

Week 8: 7 Septemeber 2023

Principal Update

Welcome to our Week 8 news.....

Oh What a Night!!!!

Super huge thanks to everyone who came along last Thursday evening to the Alawa Spectacular—so many smiley faces, happy grins and shouts of excitement. Events such as this simply could not happen without our co-ordination team and I would really like to acknowledge the team for this event:

- ⇒ Ana Bernardino
- ⇒ Tamra Caruana
- ⇒ Jude McGrath
- ⇒ Steph Cockfield
- ⇒ Georgia Block
- ⇒ Holly Chamberlain



Videos of each class item are available:
Links shared via email from Xuno earlier this week

In addition we had so many other parents / carers who helped out with the activities with the teachers, the food and the setup / pack up. Alawa merits heading your way—you are very much appreciated!

Maria van der Geest
O' what a night! That was a cuteness spectacular and a fantastic show!! Loved the acro moves. Thank you to the Event Organising Committee, all of the Teachers and staff at APS, and Royal Existence Dance...outstanding effort and energy!

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Jessie Rayson
Absolutely brilliant well done to everyone involved, was a wonderful evening!!! So many smiles.

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Paula Moller
It was a great night. You all did so I credibly well to pull it off and the kids were amazing! You guys amaze me every year. I always think..."nope they can't beat the years before performance but every year is just brilliant! 😊

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Leonie Commons
Another wonderful Alawa community show, great night.

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Aleesha Lucille Rutledge
Brilliant show. Thank you to all the staff for all the effort that goes into it! ...

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Daryl Lehmann
Fabulous night as always and excellent performances with the Royal Existence Dance Academy doing an excellent job teaching the kids.

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John Paul Cleary
Fabulous performance! Congratulations to the Alawa School Community for an absolute showstopper. 🥰🥰🥰

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Ashlee Benson
Incredible night as always! Thank you for all the hard work you have all put in! The children all seemed to have a blast 🥳

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Sara Kate
Kids had the best time and so did we! Everyone was amazing and the set up was fabulous 🥳 Another spectacular concert from the best school in the multiverse 🥳

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Julie Page
Great show 🌟 Thank you 😊👍

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Brooke O'malley-wittwer
What an amazing night 🌟 Thankyou 🙌

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Kate Tannock
The show was amazing!! 🥳 Well done to everyone involved 🙌

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Well done everyone!!!! 🙌👍

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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 8 — Which very special person from our school did we say Goodbye to last week? [**Sandy Cartwright**]



Assistant Principal Update

To all families,

Welcome to week 8.

We had a very exciting week last week with our **Whole School Performance** night. It was wonderful to see the children on stage with their great acrobatic moves.



Thanks to our **SRC** students and their mothers and some fathers who assisted in the **Father's Day breakfast** on Wednesday morning. Thank you also to Mr Dave who assisted. What a turn out! Despite running out of eggs I hope you enjoyed your time with your children and plenty of bacon and sausages.

There are some very excited Year 3/4 students who we will be saying goodbye to as they head off to **camp** on Thursday morning. I am sure they will have a wonderful time and I am looking forward to visiting them on Thursday night with Ms Cartwright.

I have already started enrolment interviews for our 2023 enrolments in Preschool. I am encouraging these new families to come to our **Playgroup** on a Friday morning at 9:30. If you attend Playgroup and your child is not beginning Preschool next year, please be mindful of this if the numbers become too big. This Playgroup is a priority for new families to familiarise their children with this space and to also begin to start establishing friendships.

Genevieve Donohue [Assistant Principal]

Hot Tips for the Week

Raising Children- Sleep and Learning



Key points

- A good night's sleep is essential for learning. It helps children concentrate, remember things and behave well.
- A bedtime routine, morning sunlight, regular exercise and a healthy diet can help solve sleep problems
- Some sleep problems that affect learning are caused by medical issues. See your GP if you're concerned.

[About sleep and learning](#)

[Concentration and sleep](#)

[Memory and sleep](#)

[Behaviour and sleep](#)

[Working on sleep problems to help with learning](#)

raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/sleep/understanding-sleep/sleep-learning

Calendar of events

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|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 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 |

Farewell and thanks for all the good times Ms Tamra

Last week we farewelled one of our long term and prominent staff members. Ms Tamra has been part of the Alawa team for over seven years. In this time she has been instrumental in helping to build and improve the school to what it is today. Working tirelessly in the background of almost every event, grants the school has received, Facebook posts, newsletters published and photos taken was Ms Tamra.

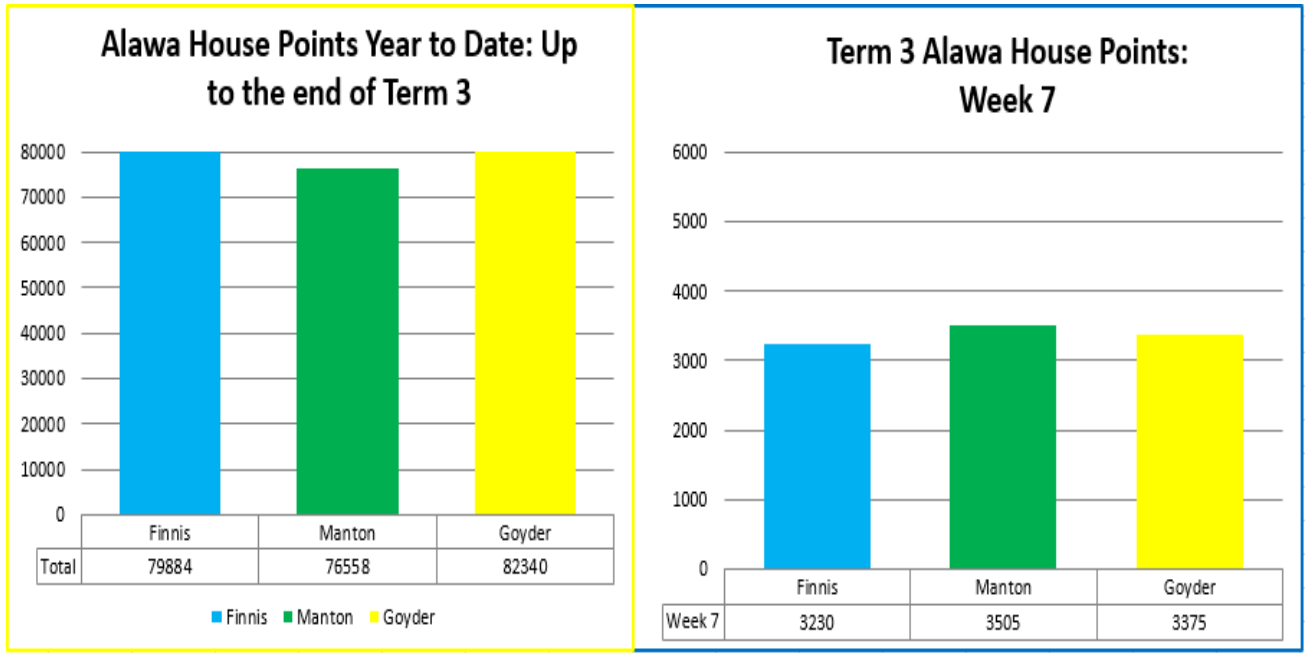
Tamra’s presence will be fiercely missed by families, staff and of course students but we are sure she will remember us fondly when she is kicking her feet up on the beaches of the Gold Coast. Thank you for all you have done for the Alawa School Community Ms Tamra [with the camera] we wish you all the best.



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 7 of Term 3 Manton was ahead with 3505 points!
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 82340 points!**

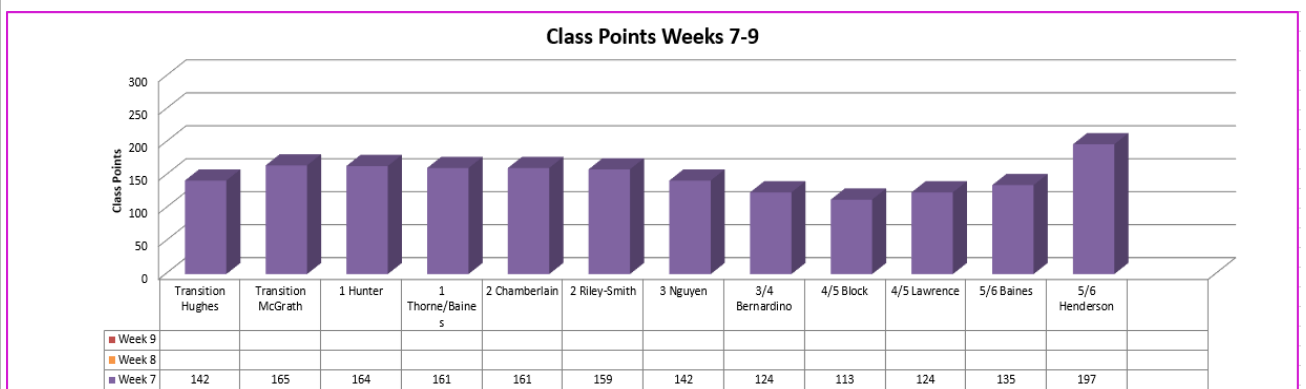


Class Points

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 7 of Term 3 was....5/6 Henderson with 197 points !!!

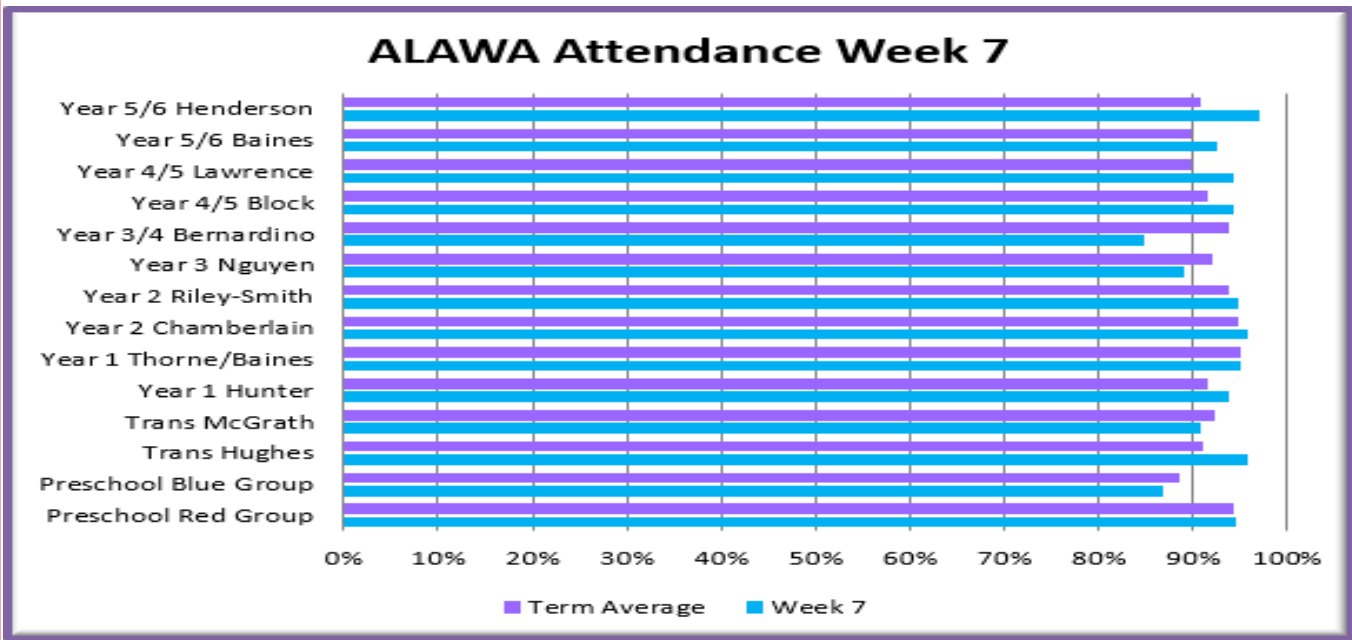


Attendance

Primary School Average for Week 7 Term 3: **92.85%**

The class with the highest attendance for Week 7: **5/6 Henderson with 92.85%!!! Amazing job!!!**

In the lead for Term 3...**1 Thorne/Baines with 95.02%!!! Keep it up!!!**



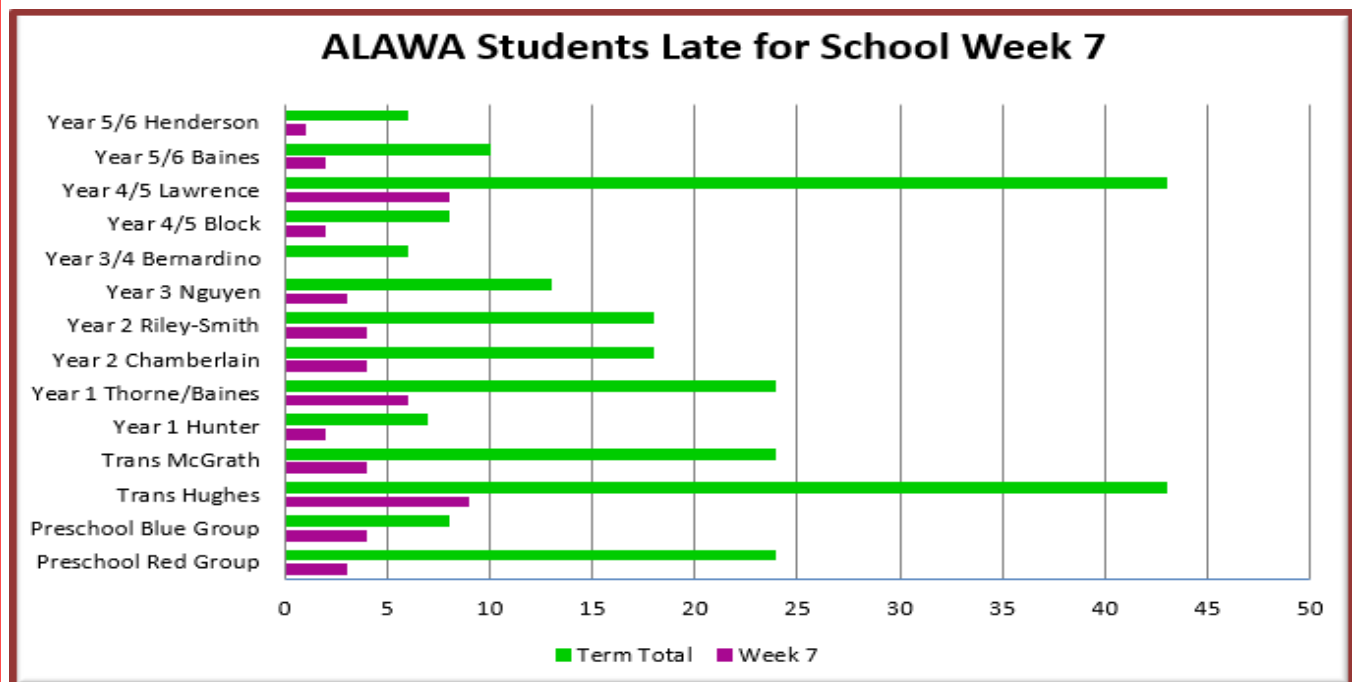
Lates

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

There were 52 lates in Week 7!

For Week 7 it was *fabulouso* to see NO lates at all for 3/4 Bernardino!

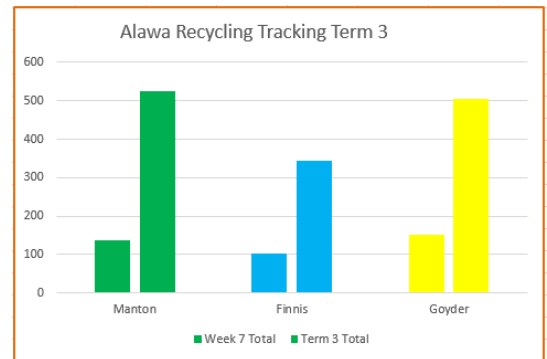
In the lead for Term 3... 3/4 Bernardino and 5/6 Henderson with 6 lates!!!



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.



Bookcamp

Have you heard about "Bookcamp"?

Classes will be reading with their buddies on Wednesday morning in week 8 and 9th, the 6th and 13th September.

This is part of our huge focus on Reading this term. Please come and join us from 8:30-8:45 after the Father's day breakfast next week. Your teachers will be in contact with more information about where they will meet for this time.



Library news

Wow, the term and time seem to be running at high speed at the moment! Our whole school Bee a Great Reader Book Challenge has now reached the half way mark and I am looking forward to hearing about all the books the students are reading. This week in the Library students are trying to match which favourite book matches which Teacher! Week 9 [next week] will be busy with the Book Fair, Student Led Conferences and our Book Character Parade all happening.

Our Scholastic Book Fair Hats Off to Reading is nearly here! It will open next Monday the 11th of September from 8am in the Library so come along to find the best new books and help to earn free books for our library! There will be fiction and non-fiction books, graphic novels, posters, pens, diaries, activity kits and much more on offer.

Book Fair dates: Week 9 September 11th – 15th
Shopping hours: Monday – Friday: 8am – 8:30am,
Monday, Thursday, Friday: 3pm – 4pm
Tuesday and Wednesday: 3pm – 6pm

Happy Reading

Sacha Evans [Library and ICT Manager]



Playgroup news

We had a really nice morning at playgroup on Friday. There are new faces arriving every week which has been so fun to get to know them all and introduce them to a little part of our great school. We spent our morning at Preschool where we played with purple play-dough and made fun shapes and patterns on the light board. We read books and built train tracks while parents chatted and drank tea. Miss Erin set up a little table for Father's Day where we all painted some special rocks for our Dad's [and other special people too] with colourful paint pens!

Afterwards we went outside having loads of fun on the Play-gym and climbing on the frames. But one of our favourite things on Friday was putting on great shows on the little stage! We had streamers on our arms, blowing in the breeze, and playing the musical instruments while we performed. We were really talented too as some of the playgroupers had just been to the school concert the night before to watch older brothers and sisters dance and perform, so they knew some good moves! This week we will do some baking. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Miss Erin [Playgroup Co-coordinator]



Alawa Spectacular: oh what a night!



Year 5/6 Baines news

5/6 Baines Creative Writing Task- The Gift.

Students from 5/6 Baines who attended The Bookfeast with author Leonie Norrington took part in a descriptive writing task called 'The Gift'. The students held their hands out, with eyes shut. Leonie told them an imaginary 'Gift' which she placed in their hands, they then had to describe and write about this item. We had a go at this in class, students were given different 'Gifts' from Mrs Baines.

Gold coin from an old lady's purse

I could tell the gold coin felt light, it had a layer of smooth. I felt calm as I ran my bare finger over the picture of Queen Elizabeth the II. The gold coin had a special place in the old lady's purse that I could tell was used for many things, one of the particular things she used the coin for was to buy the daily newspaper. I could tell that the lady was an outgoing and extraordinary person. I inhaled the fumes of the pale rose perfume that the lady would spray in her old sage pink leather purse – Ava

An old basketball card, worth a lot of money, found in a bin

It smelt like old KFC, an old oil smell mixed with the salt smell of their chicken. It feels wrinkly and old, yet stiff, I couldn't bend it. It was owned by a very old man named MJ. MJ was infact the greatest NBA player in the world, he held lots of records within the game – Jax

An ballerina's old earring

The shiny, rose gold piece of metal caught my eye, thinking it was a coin of some sort, I quickly swiped it from the cobbles. I was astonished to find a rusting earring, with a small pale rose colored flower at the top of it, encased in yellowing resin. It felt cold and hard in my hand, but somehow exclusive and judging, I pinch my own ears where my lazy, tourist like, plastic Eiffel tower earrings are. This piece of art belonged to someone more royal and elegant. Just then an old leathery woman waddles towards me, thanking me? She approached me carefully, explaining how her mother was a famous Parisian Prima Ballerina who had owned the garment and how she had dropped it and had been searching the street for hours. I felt reluctant to hand it over until she pulled out it's pair to prove it. I was sad to see it go but felt blessed to have held it. -Alice

An old gold chain owned by a boxer

I found the gold chain on the floor, it said Tyson. It looked old, expensive, rusty yet dangerous. It smelt sweaty, with that evidence I thought it was in fact owned by Mike Tyson. He tossed it out when his career was suddenly destroyed after an incident in the boxing ring – Jaxon

An old hairclip owned by a famous ballerina

It feels solid and tough but bends easily waiting to be put on. Smooth, shiny, and white owned by her when she was a kid given to her by her hero. It has been around since 1873 and fell off her head after her 87th dance. I got given it by accident because it was inside the ballet slippers I was given. It was an honour to have held it and felt blessed to have found it. Soon I found it was now my time to go on that stage with the hairclip on my head. I take it with me everywhere no matter what. -Alexandra

Golden chain from a famous princess

The princess's hard metal like golden chain shone in the light like the sun on a dark evening. It smelt like the most beautiful lavenders and the ocean on a hot summer day. But tragically it was stolen and wasn't found until years later hundreds of kilometers away. - Alexis

Student Led Conferences : Final days for bookings to be made. Closes 8/9

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 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.

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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 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 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 website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school's name and suburb.

Farm news



A lot of the hard rubbish is coming out this week, If you have any garden materials like arbors, trellises or pots, timber or wire etc. please donate to us by talking to the front office or placing it near our farm gate. Every little bit helps!

Thanks again to the Cassidy family for all the seeds and seedlings! We can't wait for our snake beans to grow!

Ms Saleena prepared a special lesson for us this week in 2 Chamberlain, not only did she tell us about working with Mr Henderson in Katherine but also her connection to different country like Tennant Creek.

Ms Saleena, with the help of our volunteer Ms Maria, showed us how to create bush toys from grass and wool. We have woven a lot of snakes, some dingoes, and a few other animals. We will finish these off over the next few weeks!

Bronwyn Cleary and Farmer Bob [Farm Teacher and Farm Manager]



Preschool news

In preschool we explore lots of different types of music. We allow our bodies to respond to the music and we use lots of different instruments.

This fortnight in Red Group we listened to an orchestra playing Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. The conductor made the orchestra play very loud [forte] and very quiet [piano]. The children also listened to the speed [tempo] of the music. We had scarfs and enjoyed dancing with them and throwing them to the speed and volume of the music. When it was really fast, our movements were very fast. When it was very loud our movements were very big!



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

Honour and Honour Distinction award winners Week 8 Assembly

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

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| Carys Walsh | Cleo Rayson | Greta King |
| Reilly Tanner | Alexandra Vidins | Patrick Scheide |
| Lucas Cooper | Caspar Pike | Maebe Thomson |
| Lucas Fischer | Lachlan Johannessen | Asta Laidlaw |
| Arlo Whitmee | Joshua Talbot | Jace Crawford |
| Ngoc Chau | Emelia Fuller | Jude Jackson |
| Irene Glynatsis | Max McCready | Flynn Cleary |
| Kassius Wunungmurra | Henry Hubbard | Mabel Tolley |
| Erin Taylor | Ruby Dias-Delana | Chad Geddes |
| Jaxson Garbusinski | Lachlan Mortimer | Joshua Black |
| Aislin Vickery | Marion Petterson | |
| Siam Cassidy | Darcy Rayson | |

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

Farm Manager needed: 4 week vacancy

We are seeking for someone to fill in for the Farm Manager role for the first 4 weeks of Term 4 [9th October—3rd November] as Farmer Bob will be taking some extended well earned leave. We are seeking someone who can work over Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays—15hours. Come along and have some fun with Mrs Cleary and the Alawa farm students.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please give the office a call on 8997 7666 or send an email to alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au and we will provide you with a brief description of the duties and the skills required.



**Farm
Help
Needed!**



Please see post for details

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 7 winner was....Transition Hughes

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: 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



Community notices



**MARRARA
ON SHOW!**

15 SEPT | 5:30PM - 8PM

110 AMY JOHNSON AVENUE, MARRARA

Our Twilight Tours provide the perfect opportunity for curious families to get a taste of what makes Marrara Christian College unique. Bring a friend along so they can experience Marrara CC for themselves!

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Free cyber safety app

[Dolly's Dream](#) has partnered with the Telethon Kids Institute to get *Beacon*, the free cyber safety app, into the hands of parents and carers across the nation.

Co-designed with input from parents, carers and cyber safety experts, *Beacon* provides families with trustworthy, practical resources to help them confidently navigate their children's technology use and reduce associated harms.

Families receive content tailored to their needs – including articles, videos and alerts – from a comprehensive library of strategies and tips to help address challenging issues such as screen time, gaming and cyberbullying.

For any questions, contact Donna Lea - NT Dollys Dream Advisor by calling 0498 371 122.



We'll keep the children entertained these
September/October School Holidays!

Wagaman OSHC as a community based, not-for-profit Outside School Hours care, we provide a stimulating, caring and fun environment for your school aged child (5-12 years).

Whether at our service enjoying activities in the surrounds of the beautiful, natural parklands we are adjacent to, or out and about on exciting excursions, our skilled educators will create an environment in which your child can form friendships, explore, create, experiment, and use their imagination.

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