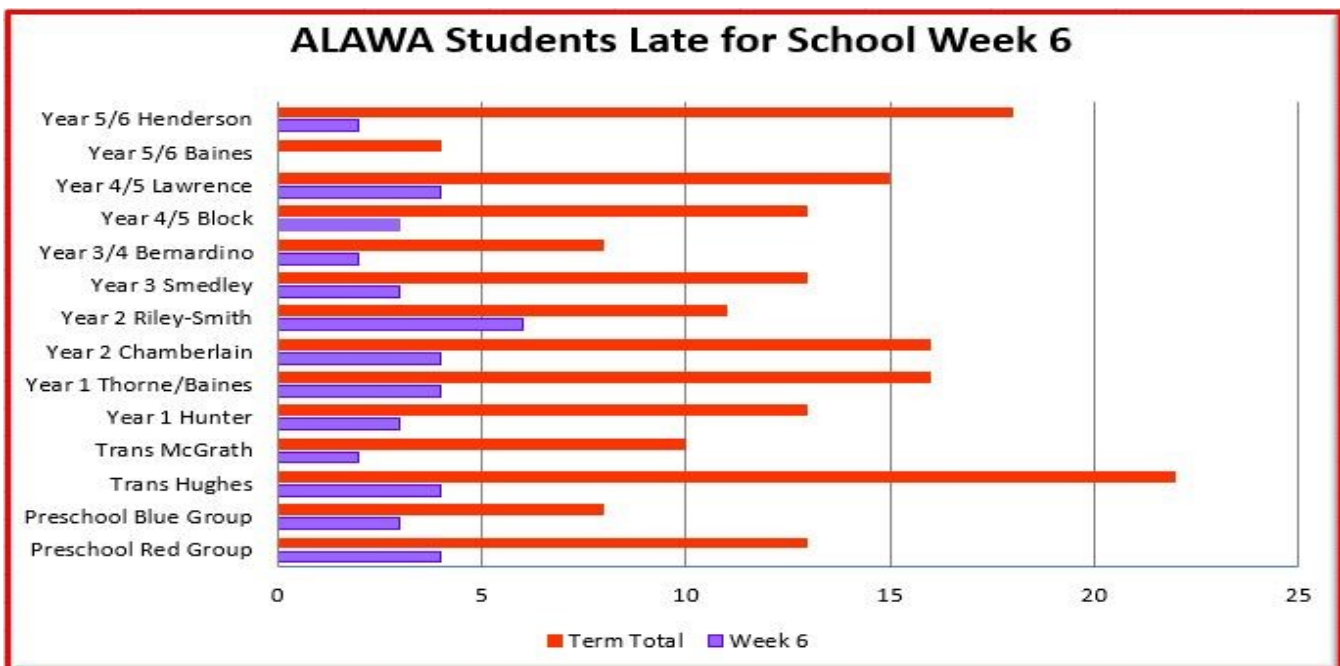
Lates

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

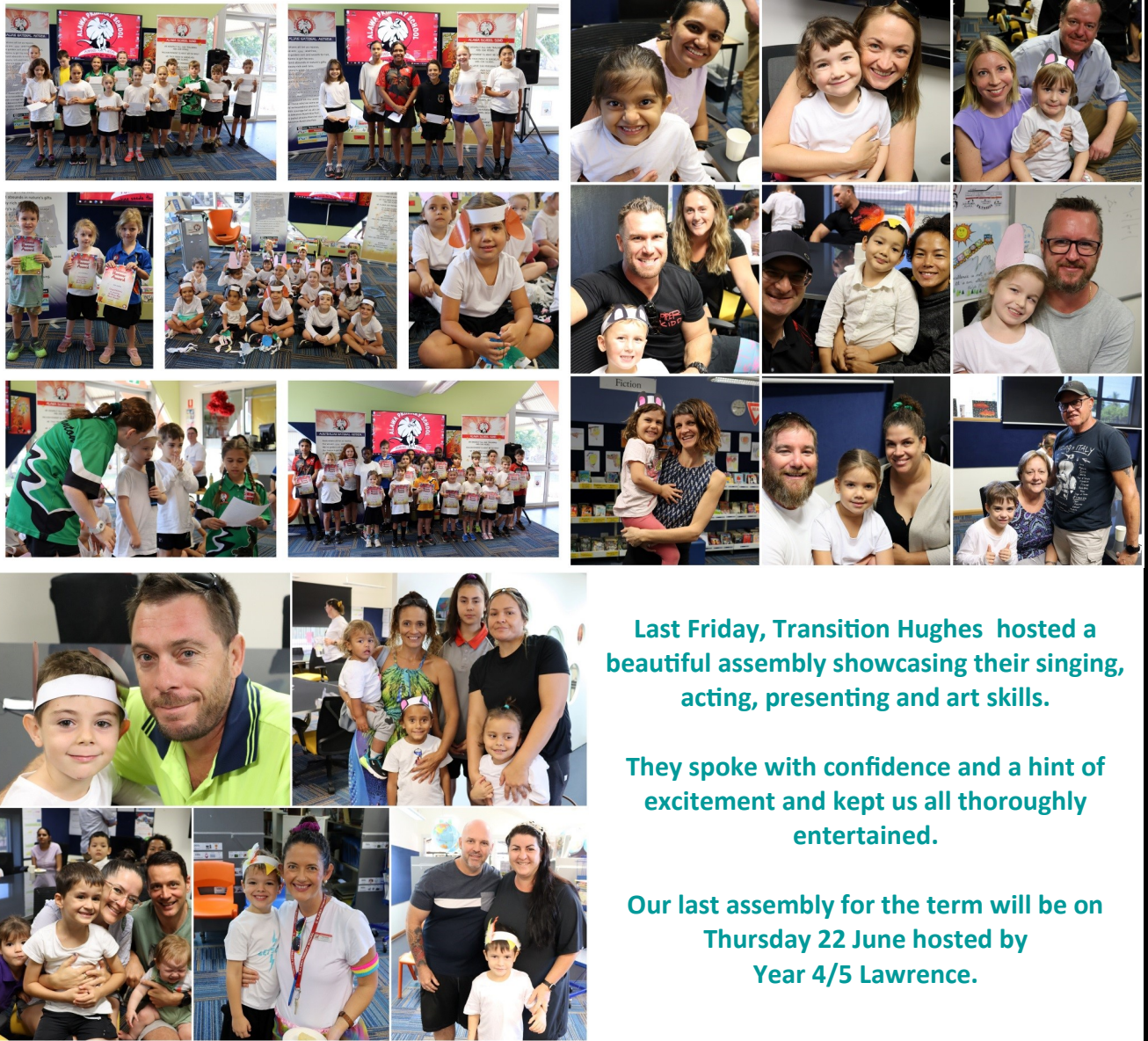
There were 44 lates in Week 6!

For Week 6 the class with the least lates was: **5/6 Baines with 0 lates !!!**

In the lead for the this term...**5/6 Baines with 4 lates!!!**



Assembly hosted by Transition Hughes



Last Friday, Transition Hughes hosted a beautiful assembly showcasing their singing, acting, presenting and art skills.

They spoke with confidence and a hint of excitement and kept us all thoroughly entertained.

Our last assembly for the term will be on Thursday 22 June hosted by Year 4/5 Lawrence.

Slime Spectacular—prize ordering

Thanks to everyone that supported us at our Slime Spectacular School Run 4 Fun! Fundraising has now closed and it is time to order your prize.

Every student who has raised \$10 or more can choose a prize. Pick a prize from your highest category, or mix and match smaller prizes. Prizes can be ordered online: <https://myprofilepage.com.au>

****Prize orders close Friday 2 June****



Sports Day—save the date

Our annual whole school sports day will take place on Friday 9th June.

We are now seeking volunteers to help on the day with a variety of activities. If you have a spare 1/2hr or so and would like to help out please contact Ms Katie -

Katie.wedel@education.nt.gov.au or call the front office to leave your details 8997 7666.



The following are some of the activities you may like to help out with:

- Running races – place keeping—9 - 9.30
- Upper years field rotations – 9.30 - 12.50 [any time in between these hours]
- Early years rotations – 9.30 – 12.30 [approx]
- Café - helping with lunch preparation

Sports day lunch special—Friday 9 June







The café will offer a special **Sports Day lunch** once again this year. If you wish to order a lunch for your child and / or any member of your family who will be attending on the day - the details are below. Please return slip and payment to the front office by Wednesday 7th June 2023 [students will have hardcopy of slip provided this week]

Alternatively you may place your order via the online ordering (closing 7th June).

- BBQ Sausage in a bun, popper and an icy pole - \$6.00 [as a package].

OR

- Piece of vegetarian quiche, popper and an icy pole - \$6.00 [as a package].

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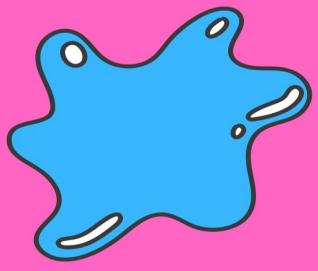


Thank you to our Alawa School Community for your support of our Slime Spectacular.

We have raised over \$15,000 for our school!!

Check out our Facebook page to see our staff get slimed!

<https://www.facebook.com/AlawaPrimary>





CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN TERRITORY EDUCATION

The Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards recognise the contribution of Northern Territory Government school teachers, principals, leaders and support staff to quality education.

Nominations for the 2023 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards opens on Wednesday 26 April and close on Friday 2 June 2023.

2023 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards Categories and Criteria

All nominees must be working in a Northern Territory Government school at the time of nomination, and meet the eligibility criteria below for the award category. [Read more](#)

Awards categories :

- ◇ **Northern Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Educator of the Year**
- ◇ **Northern Territory Early Childhood Educator of the Year**
- ◇ **Northern Territory Inclusion Educator of the Year**
- ◇ **Northern Territory Inclusion Educator of the Year**
- ◇ **Northern Territory Leader in Education**
- ◇ **Northern Territory Primary Educator of the Year**
- ◇ **Northern Territory Principal of the Year**
- ◇ **Northern Territory Secondary Educator of the Year**
- ◇ **Northern Territory Support Person of the Year**
- ◇ **Northern Territory Vocational Education Teacher of the Year**

Defence School Mentor news

Laura and I recently attended the DSM workshop at the DMFS headquarters. Once a term DSMs from the Darwin and Palmerston area get together to share ideas, discuss trends and hear from guest speakers from local Defence Organisations.

This term Mali from the Darwin branch of Kookaburra Kids came along to inform us of their purpose and the new criteria for eligibility. They have now broadened their eligibility criteria for Defence families. The program is now open to any child, aged 8-18, of a current or former serving member. The Department of Veterans' Affairs is funding the Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation to deliver the Defence Kids Program across Australia, which provides camps, activity days and age-appropriate mental health education focusing on coping skills and resilience, while allowing children to bond with peers who are facing similar challenges.

If you are interested or have a query, please ask myself or Laura, collect a flyer from the front office or visit their website.

<https://kookaburrakids.org.au/our-programs/defence-kids-activities/>

Ms Katie and Ms Laura [Defence School Mentors]

Playgroup news

It was our baking day at playgroup on Friday. The playgroupers were excited to lend a helping hand to make some yummy scones. They eagerly sat around the table ready to help Miss Erin to pour in the flour and then squish in the soft yellow butter until our mixture turned crumbly. Then, in with the milk to make it all sticky! Some people loved this part, getting in with all fingers and hands, squish, squeeze and squash! And of course taste their doughy hands before they got washed clean. Others were happier to keep tidy, clean hands and had a play at some of the investigations stations instead. We took our warm, freshly cooked scones outside in the beautiful dry season air to share with everyone! We talked about the different combinations we could do with our scone recipe, one idea was making them with yogurt instead of milk. While we were outside exploring and playing we were lucky enough to spot ALLE the frill neck lizard in the tree! She was very good at camouflaging and kept sneaking around the branch when we peeked to see her.

This week we will visit the farm. Remember to bring your hats and drink bottles! Looking forward to seeing you there.

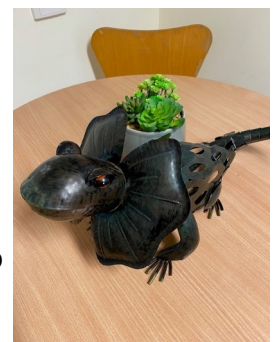
Miss Erin [Playgroup Co-ordinator]



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.....5/6 Henderson !!!



Year 5/6 Camp: Payment Reminders

Year 5/6 students will be heading to Batchelor for school camp on the 14th and 15th June. Permission notes along with full payment are due no later than Friday 2nd June.

Please contact your child's teacher or the front office for any further information.

First Instalment	Friday 21 st April	\$70
Second Instalment	Friday 5 th May	\$60
Third Instalment	Friday 19 th May	\$60
Final Instalment	Friday 2 nd June	\$60

Library news

Book of the week: **Tiny Wonders** written and illustrated by Sally Soweol Han
Tiny Wonders has been listed in the category of Book of the Year – New Illustrator for the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Book of the Year Awards for 2023.

April thinks if her town was a colour, it would be grey. Everyone is too busy to stop and look around. How can she help them slow down? When she remembers the happiness that dandelions brought her grandmother, April comes up with a plan ... – Tiny Wonders

I am finding that the books I have been coming across and reading lately all reflect one or more of the Alawa School Values and ALLE’s Tools. Tiny Wonders includes some of these such as Communication, Persistence, Pride and Personal Best. It is the story of a girl who has a dream and after talking to others in her community comes up with a plan to help people to slow down, connect with each other and bring colour and wonder back into the town and their lives. The illustrations take the reader on a visual journey using colour through a grey dreary town reflecting the busyness and self-absorption of the townspeople to the realisation of April’s dream seeing people rediscovering the tiny wonders found in nature. The end of the book sees a double page spread of the meanings of different flowers. Did you know that Dandelions mean – Let’s spread happiness.

Happy reading

Miss Sacha [Library Teacher]



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 7 —who invented the lightbulb?



Pupil free day– Friday 23 June

Our next professional learning day for staff is planned for Friday 23 June. There will be no school for students that day. Staff Professional Development days are essential to enable all staff to provide the best service to our students and families and engage in meaningful

professional learning.

We have 2 providers available for care for students that day.

Wagaman OSHC—

wagamnaoshc@childaustralia.org.au or

0481 699 262

Brat pack— thebratpacknt@bigpond.com or 8927 2546

*Please contact providers direct to book

child Australia
Wagaman OSHC

Enrolments now open for Pupil Free Day
23 June, 2023

VACATION CARE
26 June - 17 July
We'll keep the children entertained these School Holidays!

\$72 per day

Book your child's place.

Contact Joyce Chang for enrolment and any other enquiries.

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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 – Pork Dumplings - \$6.50

Thursday – San Choy Bow \$6.50

Friday – Teriyaki Beef wraps—\$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

*Sports day special—we will be once again holding a lunch day special on Friday 9th June. Please see full details in letter sent home with your child.

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Community notices



Celebrate your school canteen !

Running a school canteen is not always easy. Managing the expectations of the children, parent, teachers, principals and nutritionists...its alot!

We want to start by thanking the special people that work at our NT school canteens.

We are also inviting teachers who read this newsletter to take the time to thank your canteen manager, volunteers and staff.

You could thank them

- in person
- on social media
- in your school newsletter



If you have a story of a special canteen manager or volunteer we would love to hear about them. Please email nutritiondarwinurban.doh@nt.gov.au



Course: FOCIS School Canteen Training
Mode: Online
Cost: \$100

Running a canteen is much more than providing healthy foods. The training includes the consistent key components of effective canteen management. For example, advocating for a whole school approach to healthy eating, 'food foundations' modelled on the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating, and much more.



DARWIN SCHOOL OF BALLET
A SHOWING OF WORK

Ballet is an artform:
enjoy every step, and never forget why you dance.



Photography: David Bradley

- Saturday 10 June 2023 from 11 am to 11.40 am
- CDU Theatre: entry by donation

All funds raised will go towards sending some of our advanced students to Brisbane in September 2023 for a clinic with the Queensland Ballet Academy.

More information: heath.lisa@bigpond.com

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Outside School Care NT - Wulagi
Vacation Care Program

26th June - 14th July 2023

Site contacts: Denise Goulson
Phone: 0499 989 185
Email: wulagi1@outsideschoolcare.com.au

Week 1

*Excursion will be capped at 55 children for safety reasons.

26 th June	27 th June	28 th June	29 th June	30 th June
<p>Wheels Day Bring your favourite wheels. And don't forget your helmet.</p>	<p>Messy Play Day Engage in a variety of messy play activities 😊 Pack a spare change of clothes.</p>	<p>Games Day Board games, made up games, games outside.</p>	<p>Jingili Water Gardens Excursion Join us for a day exploring the Jingili Water Gardens.</p>	<p>Dance Competition Prizes given out for different things such as best dance.</p>

Week 2

3 rd July	4 th July	5 th July	6 th July	7 th July
<p>Drawing Contest No topic, draw what you want.</p>	<p>Hyper The Clown Incursion Today we will have a visit from Hyper the clown and participate in a Movement Disco.</p>	<p>Treasure Hunt Hidden treasures can you find them!</p>	<p>Botanical Gardens Excursion Join us for a day exploring the George Brown Botanical Gardens.</p>	<p>Building Competition Best structure made wins a prize!</p>