

# ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 1  
31ST JANUARY  
2024

## Principal's Message

Welcome back and bring on 2024!

Like many of you [from what I hear] plans over the break did not quite go as envisaged due to such a large wet season in recent weeks. Yet I have to admit the time I had off was spent catching up with family and friends, relaxing and generally just slowing down a tad! I did manage to head over to the East Coast for a few weeks and enjoyed the change in weather and scenery.

We have had a very busy last few weeks at Alawa with so many families coming in to arrange the use of the Back to School Voucher, purchase uniforms etc. So many smiley faces.

We had the majority of our students resume school for face to face learning yesterday. A few have made contact and advised they are still away and a few we are still waiting to hear from.

## Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 28th February  
- School Council AGM
- Tuesday 27th &  
Wednesday 28th February  
- Student Led Conferences

We appreciate the regular and ongoing communication so we can do our best to support your family.

It is my belief that you are a critical part of your child's education at school. You are your child's first teacher and I encourage you to continue the next part of the learning journey with the school. I believe in an open door policy and encourage you to be curious about what is happening in the school environment.





Congrats to Mr Corey Daniels who married his long term partner Meg back in Swan Hill over the holidays!

## Staffing

### Updates

WELCOME TO NEW  
TEAM MEMBERS  
2024

- NATASHA ROBINSON YEAR 1
- JACQUELINE GARDNER YEAR 3/4
- ED HORIGAN YEAR 5/6
- KRYSTAL SCHEY SPECIAL EDUCATION



As always we do our best to keep you informed as to the best of our knowledge - this will continue to be to parents / carers or through the Xuno Parent Portal. If for any reason you are not receiving these emails / messages please contact Ms Tammy in the front office to advise so she can resolve this for you.

We are estimating an enrolment of 321. I am very excited to be at the school with you all again this year and look forward to getting to know /reconnect with all our students and families over the next few weeks. I believe our core business is providing a learning experience for students in a challenging, caring environment to achieve learning outcomes and prepare for flexible and adaptable pathways.

There are many ways you can be involved in the school, including attending and being part of School Council, helping out with the occasional working bee in the farm and assisting in many different ways in the classrooms. Volunteer surveys will be sent home at the end of this week—please respond if you are able to help out in any way. We also have an option on our website for you to register as a volunteer at any time. We do ask that all volunteers have a current Working with Children Clearance. See more information later in this newsletter.

We have welcomed over 20 new children to our classes in Transition - Year 6 from all over Australia and overseas - welcome to you all! We have also welcomed some new staff members who you will meet through the newsletter in coming weeks.

### 2024 Leadership Team

- Rachel Barnett Assistant Principal
- Jed Henderson Senior Teacher Primary Years
- Janelle Thorne Senior Teacher Early Years
- Angela Henschke Highly Accomplished Teacher & Preschool Teacher in Charge
- Sharon Jennings Business Manager

Have a great week and I look forward to connecting with you in coming weeks.

**Sandy Cartwright**

**[Principal of the Best School in the Multiverse]**



## Assistant Principal's Message

Hello Alawa Primary School Families, Students and Community!  
 I am very excited to be continuing at Alawa, in a new role for 2024. Our teachers and support staff have been working hard, getting ready to welcome students into classes, and it was lovely to see our students arrive on Tuesday morning - some eager and excited, some nervous, but all ready to make this year a great one. The wet weather could not stop our students and teachers making an amazing start to the school year!

If you have any questions or suggestions for ways to best support your child in the classroom, or just want to check in, please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher. Class letters will be sent out by all teachers soon.

We have a very busy and productive term to look forward to.

Just some things to mention:

- Back to school and settling in. Catching up on holiday news and meeting and getting to know new faces around the school.
- Interschool sport and Gala days with Alawa Primary School hosting Netball.
- Student Led Conferences in **Week 5**.
- NAPLAN for year 3 and year 5 students starting in **Week 7**.

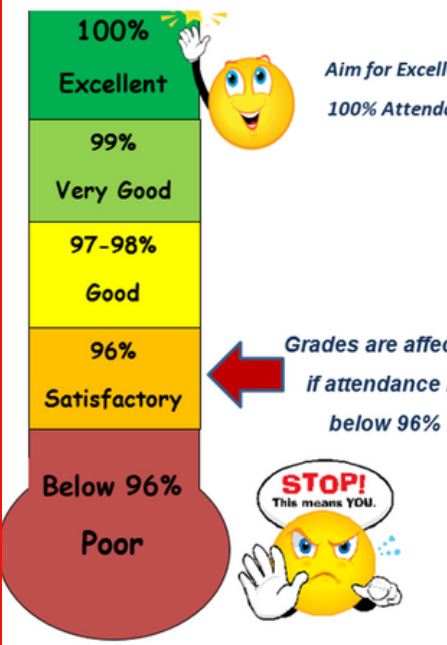
Please stop and say hello if you see me around the school. I look forward to connecting with you all and working with you to support your child at school.

"Make today the day to learn something new!" – unknown.

**Rachel Barnett [Assistant Principal]**



## ATTENDANCE



### EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 9th February	Assembly hosted by Ms Cartwright and Student Leaders	8:40am
Monday 12th February	School Council Meeting	5:30pm
Friday 23rd February	Assembly hosted by Year 1 / 2 Thorne	8:40am
Tuesday 27th February Wednesday 28th February	Student Led Conferences	3pm - 6pm
Wednesday 28th February	Alawa Primary School Council AGM	5:30pm
Saturday 2nd March	Farm Working Bee	8am - 10am
Tuesday 5th March	Sean Choolburra 'TOTALLY DEADLY' whole school performance	8am - 10am
Friday 8th March, 15th March & 22nd March	Years 3-6 Swimming Program	
Friday 8th March	Assembly TBA	8:40am
Friday 29th March	Good Friday	
Monday 1st April	Easter Monday	
Friday 5th April	Soccer Gala Day Assembly hosted by Year 5/6 Baines Last day of Term 1	All day 8:40am





# BACK TO SCHOOL



# CAFE NEWS

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 bolognaise small serve \$4.50 or large serve \$6.50
- /Gluten Free Spaghetti \$6.50

Thursday: 2x Beef tacos \$6.50

Friday: Roast pork and gravy rolls \$6.50

A reminder that our school Cafe is open Thursday and Friday ONLY.

Closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Order online at [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)





# LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see all of the students back this week excited for the new school year. I am looking forward to a year packed with awesome books to read and lots of reading magic happening in our library space.

Term 1 will see the Children's Book Council of Australia's [CBCA] Notable Books list announced on Tuesday the 27th of February and on the back of the success of last years Term 1 Mini Book Fair we will run this again during Student Led Conferences in Week 5. This Terms Book Fair is from Larrikin House with our Scholastic Book Fair being run in Term 3. Scholastic Book Club will be run in Terms 2 and 4 this year.

I have started thinking about and preparing early for this years Book Week with the Theme - Reading is Magic - having been announced last year. You will see this theme popping up in different forms in the Library throughout the year and I am looking forward to seeing where it takes me in my reading and imaginings. I will be showcasing books which tie into this theme throughout the next couple of terms. If you know of a book you think our students would love that fits this theme, let me know.

Happy Reading 😊

Ms Sacha [Library & ICT Manager]



WELCOME BACK!

# BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Just a gentle reminder for families who have not as yet accessed / utilised their NTG Back to School Voucher, these expire at the end of Term 1. Please make contact with the Front Office to arrange how you would like the available funds to be spent / allocated.

You can choose to allocate money towards school uniforms, stationary, sporting equipment, events like camp and swimming and more.

## SPORT VOUCHERS

Sport vouchers can now be accessed online. Download your child's voucher to use as payment towards different sports. Sport vouchers can also pay for your child's swimming lessons at our School.



**NOW ONLINE**

**SPORT VOUCHER**

Children benefit from extra activities available to them from 21st September to 31st October 2014. One to 10000 vouchers will be available for sport, recreation and cultural activities. Redeeming your voucher is now even easier with a new online sports voucher form. Vouchers will not be issued through schools. Parents or carers need to apply for their form online each session.

**TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER**

1. Visit [www.sportvoucher.nsw.gov.au/apply](http://www.sportvoucher.nsw.gov.au/apply)
2. Click 'apply online'
3. Follow the prompts to complete the form

**APPLY TODAY**

From 1st September to 31st October 2014, parents and carers can apply for their voucher online. The voucher will be issued through schools. Parents or carers need to apply for their form online each session.

[www.sportvoucher.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sportvoucher.nsw.gov.au)

**SPORTS VOUCHER**



# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to ask you to help support the Farm and Kitchen classes at Alawa. The Alawa School Farm and Kitchen provides students with fun and educational learning opportunities. Students often say going to the Alawa Farm is their favourite school activity.

Additional adults are needed to help guide students in their learning. Can you volunteer during your student's class?

You could volunteer for one hour a week or one hour a term. By volunteering your time you can support the students as they learn. As a bonus, you will earn 100 house points for your student each time you volunteer.

Please contact the front office, or your child's class teacher OR simply click the link on our website if you have any questions or if you are interested in volunteering during a Farm class or kitchen class at Alawa this term.

<https://www.alawaprimary.nt.edu.au/volunteer-sign-up>

Regards,

Mary Finlay-Doney

Chair, Alawa School Council

## Kitchen Classes Term 1 2024

Class	Day	Time
Year 5/6 Henderson	Wednesdays	11am – 1pm
Year 5/6 Baines	Fridays	11am – 1pm
Year 5/6 Horigan	Thursdays	11am – 1pm

## Farm Classes Term 1 2024

Class	Day	Time
Transition Hughes	Thursdays	1:45pm
Transition / Year 1 McGrath	Wednesdays	11am
Year 1 Robinson	Wednesdays	12noon
Year 1/2 Thorne	Thursdays	8:30am
Year 2 Snow	Fridays	9:30am
Year 3 Nguyen	Wednesdays	8:40am
Year 3/4 Gardner	Thursdays	9:30am
Year 4/5 Chamberlain	Thursdays	11am
Year 4/5 Daniels	Wednesdays	9:30am
Year 5/6 Henderson	Fridays	12noon
Year 5/6 Baines	Thursdays	12noon
Year 5/6 Horigan	Fridays	11am



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**ALL GIRLS**



- FOUR WEEKS -

**COME & TRY**

**FREE PROGRAM**

AGE GROUP: 4-11

**WED 21<sup>st</sup> FEB - 13<sup>th</sup> of MARCH**

5-6pm at TRACY VILAGE (BACK OVAL)

28 TAMBLING TERRACE, LYONS

For more information on how to register please contact us via email or direct message



**IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?**

Enrolment applications are open for new students in the NT Music School's 2024 Instrumental and Choir Program. Instrumental lessons are offered during school hours for students in Year 4, 5, & 6. Spaces are still available for flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, and trombone. Lessons are free with a \$100 contribution requested once placement in the program is confirmed. Instrument hire from \$100. Sports Vouchers accepted to assist with cost of hiring instruments.

Apply online now to secure your interest at [www.ntms.net.au](http://www.ntms.net.au)

Should you require further assistance phone the NT Music School on **8943 5550**.





**WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?**

Love basketball? Come join Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association! No experience needed. We have learn to play programs and a Junior Basketball Competition.



REGISTER HERE or at <https://parba.tidyhq.com/>



E: ADMIN@PARBA.ORG  
W: PARBA.TIDYHQ.COM  
M: 0418 797 770  
FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM



**TRACY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB**

**COME & TRY CRICKET**

5.30PM TO 6.30PM

4 WEEK PROGRAM EVERY FRIDAY COMMENCING FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2024 TO FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024



Find us on 

5 Years to 12 Years Boys & Girls  
Join with Friends & Play Cricket Together  
Tracy Village Oval, Tambling Terrace Lyons  
0418 817 825 / admin@tracyvillagecc.com.au

**GIRLS PLAY FOR FREE**  
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