

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 2
7TH FEBRUARY
2024

Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 28th February
5:30pm - School Council
AGM
- Tuesday 27th &
Wednesday 28th February
- Student Led Conferences

Have you got your Xuno
App all set up and working?

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

Principal's Message

Wow, what a fab first week we had at Alawa for the 2024 school year. Our students all settled into their new classrooms and started establishing relationships with their new teachers and their peers. The behaviour, attitudes and efforts were terrific to see - even navigating some wild, wet weather and a few absences.

Student Leadership Roles

Many of our student volunteers have already stepped into the roles as Microphone monitors, Clipboard monitors and house point collectors. By Wednesday this week students in Years 5 and 6 will be nominating if they wish to be considered for School Captain or Vice School Captain. Week 3 those wishing to be considered for House Captains will share their thoughts at House Meetings on Friday 16th February.

Pep Talks

Last week I enjoyed my time in with cherubs from 3/4 Gardner, 5/6 Horigan, 5/6 Baines and 3 Nguyen setting the scene for the year and focussing on our school priorities while checking in with them all about what excites them about the coming months. Not surprisingly camp and kitchen lessons are highlights for many of them. This week I will visit 5/6 Hendreson, 4/5 Chamberlain & 4/5 Daniels.

Years 3-6

Parents / Carers - please be aware a number of notes are coming home over last week and this week for:

- regular interschool sport [Years 5 and 6]
- permission notes for our annual swimming program [Years 3-6]

Have a fab week, Sandy Cartwright [Principal]



Assistant Principal's Message



Hello Alawa Families, Students and Community!

One week is already gone and our students and teachers are well underway on their learning journey. I had the opportunity to visit each classroom throughout the week and was delighted to see engagement in learning, collaboration and enthusiasm across subject areas and year levels.

Our youngest members of the school, the Preschoolers, have spent the week settling in and getting to know their teaching team. I am happy to say that over the week any nervous tears were slowly being replaced by confident smiles as the children made new friends and became increasingly familiar with their new space.

Last week I delivered our Pep Talks to Year 1 Robinson, Year 1 / 2 Thorne and Year 2 Snow. We talked about the 'Alawa Way' and how we can build a strong and supportive school community.

We discussed the importance of consistent attendance at school to student learning. Our students and families play a major part in this. Students also kick started their 'Now and Then' folders in preparation for Student Led Conferences later in the term.

Information about NAPLAN for Parents and Families is due to be released shortly, and I will pass this on to our Year 3 and Year 5 families as soon as this is received. Key dates to be aware of at this stage are:

- Monday 11th March (Week 7) – Practice Testing for all Year 3 and 5 students. This is an opportunity for students to become familiar with the testing conditions before the assessment date.
- Wednesday 13th – Monday 25th March – NAPLAN Testing Period.

A timetable will be sent out to parents in coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go." —Dr. Seuss

Rachel Barnett [Assistant Principal]

BLUE ZONE



sad



tired



sick



bored

I can try...



stretch

GREEN ZONE



happy



calm



feeling ok



ready to learn

I can try...



drink water

YELLOW ZONE



frustrated



worried



silly



excited

I can try...



deep breaths

RED ZONE



angry



terrified



yelling



hitting

I can try...



take a break

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

What's
Happening?

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

SAVE
the **DATE**

DONT MISS OUT

HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTION THIS WEEK

The following students will receive their Honour Awards this Friday 9th February:

Elisha Ordonez	Tilly DeGennaro	Reuben Smith
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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 Honour Distinction Award! This week we have Reuben Dwyer receiving an Honour Distinction!

ROAD SAFETY

Safety of all people in our school community is a focus for our team and we hope for all parents / carers.

We ask that you remain vigilant when entering or exiting our car park / drop off zone.

PLEASE adhere to safe practises when stopping to drop off or collect children, which includes:

- **NO double parking,**
- **NO stopping in unmarked areas,**
- **NOT queuing up through the entrance to the car park etc**
- **Crossing the road at the designated crossing area**



INTRODUCING KRYSTAL SCHEY

I am so excited to be a part of the Alawa school community. I am very grateful for the welcoming parents, staff and students here at Alawa. I have a background working in the Primary School system but have most recently been working in a Middle School. I have taught Humanities, English, Health and PE. The last couple of years I have been working in the Inclusion area, supporting students with Special Needs or learning difficulties. In this area, I have found my passion. I have been able to connect with parents, students and the wider community whilst always growing and learning.



I have 3 young children who keep me busy on my days off. We love heading down to the beach, riding to a playground and playing Hockey. We are loving the wet season, but excited for the dry so that we may again head out camping and fishing.

I look forward to meeting and working with the students and parents and Alawa School throughout the year.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup will resume Friday 9th February at 9:30am in the Preschool. Everyone is welcome!!!

Miss Erin is a master at baking, she loves to visit the Alawa School Farm with the kids and has so much fun doing creative activities.

See you all there!



Question of the week...

Can you tell us the name of the Best School in the Multiverse?

Email your answer to Ms Cartwright



LIBRARY NEWS

Call out for Volunteers

This term is shaping up to be a busy one in the library. I am currently in the middle of getting 1500 readers ready for the Transition and Year 1 students and am looking for anyone who is willing to spare a short time to help me get the readers ready for the classrooms.

I have had a couple of helpers over the past year who have been coming into the library once a week and helping out with tidying the shelves, covering books, helping set up and pull down book fairs and a number of other jobs around the library. If you are able to spare any time throughout the week in particular Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to come and help out around the library please let me know as I would love the extra pairs of hands.

Happy Reading 😊
Ms Sacha [Library & ICT Manager]



FARM NEWS

Larrakia Season: Mayilema (knock'em down season)- The wet has been beautiful, unpredictable and the Farm plants have loved it. There are tadpoles and frogs, native bees and butterflies, citrus growing and weeds taking over.

Farm News: We welcome to the Farm two, 6 month old Guinea Pigs- Introducing Geoffrey and Gigi!

Farm Highlights: Thank you to all the help from volunteers over the Christmas break! We feel so lucky to have your expert care for our outdoor learning space.



We are always looking for more parents and relatives to come into the Farm and support their little ones! Please let the front office staff or Mr Bob know if you would like any more information.

The Alawa Farm has always had a strong hands-on focus in exploring healthy food and sustainable practices in growing food, with the support of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Mr Bob and I have been very busy during the holidays re-organising the Farm cupboards, planning exciting programs and of course enjoying the surplus of citrus.

This first week, all the classes have had an orientation around the Farm and enjoyed seeing our native (stingless) bees, observing how big our Barramundi have grown and how our pineapples have disappeared under weeds.

Next week, we will start our 'warriors against weeds' which will continue for a few weeks while the ground is soft. We will trim back as much as can of the branches and clear the paths.

We are both feeling very excited about the year ahead and seeing you all!

Mrs Bronwyn Cleary and Farmer Bob Jenner

PRESCHOOL NEWS

What a busy first fortnight it has been! So many new faces and families, and familiar ones! Check out what an average day for preschool looks like below.

A Day in the Life of a Preschooler!

The children have been gradually falling into our daily rhythm. The mornings start with a soft start with families welcome to join us for puzzles and books from 8:20am.

- At 8:40 we come down to the mat, for our group welcome inside the Home Room. [Left hand side room]
- By 9:00 the children are excitedly moving outside to explore the yard and the activities set up. 10:00am signals it is time for recess, yum yum!
- At 10:30 we move into the Investigations Room, [right hand side room] it has been so special to watch the children engage with the space that was set up based off their interests many families shared in their 'Transitioning' forms.
- We begin preparing for lunch at 12:00. Ms Henschke and Ms Churchman have their lunch break at 12:30 while the children are having their outside lunch play time. Generally Ms Barnett replaces Ms Henschke and Mr Horigan replaces Ms Churchman – however at times this may change dependant on other circumstances in the school. Ms Kelly stays with the children, keeping out a watchful eye while the teachers have their break to maintain consistency for the cherubs! Once Ms Henschke and Ms Churchman return, Ms Flor [Transition assistant] comes over for a play outside with the children and for support while Ms Kelly has her lunch break.
- After lunch play, we come inside for some rest and relaxation, followed by some activities to practice our fine motor skills and some performing arts and ICT time. Before we know it, its home time, and we are giving our families big hugs again!

To finish up, here are a few reminders:

- The preschool opens at 8:20, parents can leave at 8:30 when the school bell rings.
- Don't forget to sign your child in each morning and out each afternoon, this is a legal requirement, and helps us keep all children safe.
- If you have not already, sign up to the Dojo and Xuno app, they are our main communication tools!
- If you have someone who is not already listed as an emergency contact who will be picking up your child please collect a permission form from us.
- Wednesday's both groups begin our soft start outside, and Ms Katie joins us as the extra preschool assistant for the day.
- Please send in a digital or hard copy of a family photo, so we can help the children make the room theirs!

Cheers from The Preschool Team

Angela Henschke, Emma Churchman , Kelly Crawford, Katie Wedel, Flor Hodgson.

FAREWELL MISS ELSA

As you all may be aware Miss Elsa found a new job over the holidays and is no longer with us at Alawa.

Elsa was a huge part of Alawa in her years here, always jumping in where needed and worked in almost every area of the school over the time.

In her roles as Kitchen assistant, Farm support, Class support and Holiday cooking school there wasn't a role that Miss Elsa couldn't do.

We wish Miss Elsa all the best on her next adventure.

She will be missed by all!



PRIMARY SWIMMING NEWS

Hi Parent/Carers of Students in Years 3-6.

Alawa Primary School in conjunction with RLS NT [Royal Life Saving Northern Territory] is excited to offer students in Years 3-6 a swimming program. Students will swim, learn survival skills, and participate in land-based activities on Friday 8th, 15th, and 22nd of March from 9-2 pm. Your child will have received a physical copy of the permission note this week. Can you please make sure that you fill it out and return it to the front office with payment. I am looking forward to some great swimming lessons.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or the front office.



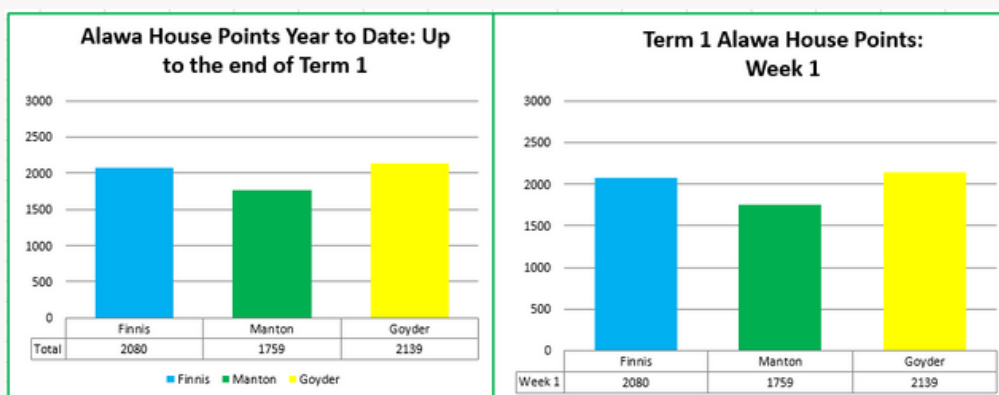
JED HENDERSON- SENIOR TEACHER PRIMARY

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. Parents can also earn points for their houses by volunteering at the school- Whether it's in the kitchen, the farm, the library, the canteen or even in the classroom, parents can earn 100 points each time they volunteer. Make contact with your classroom teacher or the front office to find out more information.

**In Week 1 of Term 1 Goyder was ahead with 2139 points!
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 2139 points!**

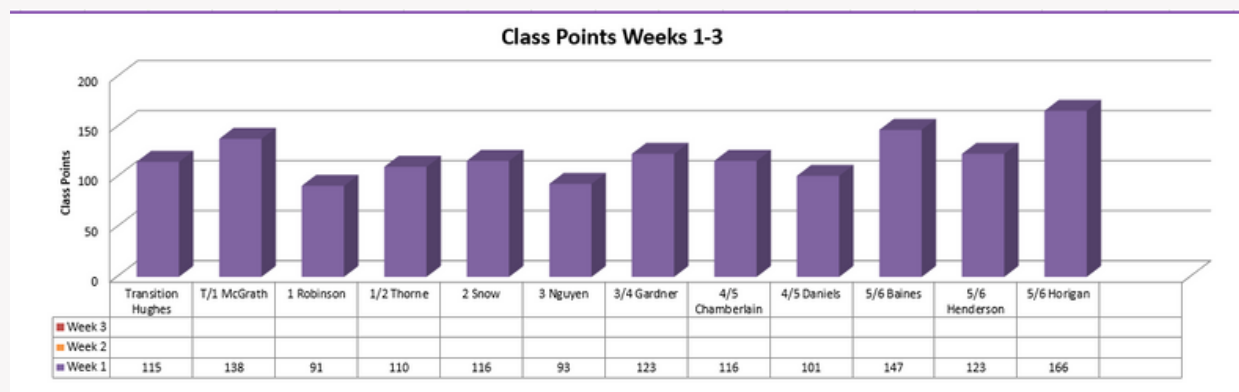


CLASS POINTS

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.

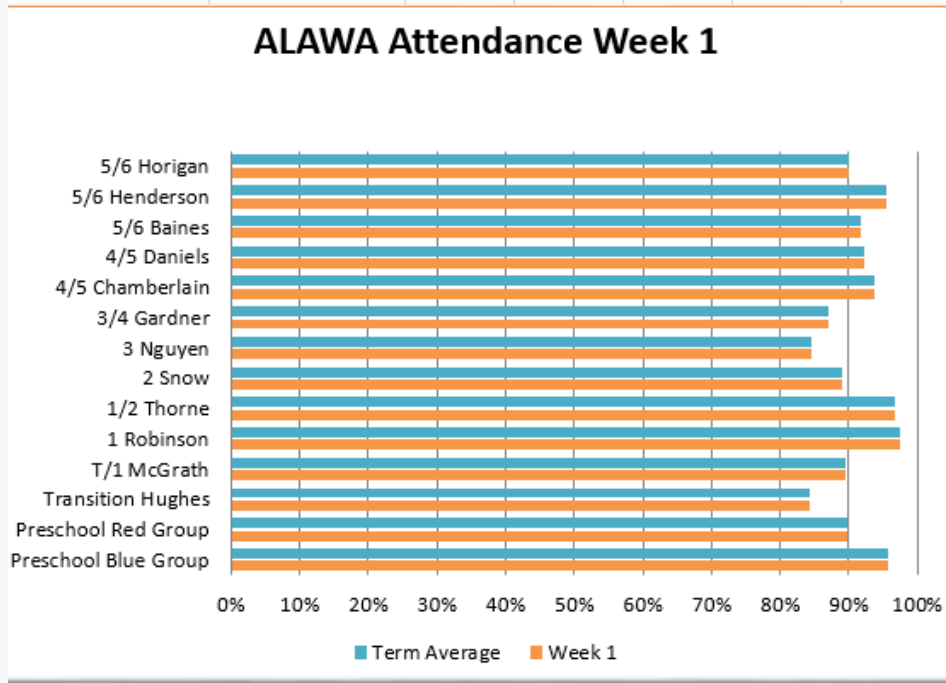
Each week we allocate class points during Muster time recognising those students who were ready and waiting to go back to class calmly and quietly after break times. The winning class from each 3 weeks will receive ice-blocks from our Principal and get to choose 3 songs that will play before our bells for the following 3 weeks.

The class with the most points in Week 1 of Term 1 was...5/6 Horgan with 166 points !!!



ATTENDANCE

Primary School Average for Week 1 Term 1: **91.22%**
 The class with the highest attendance for Week 1:
Year 1 Robinson with 97.40%!!! Amazing job!!!



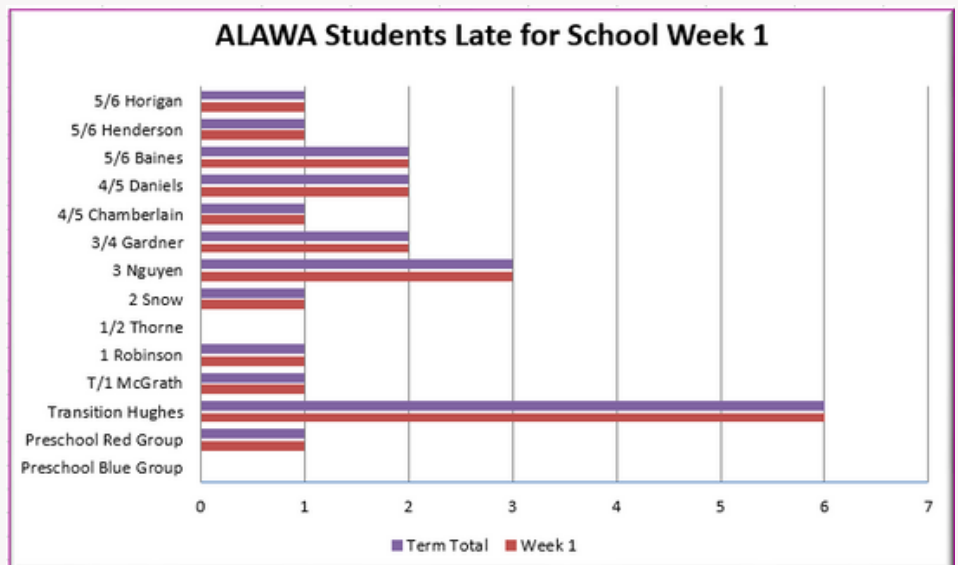
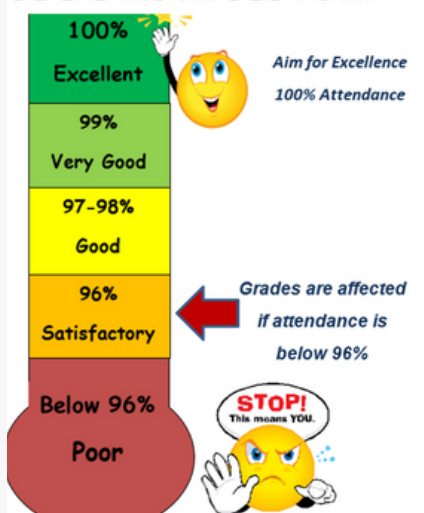
LATES

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

There were **22** lates in Week 1!

For Week 1 it was **fabulous** to see **NO** lates at all for **Preschool Blue Group** and **1/2 Thorne**.

ATTENDANCE



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.



A promotional poster for "NOW ONLINE SPORT VOUCHER". It features a soccer player kicking a ball. The text includes: "NOW ONLINE SPORT VOUCHER", "Children benefit from physical activity... One in ten children and young people do not play sport, recreation and cultural activities. Encouraging your child's interest in sport can come with a new online sports voucher. Vouchers will not be issued through schools. Parents or carers must first apply for their form online each session.", "TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER: 1. Visit our form on www.sportvoucher.nsw.gov.au 2. Click apply online 3. Follow the prompts to complete the form.", "www.sportvoucher.nsw.gov.au" and the "SPORT VOUCHER" logo.

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.

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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

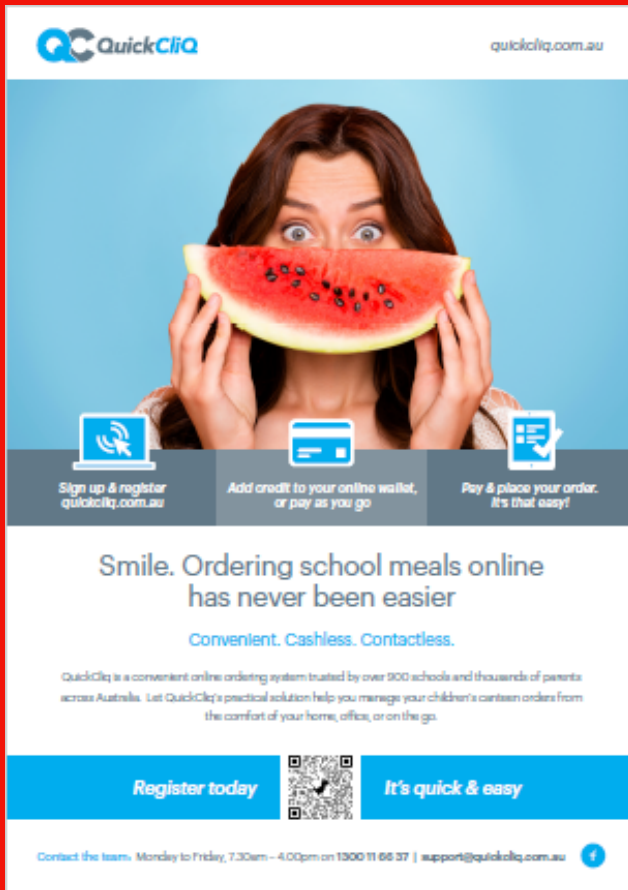
Class	Day	Time
Year 5/6 Henderson	Wednesdays	11am – 1pm
Year 5/6 Baines	Fridays	11am – 1pm
Year 5/6 Horigan	Thursdays	11am – 1pm

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



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Stagesong

Have you spent your whole life wishing we had a musical theatre group for kids in Darwin?
Ta Daaaaa! 2024 will see that wish come true. Join Sian Edeson and a bunch of musical theatre enthusiasts for three terms of jazz hands and fun. No experience necessary, no auditions, all welcome between the ages of 8 to 18.

Find us at stagesongdarwin.com.au or on Facebook and Instagram!



PERMISSION TO ATTEND DARWIN REGION TRIALS
12 Years & Under Touch Football

Ages 10 - 12 Primary & Middle School Students - Boys & Girls
Students born between 1st of July 2011 – 31st of December 2014.
Age dispensation applies for students born 1st of July – 31st of December 2011.

You are invited to attend the 2024 12 Years & under Touch Football Selection Trials for Darwin Region.

To be eligible for selection in the Darwin Region Team students **MUST** attend a minimum of 1 of the 2 trial days, be the correct age and attend a Darwin Region School. Selectors will identify the students that will make up the Darwin Region Team and reserve members. Students will be selected based on their ability to meet game specific criteria and participate as a team member.

Students are encouraged to both of the 2 days to give themselves the best opportunity for selection. Results will be communicated via email within 5 business days with those selected receiving a Darwin Region Team Member/Reserve Booklet and Invoice.

Darwin Region aim to take 1 boys team and 1 girls team to the School of Sport Education NT Championship Event being held in Darwin from 30th April – 2nd May 2024.

If you are selected for the Darwin Region, either as a team member or a reserve, it is expected that you will attend all trainings, hand in all paperwork and make all levy payments by the due dates. Booklet paperwork (permission form with principal and parent signature) is due back to the Team Manager/Darwin Region on the **22nd of February**. Levy cost will be approximately \$490 with an initial \$100 deposit being due on the **29th of February** and remaining amount due on the **28th of March**. Failure to meet these requirements may result in the student losing their position in the squad.

If the student is unable to attend a training session please contact the team manager/coach or Darwin Region Sport Office before training.

School of Sport Education NT will be selecting a NT Team to compete in the School Sport Australia Championships in Brisbane, QLD, 20th – 25th October 2024.

IMPORTANT: Trial permission forms are preferred to be received via email to darwinregion.sport.doe@education.nt.gov.au prior to the trials commencing. Once received a response will be emailed and a registration number will be issued, this number is requested to be remembered for trials.



TRIALS			
Day	Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday	14 th February	3.30 – 5.00pm	Territory Rugby League Stadium Murrara
Thursday	15 th February	3.30 – 5.00pm	

Please bring appropriate clothing, footwear and water bottle