

Assistant Principal Update

Welcome to week 7

As you may be aware, I will be finishing up at Alawa at the end of the year. I will be taking a position as a Curriculum Advisor with the education department which is a contract for 3 years. I certainly have mixed emotions about finishing up, as I will be leaving such a wonderful school here at Alawa. I am, however, looking forward to working in another area of education that I am passionate about. This role involves developing educational resources and supporting schools to implement the Australian Curriculum through the teaching and learning of Science Technology Engineering and Maths, [STEM].



I would like to acknowledge what a wonderful community that I have been part of over the last 4 years. I will really miss the wonderful staff and students that I have worked alongside. I will miss the fantastic families that I have met during my years here at Alawa. I will miss the opportunities that I have, every single day, to work with you all to provide the best learning opportunities for each and every one of your children. Thankyou to all of you. Please come and say goodbye as I finish up the last few weeks of this year.

I know Rachel will do a great job as your new Assistant Principal.

I will miss Alawa but will remember my time fondly. Thankyou to Sandy and the Alawa team.

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

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 10:15am
Thursday 14th December	Last day of Term 4 Year 6 farewells after lunch	1:40pm

Preschool news

This week Preschool Red and Blue have had their last visit to Transition classrooms. Over the last two terms the children have enjoyed joining transition once a week. They have gained familiarity with the space, the teachers and some of the children they will get to play with in the big school next year. It has been great practice at interacting with new friends for everyone. This week they also had their first practice at eating lunch with the Transition students in eating time. We will eat with them once more next week.



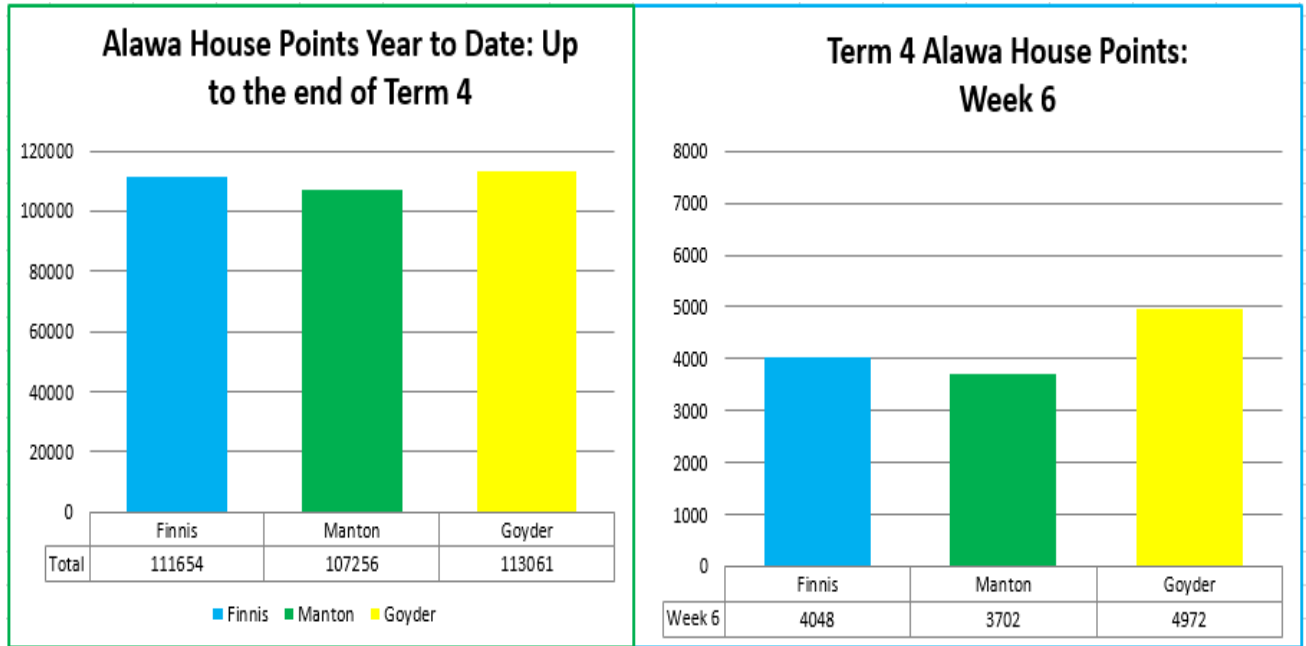
Angela Henschke, Elena Churhman, Kelly Crawford and Flor Hogdson [The Preschool Team]

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 4 Goyder was ahead with 4972 points!

In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 113 061 points!



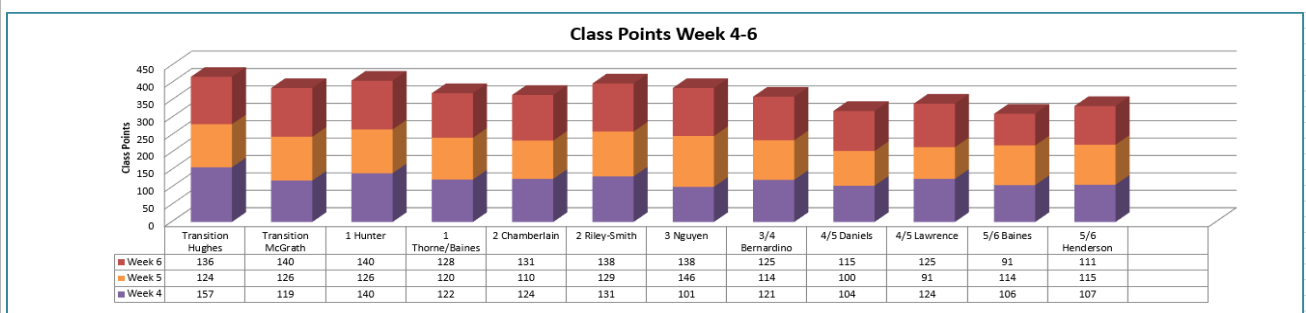
Class Points

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 classes with the most points in Week 6 of Term 4 were....Transition McGrath and 1 Hunter with 140 points !!!

The winning class for Weeks 4-6 is...Transition Hughes with 417 points!!! Keep it up!!!

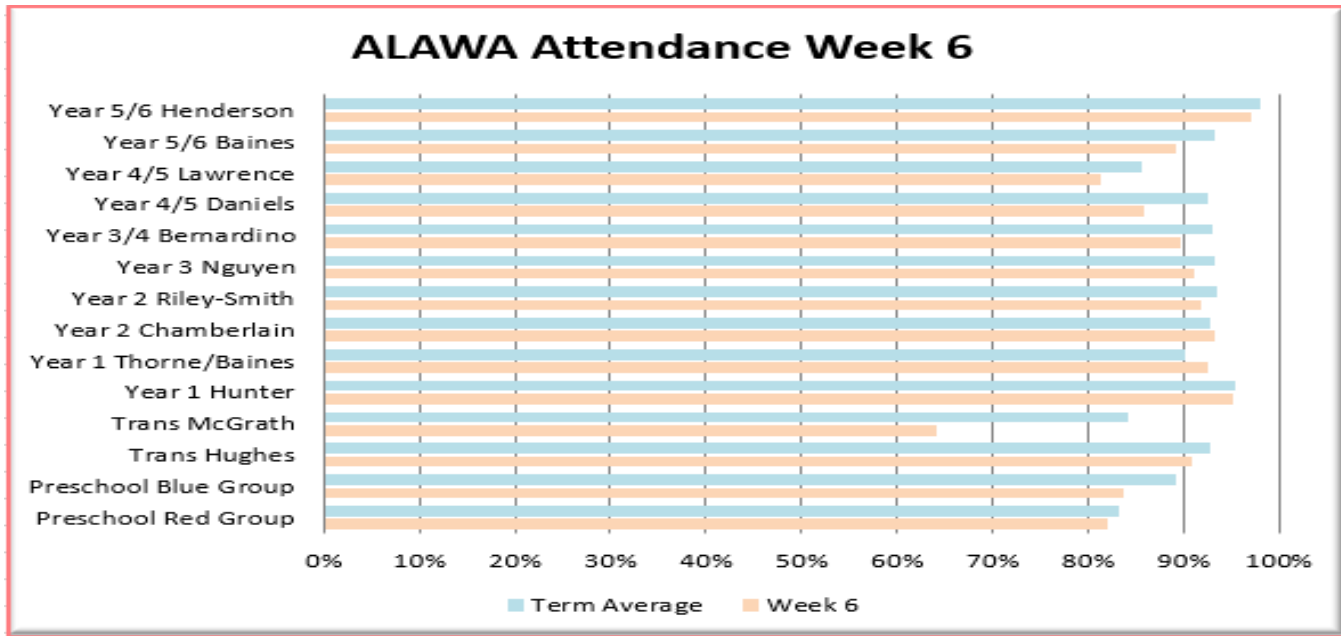


Attendance

Primary School Average for Week 6 Term 4: **88.53%**

The class with the highest attendance for Week 6: **5/6 Henderson with 97.04%!!! Amazing job!!!**

In the lead for Term 4 we have... **5/6 Henderson with 98.00%!!!**



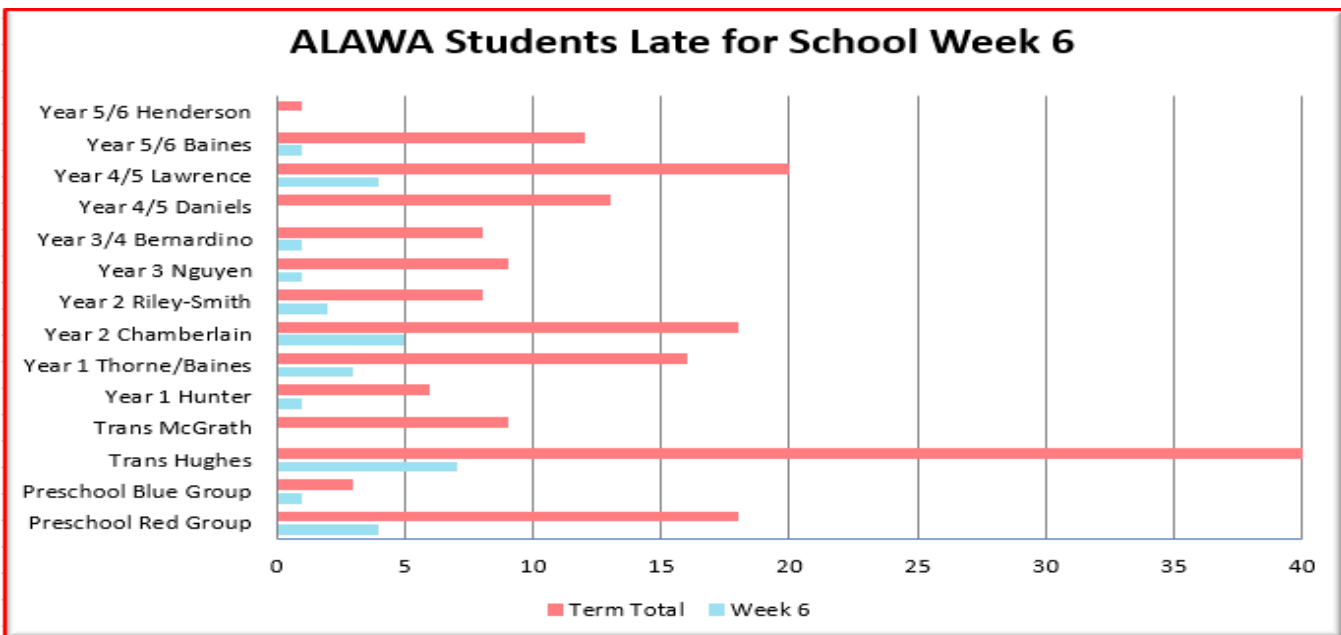
Lates

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

There were 30 lates in Week 6!

For Week 6 it was *fabulouso* to see NO lates at all for **Transition McGrath, 4/5 Daniels and 5/6 Henderson!**

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

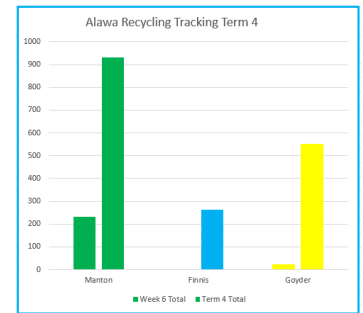


Recycling

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.



DSM news

A highlight on the Term 4 calendar each year is the **Free Dress Day** hosted by Defence Kids Club. On the Friday of Week 8 [01/12/23], students are invited to wear clothing of their choice to school in return for a gold coin donation. The funds raised are donated to a not-for-profit Defence Organisation. This year we will be donating to Legacy Australia.

As we head into the end of the year and all of the joyous occasions it brings, Defence families head into another all too familiar season.....Posting season. This means that over the next couple of months we are going to see friends, family and neighbours packing up their lives and moving on to their next location. As well as new families moving to Darwin. Moving is a major life change. It is an event filled with a variety of emotions. A move of choice may be viewed as a positive opportunity associated with feelings of excitement and anticipation. In contrast, a move without choice, may be associated with feelings of fear, anxiety, and sadness. Each family member may experience different emotions at different times. However, if relocation is approached with an optimistic attitude, it can promote family growth and involvement.

The relationship of the parents forms the foundation for a healthy family. The strength of this foundation is the key to family stability. During times of relocation children benefit from the security of their parents' love and support.

Suggestions for helping couples through the relocation process [whether it is a Defence related move or not]:

- Focus on yourself. If you take care of your physical and emotional needs, you will be better prepared to help your family.
- Express and share your feelings, emotions, and expectations with your partner
- Recognise that your family may experience a sense of loss as a result of a move. It takes time to work through this loss.
- After the move, become involved in familiar activities
- Maintain contacts with friends and relatives
- Schedule time alone as a couple



Katie Wedel and Laura Thiele [Defence School Mentors]

Suggestions Credit: Ken Welsh: NSW Regional Education Liaison Officer.

Library news

With Christmas and the end of year school holidays fast approaching my mind is turning to school holiday reading and activities. Oftentimes we get busy with all of the holiday activities happening and forget to stop and take some time out to read a book. As we celebrate the strides our kids have made with their learning over the past year it is important for them to continue reading over the holidays in order to maintain their literacy skills. Reading helps them to learn new words and gain ideas for stories they will be writing in the year to come. The Better Reading website has a fantastic kids summer reading list which I have linked below. This list has some great titles included both well loved and new.

Better Reading 2023 Top 50 Kids' Books: <https://www.betterreading.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Top-50-Kids-2023-PDF-List.pdf>

Why not make it a challenge to read as many as you can this holidays either alone or with a parent or friend. I would love to hear about the new books you have discovered.

Better Reading's 2023



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.... 3/4 Bernardino!!!

Child Safety

Child Safety: Everyone's Business

Please take care when entering and exiting our Car Park and Drop off / Collect Zone.

People who park on the verge in the drive through area block the area for others - if no available spaces in the drop / collect zone PLEASE enter the actual car park OR drive through and come back around.

PLEASE DO NOT stop in the centre of the drive through area and ask children to get in or out of the car in the middle of the road - very dangerous.



Honour Awards this week

The following students will receive their Honour Awards this Friday 24th November:

Maja Hangan	Teddy Tucker	Emmett Rutledge
Havana Aparis-Clemente	Gabby McCrae	Taylor Bowman
Maebe Thomson	Ruby Dias-Delana	Sadie Jackson
Lucas Fischer	Mabel Tolley	Eve Royal
Florence Martin	Casey Raby	Siam Cassidy
Max McCready	Jerome Dowling	Eva Li
Lachlan Johannessen	Reuben Wedel	Jed Carpenter
Bethany Quintner	Mercy Manok	Jett Brenton
Joonas Kroger	Amelie Dennis	Lupe Ali
Catherina Brady	Aafiyah Topacio	Kaileigh Nicholas
Bianca McGowan	William Hubbard	Chad Geddes
Layla Cook		

Week 7 Assembly

The following Student Leadership Certificates will also be presented at assembly this Friday:

- ⇒ House Captains
- ⇒ SRC
- ⇒ Library Monitors
- ⇒ Tek Interns and Tek Ninjas
- ⇒ Junior and Senior Learning Commission

Alawa Primary School Volunteer's Morning Tea

To thank you for your ongoing support of our school throughout the year you are invited to attend our 2023 Volunteer's Morning Tea.

**Tuesday 12th December
10.15am - 11.00am**

**[directly following the awards presentation assembly]
Library Conference Room**

RSVP to katie.wedel@education.nt.gov.au by Wednesday 6th December



Alawa Primary School *Presentation* & **AWARDS ASSEMBLY**

Tuesday 12th December 2023 - 9:00am

ALAWA SCHOOL LIBRARY

Volunteers Morning Tea
to follow at conclusion
of awards

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
Don't melt
Festive feel

- Baked beans or spaghetti
- Canned spam, bully beef, ham
- Canned fruit, vegetables
- Breakfast cereals, jams, honey
- 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 doing it 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

Playgroup

It was our cooking day at Playgroup last Friday and Miss Erin organised something new for the playgroupers to bake - Pizza Scrolls! There were many little ones all gathered round the big table waiting patiently for Miss Erin to give the first instructions. The ingredients were so colourful like the rainbow, we were excited to find out what to do with them all!



The first part of our recipe was to make a dough just like scones. First, tip in the cups of flour, 2nd thing to do; squish the golden butter with our fingers to make it crumbly and add milk to make it sticky! But this time we kneaded our dough until just right then 'Squished it flat'! This part was super fun! Lots of little hands and arm muscles worked hard to get it nice and spread out. Now for the rainbow making...

We spread some 'red' tomato paste on, putting on a nice even saucy layer. 'Yellow' pineapple was next, then ALL the 'green' stuff! Finally 'golden' cheese to finish it off. Looking like a pizza now, 'is it finished?' Nope not yet! Now we roll it up just like a big pizza sausage. Then Miss Erin cut it into slices. They looked so cool, colourful and swirly when we put them on the tray all lined up and ready for baking. While they were cooking and making the room smell amazing, everyone went outside to get some jiggles out. When they were 'finally' ready, ('cause 10 minutes can be a long time, especially when you have to wait for them to cool down too) we got to take them outside to share. They were definitely worth the wait, Miss Erin didn't even need to wash up the plate, there was not a crumb left!

This week we will visit the farm if it's not raining, so remember hats, shoes and drink bottles. See you then.

Miss Erin [Playgroup Coordinator]

Typing Tournament

Through their inquiry work this year, the Senior Learning Commission identified that writing is an area of concern. They discovered that one aspect of writing that students struggle with is typing. Typing skills are essential for learning success as devices are used regularly in classrooms.

This week the Senior Learning Commission hosted a Typing Tournament for year levels 2-6. They are hoping this tournament will assist students to build their typing skills.

It's amazing and the kids are loving it—**Jayde**

It's great and everyone's excited to practise at lunch—**Georgie**



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!



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your child's
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Contact **Joyce Chang**
for online enrolment
forms and any other
enquiries.

- wagamanoshc@childaustralia.org.au
- (08) 6182 1040
- childaustralia.org.au
- @Child Australia Wagaman OSHC



Community notices

ROYAL EXISTENCE DANCE ACADEMY

Acrobatics Ballet Contemporary Jazz Hip Hop Tap

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL
GET 10% OFF THE TOTAL TERM 1 TUITION FEE AND EACH
STUDENT RECEIVES A COMPLIMENTARY WELCOME PACK



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Phone: 0429 560 602

Address: 4/18 Caryota Court, Coconut Grove

*This voucher is valid for new students only. Mention this flyer when you enquire.

+ www.nightcliffcc.org.au



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JOIN ^{THE} NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB

SIGN-ON 2024 DAY

COMING THIS
FEBRUARY - 2024
CONTACT AMANDA
0418 292 582

PLAYERS WANTED

