



25<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear member of the community

## Alawa School & Farm semester update

*The fundamental philosophy that underpins the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program [SAKGP] is that by setting good examples and engaging children's curiosity, as well as their energy and their taste buds, we can provide positive and memorable food experiences that will form the basis of positive lifelong eating habits. (kitchengardenfoundation.org.au)*

What a year it has been so far! We firstly would like to thank everyone in the Alawa community for their support during this tumultuous time. We have been overwhelmed with support from everyone and will continue to get through this while continuing our commitment to student learning and wellbeing.

In our ongoing efforts to keep the school safe for all that utilise we will have our annual tree inspection done via the Department of Education contractors in June. You may remember last year we had some trees removed according to their recommendations. One of those was the large tree covering one of our decks. Whilst it was sad to see it gone the safety of our students in staff is our main priority. We have now had some beautiful new shade sails erected in its place to once again allow students to play safely outside whilst being sun smart.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration plans are now underway. Our first planned event will be the whole school performance night on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September followed by an open day the next day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September to enable the wider community join us in our celebrations. If you would like to keep up to date or just share your pictures and stories about the school please join the [Alawa Primary School 50th Birthday](#) group on Facebook.

We are also very pleased to announce that in response to the extensive communication plan and community meeting as well as the report handed down by Tonkin late last year with regards to concerns about the traffic congestion and safety the NTG has awarded a contract for the design phase of our additional car parking and traffic management improvements. We have had the initial meeting and surveyors have been on site. We anticipate initial design concepts being shared in the near future which we will then share with the community for consultation and

feedback to inform the next steps. Our school council are also following up with the Darwin City Council re the recommendation for traffic management in the local area.

Stay tuned as this has been a long time coming. . .



Due to our ongoing traffic concerns we encourage you to use the front entrance to the school if picking up children by car- there is a lot of congestion of cars where our students leave the exit onto Pett Street and we remind you that it is illegal to park up on the verge. The police have been patrolling the area and will continue to do so to check on traffic. Please continue to be patient with one and other as student safety is our number one concern so thank you for assisting us to ensure our students are collected safely each day.

Due to recycling centres opening once again our recycling bags are back up and ready for deposits. We will have our house bags in their usual location in the back car park and items can be delivered during school hours. All proceeds go directly to the farm.

The farm have recently had an abundance of citrus and jack fruit which can be purchased from the front office on Fridays during school hours. Items for sale will vary from week to week dependant on availability. We appreciate the community's ongoing support of the farm.

We pride ourselves on being a respectful school and therefore welcome any feedback you may have on working better together as a community.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Cartwright".

Sandy Cartwright  
Principal Alawa Primary