



Week 8: 30th November 2023

Principal Update

Welcome to our Week 8 news.....

Well, Week 8 and we are nearing the end of the year. I can assure all families our core programs and explicit teaching are still in place in all classrooms through the school right through to the end of Week 9. Through Week 10 alternate programmes / timetables will be in place as we wind up the year. Letters will be coming home from class teachers with specific details for your children with regards to events, class parties etc.

In some rooms a Christmas theme will unfold from Monday 4th December. This is not a religious focus. If you have any concerns about this please discuss directly with our child's class teacher.

Last Friday we had a fab, humorous assembly hosted by the poetic students from 5/6 Baines who entertained us with their Slam Poetry. This certainly engaged the audience. We were also so pleased to recognise the many student leaders at our school who contribute in so many ways—check out the photos further in the newsletter.

I was super impressed with the Senior Learning Commission who shared their journey this year with their focus on improving writing by developing a range of strategies and tools to support in the classrooms. These will now be in all rooms from the start of 2024 and the Typing Tournament a quarterly event. They also awarded the winners from our recent Typing Tournament with \$10 Cafe vouchers.

Leadership Planning

Last Saturday the Leadership Team spent the day reviewing feedback from the year, discussing focus and priorities for 2024 and aligning our energies to ensure we are all set and focused for 2024. After presenting our Annual School Improvement Plan and draft budget to School Council last Monday we are all clear now on the direction for continuous improvement at Alawa through the coming year.

I am looking forward to seeing many families at our Preschool & Year 6 Graduations next week.

Have a fab week, 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 8— What was the focus for improvement for our Senior Learning Commission in 2023? [*Sandy Cartwright*]



Assistant Principal Update

Hello all parents, carers and friends,

This is the second week of swimming lessons for our classes from Preschool to Year 2. The children are thoroughly enjoying this time, especially with the weather being so hot. As you would be aware this is taking a lot out of them and they are very tired. There will obviously be considerations around the learning program as teachers adjust to how the students are going. Thankyou to all our helpers who are driving the buses to the pool for us. Thankyou also to Janelle and our early years teachers and educators for ensuring we can make this happen.



We certainly have a big two weeks coming up with many events wrapping up the year of 2023. With our Graduation afternoon/evenings for our Year 6 and Preschool students ,as well as our presentation assembly and class parties, it is definitely jam packed. These are very exciting times as we wrap up one year and start thinking about the new year, new classes and new friendships we will be making.

It will be our last Playgroup session in week 9 and I would like to thank Erin for the fabulous activities and games that she organises for our youngest members of our Alawa community. It has provided a great opportunity for families and friends to come together each Friday and enjoy our school environment.

Have a wonderful week.

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 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
Tuesday 16th January—Thursday 25th January	Front Office open for uniforms etc	8:30am—4pm
Tuesday 30th January	First day back for students	

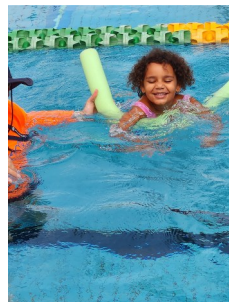
Preschool news

The preschool children have loved being a part of the Early years swimming program which runs this term over Weeks 7 and 8. Monday to Thursday children come dressed in their bathers ready to head off for lessons. We are the first class for the day for the program which is run at Nightcliff pool by a very skilled team of swim teachers from Royal Life Saving NT.



To top off the excitement of having an excursion we get to travel to the pool by bus! Our wonderful bus drivers are very patient, as we do many head counts and seatbelt checks before we are ready to head off. The bus rides to the pool are full of chatting, laughing, and singing. The preschoolers have also become expert 'sign spotters' after being inspired by a big book we are reading in class all about road signs.

The swimming lessons are fun and are teaching us all about being safe in the water. The children have been great listeners and remembering all the safety rules for in and around the pool.



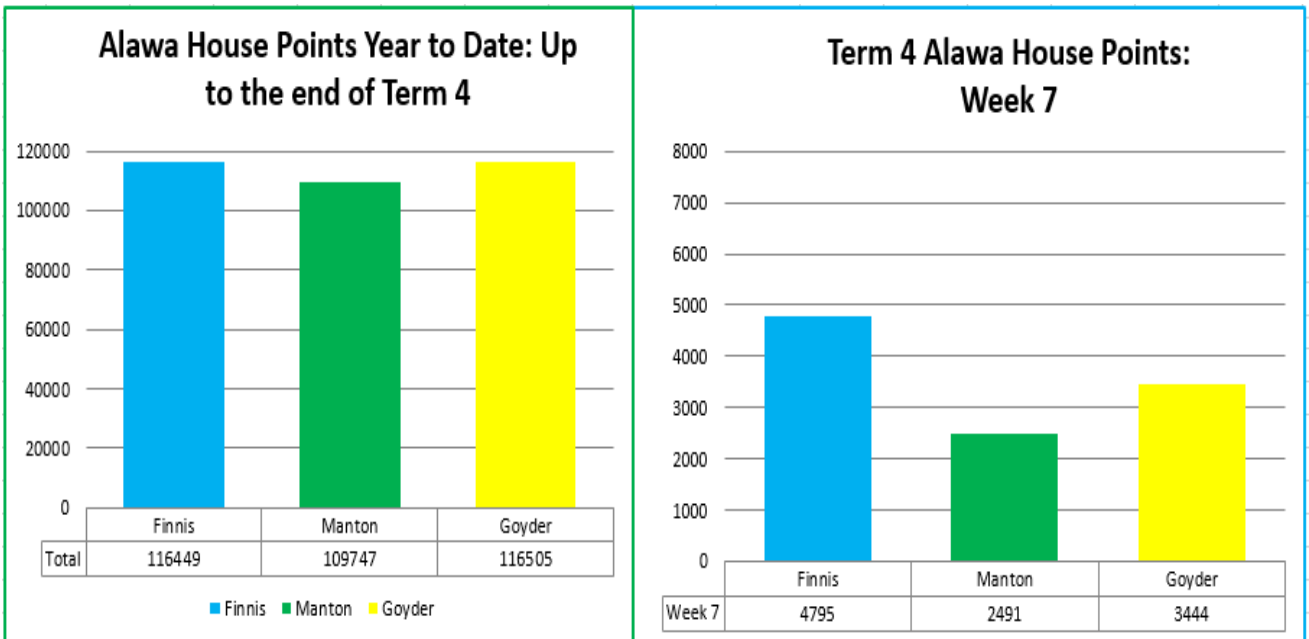
Angela Henschke, Emma Churchman, Kelly Crawford and Flor Hogdson [The Preschool Team]

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 7 of Term 4 Finniss was ahead with 4795 points!

In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 116 505 points!

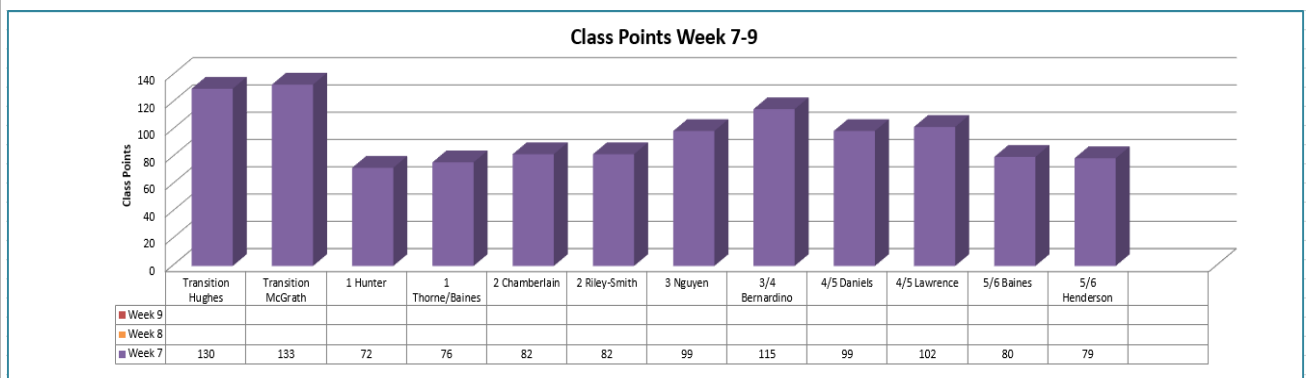


Class Points

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 7 of Term 4 was....Transition McGrath with 133 points !!!

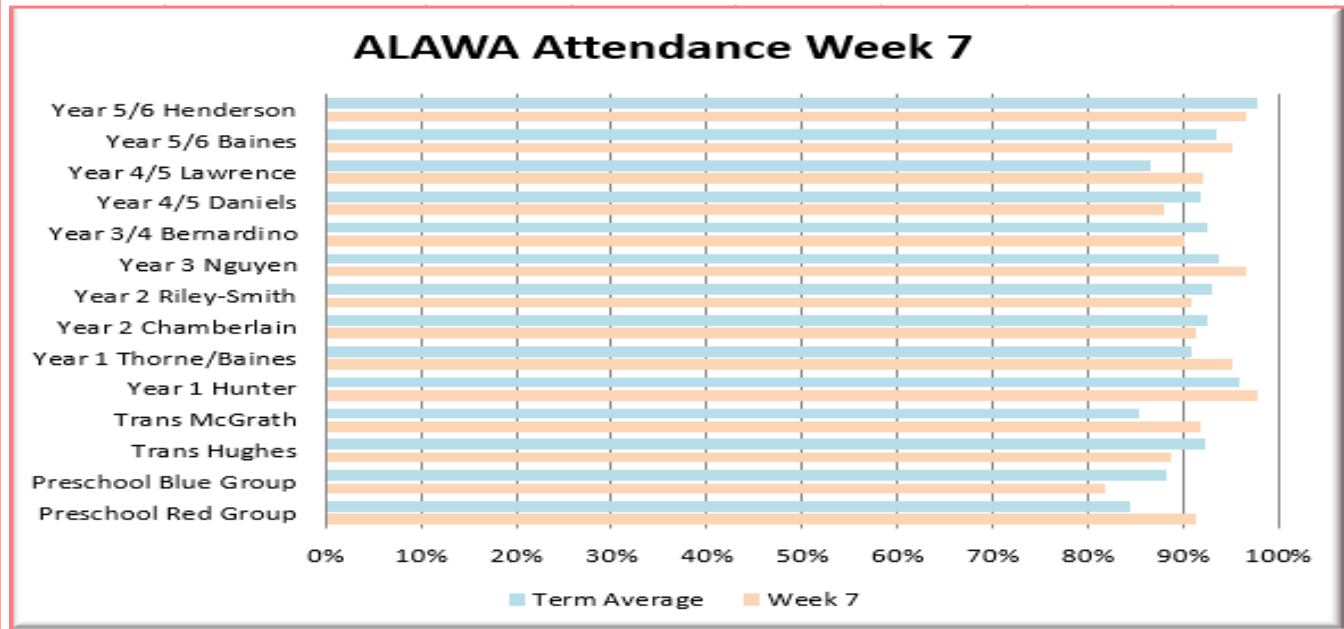


Attendance

Primary School Average for Week 7 Term 4: **92.89%**

The class with the highest attendance for Week 7: **1 Hunter with 97.89%!!! Amazing job!!!**

In the lead for Term 4 we have... **5/6 Henderson with 97.81%!!!**



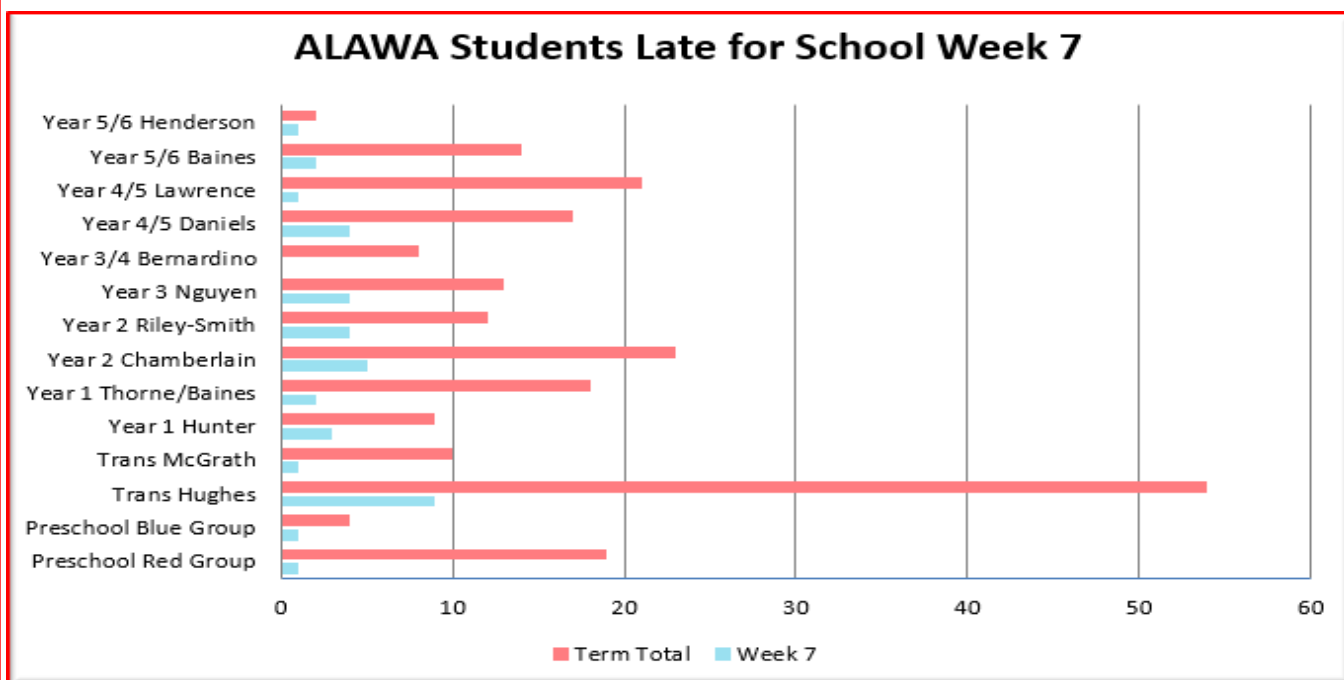
Lates

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

There were 38 lates in Week 7!

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

In the lead for Term 4 we have... **5/6 Henderson with 2 lates!!!**

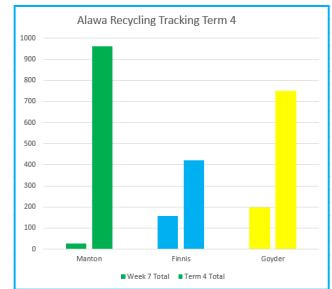


Recycling

A reminder that recycling is back up and running at the school.

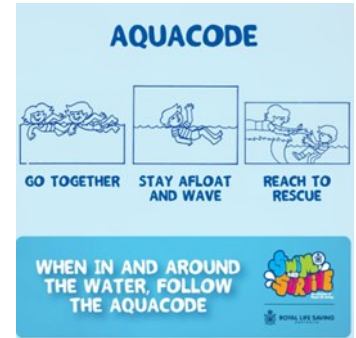
Our recycling bags are up and ready for deposits in their usual location in the back car park hanging on the fence.

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.



Early Years news

We have had a very successful Early Years swimming program over the past two weeks. Students have gained confidence in and around the water and learnt many swim and survive skills. The Royal Life Saving instructors have given positive feedback to our student's ability to listen and demonstrate swimming skills to the best of their ability. Students learnt the Aqua Code and what to do in an Emergency when three whistles are blown at the pool or Waterpark. Lightening and storms within a close proximity to water was an important conversation had during our lessons.



With the wet season upon us please be vigilant when in and around water. Adult supervision is paramount for all children.



The Early Years teachers and students would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the volunteer bus drivers who safely delivered us to the pool and back every day! Our program could not be successful without this help, and it is much appreciated.

It was also great to see many parents dropping into the pool lessons to see how their child is progressing in their swimming ability!

Our swimming program would not run smoothly without the help of our dedicated office team at school who work behind the scenes for many weeks before the swimming lessons begin. Thank you for your contribution from all of the children, parents and teachers!

Farm news

Larrakia Season: Balnba is the season of the first rains. Tadpoles are taking over! Due to the rain we spent some classes inside this week and even played with some robotic Bees in Ms Hunters class.

Farm News: 3-week-old baby Chicks are doing well, we have a mixed bunch of Silkies/Duccles for sale \$15 (unsexed).



Farm Highlights: Congratulations to the Year 5/6 students who are concluding our Alawa Farm Sustainability Project 2023. In this inquiry initiative, students have engaged in designing, calculating, testing, measuring, inventing, and presenting remarkable concepts focused on ethically and sustainably conserving water at the Farm. Our gratitude goes to Power and Water for partnering with us on this project. The next task for these students is to present Farmer Bob and Mrs Cleary with ideas for the Farm's future!



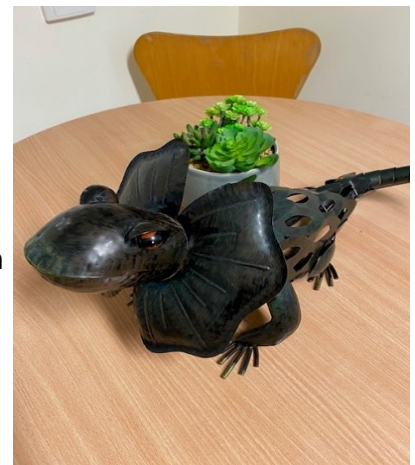
Mrs Cleary and Farmer Bob [The Farm Team]

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 7 winner was.... 2 Chamberlain!!

Typing Tournament winners

The students practiced and practiced and we are now ready to announce our winners! There is one winner from each year level from 2-6 and they will receive a \$10 canteen voucher!

Year 2—Alena with 25 wpm

Year 3—Gabby M with 35 wpm

Year 4—Ellie with 28 wpm

Year 5—Chanlina with 41 wpm

Year 6—Shudin with 62 wpm



Library news

Preparations for our Graduations and Award presentations are now well under way and the Library is getting set to transform mid next week to celebrate these important milestones. As such this week is the final week for home borrowing. All Home readers should be returned to your teacher by this Friday the 1st of December and all library books should be returned by Friday of next week. Thank you for your support with this and please feel free to touch base if you have any questions or concerns.



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Honour Awards last week



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



We are looking for some fit and strong volunteers to help move classroom furniture in preparation for 2024.

When: Wednesday 13th December 2023 (Week 10)

Time: 8:30am – 10:30am

Please contact the Front Office on (08) 8997 7666 if you are able to help out.



Calling For VOLUNTEERS

To help move classroom furniture in preparation for 2024

HELP!!!

Wednesday 13th December 2023
8:30am - 10:30am - Alawa Primary School

End of Term Special Lunch

Another term coming to an end!

Miss Yenni will prepare a special lunch that you can pre order on QuickCliq. Orders close on Tuesday 12th December.

For any questions please call the office on 8997 7666.

End of Term Lunch Special

- 1x Sausage & Bread, Icy Pole & Popper - \$6.50
- Vegetarian Quiche , Icy Pole & Popper - \$6.50



Playgroup

What a busy playgroup we had last Friday. I think the rain gave everyone some extra wiggles and jiggles! We didn't want to brave the mud at the farm so we spent a day in and helped Miss Erin make a batch of scones. Everyone gathered round the table at the ready with their mixing spoons. Flour - check! Butter - check! Milk - check! Helpers - check! We are all quite confident now and know what to do when it comes to making one of our favourite recipes. Count the cups of flour, squish the butter in to make yellowy floury snow, then make it sticky by adding the milk and of course taste testing whenever an opportunity presents. Making sure the ingredients are just right is essential!



After getting our scones into the oven to cook we opened the doors for the wiggles and jiggles to be set freeeee. It was nice to get some fresh air and show off our climbing skills on the climbing frames and do some sliding on the slippery dips. A couple of our favourite indoor activities this week was the doll house and of course the Croc Cruise! Playgroupers had so much fun taking turns to drive the boat and spot the crocs in the water.

Little ones like to come in to check how the cooking is going and ask Miss Erin 'are they ready yet?'

So when they were ready we took them outside with jam and freshly whipped cream, waited patiently for our turn to choose the perfect scone then picked our topping. It was such a lovely way to finish our playgroup morning, sharing our cooking with our friends and families!

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

Miss Erin [Playgroup Coordinator]

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BEFORE SCHOOL & AFTER SCHOOL



GIFTS



TREATS



ALL \$5.00



Alawa Harvest Kitchen Christmas Cooking

When: Friday 15th December 2023

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: \$40 per student

Please contact us on 8997 7666 to book and pay ahead to reserve your child's place.
Class is limited to 20 students to ensure a quality experience. Children must be 8 years
and above to access kitchen facilities successfully.

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!

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



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Writing in Nature for Young People Workshop

12 - 14 years

With author Diane Lucas

Monday 18th December, 9.30am - 4.00pm

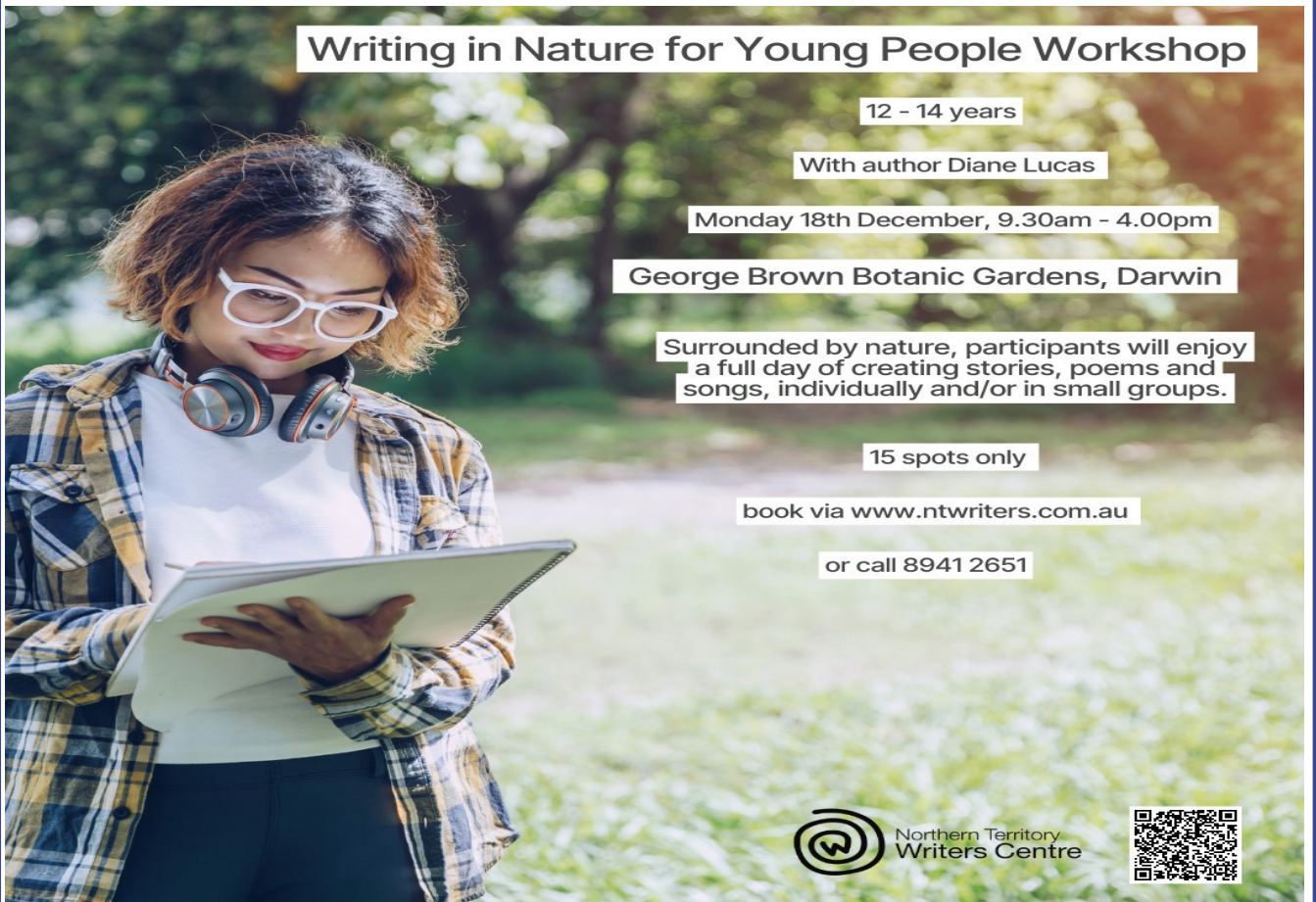
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