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Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 28th February
 5:30pm School Council
 AGM
- Tuesday 27th \$
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 Student Led Conferences
- Tuesday 27th February
 Family Maths Session
 3:30pm 5pm

2024 House Captains

Finnis: Shannon Gleeson & Nicholas Taylor Manton: Jax Frawley & Tearakau Tinirau Goyder: Cleo Rayson & Henry Hubbard

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week Y - hard to fathom once again just how fast the term is rolling by! As I have walked around the school this week, spent time in various classes and caught up with many students at Muster I continue to be impressed with their attitudes, efforts and the way they are doing their best to follow the Alawa Way. Our new teachers and support staff have all settled in well and tell me they feel at home and lucky to be members of the inclusive and warm Alawa School Community. We did have a 'bump' mid week when a large number of older students were sharing fizzy sherbet and behaving inappropriately afterwards. I have reminded all students that sharing food, money etc at Alawa is NOT permitted for many reasons.

Student Leadership

Exciting times this week as we continue with our Alawa Student Leader elections;

- Last Thursday we held group interviews for the very highly sought after roles in the Alawa Senior Learning Commission.
- Friday 16th after lunch students in Years 3-6 joined in House Teams [Manton, Goyder or Finnis] to listen to election speeches
- Tek Ninjas & Tek Interns were finalised last week and announced.

Class Representatives for the Student Representative Council will be finalised by today.

All student leaders will be presented with their badges / shirts this Friday at Assembly. [Friday 23rd February] We also invite all elected student leaders to come to the Alawa School Council AGM at 5:30pm on Wednesday 28th February in full uniform to be officially presented to the school community. An email will be sent out to parents / carers with details.



Principal's Message contd.

2024 Tek Ninjas

- Henry Vidins,
- Tyler McCrae
- William Coote
- Peaches Laidlaw
- Hunter Agnew-Auld
- Loti Barker
- Ruby Althouse

2024 Tek Interns

- Lucas Fischer
- Erin Taylor
- Ellie Farquhar-Walker
- Jed Carpenter
- Kayden Taylor
- Joshua Talbot
- Axel Garbusinski
- Jaxon Royal
- Anthony Black

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL Student Leadership Opportunities



2024 Senior Learning Commission

- Georgie Jenner Catherina Brady Alexandra Vidins Jaxon Lee Lucinda Ronayne
- Hein Duc Ta Caitlyn Gleeson Xavier Cockfield Caspar Pike Brooke Hughes
- Reuben Dwyer Breanna Wolfe Nicholas Taylor Tyler McRae

Student Led Conferences



It is that time again when families are invited into school for a chat with your child and their teachers. This is the opportunity for you to share their successes, their challenges and their plans for moving forward. See further in the newsletter for details re booking directly online. A brochure with details was shared via Xuno Monday. Bookings close Friday 23rd February. Have you booked in yet? Don't disappoint your child!

Have a fab week, Sandy Cartwright [Principal]







Assistant Principal's Message

Hi Alawa Families,

Another busy and productive week has passed. I have been looking forward to the announcements of the House Captains who are joining our School Captains and Vice Captains as part of Student Leadership at Alawa. Congratulations to all who have nominated, as well as our new House Captains!

This week we have class elections for students in Year I to Year 6 for Student Representative Council (SRC). One student from each class will be elected to represent their class at meetings and provide feedback to the class on important events and ideas. SRC members have the task of running some of our school events and initiating projects across the school. It is an important job and a great opportunity.

The timetable for the NAPLAN assessment is listed in today's newsletter for parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students. Students have been preparing in their classes by familiarising themselves with the testing format and what to expect.

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." William Butler Yeats

Rachel Barnett [Assistant Principal]



NAPLAN Schedule 2024

Week 7 – Wednesday 13 th March – Friday 15 th March		
Wednesday 13 th March	Thursday 14 th March	Friday 15 th March
Writing	Reading	Catch up tests – Writing and Reading /
8.40 – 9.40am	9:30-10:30	Primary Swimming Program
Year 5 Baines/Henderson	Year 5 Baines/ Henderson	
Writing	Reading	
11:00 -12pm	11:00-12:00	
All YEAR 3 's	Year 3 Gardner	
Writing	Writing Catch up tests	
12:00-1:00	12:00 – 1pm	
Year 5 Chamberlain / Daniels / Horrigan		

Week 8 – Monday 18 th March - Friday 22 nd March					
Monday 18th March	Tuesday 19th March	Wednesday 20th March	Thursday 21st March		
Reading	Language Conventions	Catch-Up Testing	Numeracy		
8:45-9:45	8:45-9:45	9:30-10:30	9:30-10:30		
<u>Year 5 Chamberlain /</u> Daniels / Horrigan	<u>Year 3 Nguyen</u>		Year 5 Baines/ Henderson		
Reading	Language Conventions	Numeracy	Numeracy		
11:00-12:00	11:00 -12:00	11:00-12:00	11:00-12:00		
<u>Year 3 Nguyen</u>	<u>Year 3 Gardner</u>	Year 3 Gardner	Year 3 Nguyen		
Language Conventions	Language Conventions	Numeracy	Catch up tests		
12:00- 1:00	12:00- 1:00	12:00-1:00	12 – 1pm		
Year 5 Baines/ Henderson	Year 5 Chamberlain /	Year 5 Chamberlain /			
	<u>Daniels / Horrigan</u>	Daniels / Horrigan			
After Lunch Catch Ups	After Lunch Catch Ups	After Lunch Catch Ups	After Lunch Catch Ups		
Friday 22 nd March – Primary Swimming Program					

Catch up testing

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Friday 23rd February	Assembly hosted by Year I /2Thorne	8:40am
Tuesday 27th February	Student Led Conferences Family Maths session	3pm - 6pm 3:30pm - 5pm
Wednesday 28th February	Student Led Conferences Alawa Primary School Council AGM	3pm - 6pm 5:30pm
Saturday 2nd March	Farm Working Bee	8:30am - 10am
Tuesday 5th March	Sean Choolburra 'TOTALLY DEADLY' whole school performance	9am - 10am
Friday 8th March, I5th March & 22nd March	Years 3-6 Swimming Program	8:40am - 2:15pm
Friday 8th March	Assembly hosted by Ms Cartwright	8:40am
Friday 29th March	Good Friday	
Monday Ist April	Easter Monday	
Friday 5th April	Soccer Gala Day Assembly hosted by Year 5/6 Baines Last day of Term I	All day 8:40am
SAVE THE DATE	DON' MISS (DUT!



There is a hum in our classroom each day with everyone settled into our daily routines! It is great to see many students building their capacity as Alawa Learners – following the school values and using the ALLE tools to set goals and working to their personal best!

An exciting inclusion in the Year One and Two classes this year is the introduction of Inquiry Investigations. It is a favourite time of the week for our students. This learning is connected to our HASS units of work, as well as helping each student build skills such as sharing, patience, resilience, cooperation and collaboration. Inquiry Investigations encourage students to wonder, be curious, explore, engage and be creative thinkers. The children are scaffolded by teachers to make links with their investigations to many classroom learning experiences!



HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTION



The following students will receive their Honour Awards this Friday 23rd February:

Erin Taylor

Simone Hansman

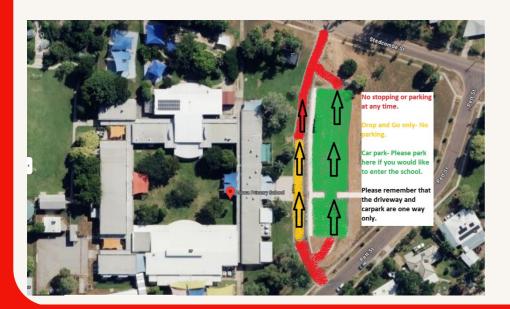
Alawa students have been doing such an incredible job of using their ALLE tools and displaying the Alawa values that our assemblies for the remainder of the year are full for students receiving their Honour Distinction Award! This week we have Angus Farquhar Walker receiving an Honour Distinction!

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 Ed Horigan



Hello Alawa School community, my name is Ed Horigan and I have recently moved from Gapuwiyak to Darwin. I am teaching one of our extraordinary year 5/6 classes and am very excited to see their growth throughout the year.

I am looking forward to sharing my passions of reading and history with the students of Alawa, finding out what topics they are interested in. In my spare time I enjoy going for runs, playing basketball and taking my car out bush. I very much look forward to meeting you around the school throughout the year.



FARM NEWS

Larrakia Season: Mayilema (knock'em down season) Although those blue skies are on their way!

Farm News: Our goats should arrive this week! Their names are Delilah and Skye. They are around 6 months old (half grown) with lovely personalities!

Farm Highlights: Thank you to all the parents who have come in and helped in our Farm lessons! It has been wonderful to see the familiar



faces and the new faces! Please let the front office staff or Mr Bob know if you would like any more information about lending a hand on weekends or in lessons. In the early years we have been busy familiarising ourselves with the Farm geography. The photo above shows some very clever explorers using a map and some imagination to find different treasures. Students found a sticky magnetic sign, some green and hard eggs, some yellow flower petals and all different natural or manmade materials. Its wonderful to see the world through their eyes, hopefully this week we get some more blue skies, so we can do some more looking around for treasures.





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.





LIBRARY NEWS

I would like to send out a huge Thank You to the volunteers who have helped me over the past week getting readers ready for the classroom. They are all done and already being deployed to the classrooms. A massive **I500** heading to early years classrooms.



Next Tuesday the 27th of February will see

the release of the Notables list for the Children's Book Council of Australia' Book of the Year Awards. It is from this list that the Shortlist and Winners of the **2024** Children's Book of the Year Awards are chosen. You will be able to find the Notables list on the CBCA Website from 7pm next Tuesday : <u>CBCA</u>

Have a wonderful week and Happy Reading Sacha Evans [Library and ICT]

PLAYGROUP NEWS



We had such a fun morning at Playgroup last Friday. We started our morning inside playing with the playdough, cutting, squishing, chopping, patting and rolling. We read books with our carers and played cars and dice-stacking on the carpet. Then it was time to get making! Making some morning tea that is!

Miss Erin brought out the ingredients and everyone sat around the table ready to lend helping hands. We took turns to pour in the flour, and also poured in the 'soft' yellow butter, a pinch of salt which nearly missed the bowl but was saved by Mums quick reflexes, some tasty vanilla, milk to mix it all together and the most special ingredient for this recipe.....Sweet, Sticky, Smooshed banana! Miss Erin needed help with this job, it required some strong mashing muscles! If you hadn't guessed already we were making Banana Pancakes. Off to the kitchen went our sticky batter to get cooked, so we opened the doors to explore outside while we waited. It was a beautiful morning to be outside, everyone had such fun playing and sliding on the play gyms and the sandpit seemed to be a favourite spot to be! Lots of digging happening over there.

After a little while our amazing smelling pancakes were ready to eat. We all sat under the shady verandah to share with our friends and families. We did a pretty great job of making morning tea, our pancakes were very scrumptious topped with freshly whipped cream and sliced banana pieces! Yum yum.

Looking forward to seeing you all again this week.



Miss Erin [Playgroup Coordinator]

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Setting the Scene for Success!

Preschool families are invited to attend a meeting with their child's teacher, where we can discuss how they are settling into school. We will discuss their successes and future needs and plan a goal together moving forward for their educational journey. These meetings will take place during **Week 5**. To book simply use the Xuno app to book a 'Student Led Conference'. As always if you are having any difficulty with Xuno, please pop into the office. The ladies are more than happy to help!

While the Preschool meetings are booked under the 'Student Led Conference' menu, they have a different focus and intention. Preschool children will participate fully in 'Student Led Conferences' in Term 3 with the rest of the school.

This will be a great chance for us to share with you how your child is going at school and make plans for the future! We hope to see all families booking a meeting,

Tuesday: Angela Henschke available

Wednesday: Angela Henschke and Emma Churchman available

The Preschool Team [Angela Henschke, Emma Churchman , Kelly Crawford, Katie Wedel, Flor Hodgson]

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]

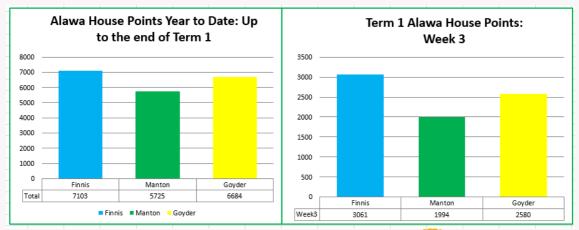
HOUSE POINTS



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 earnt 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 3 of Term I Finnis was ahead with 3061 points! In the lead for the Year to date is Finnis with 7103 points!



CLASS POINTS

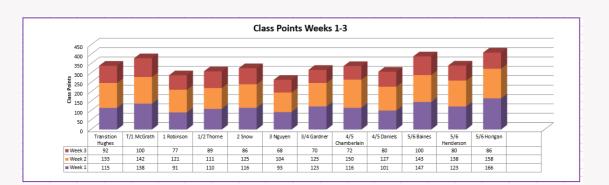


Muster is held at Alawa after each recess and lunch break - this gives us an opportunity for everyone to settle from playtime, share any celebrations and work on consistency of messages and expectations.

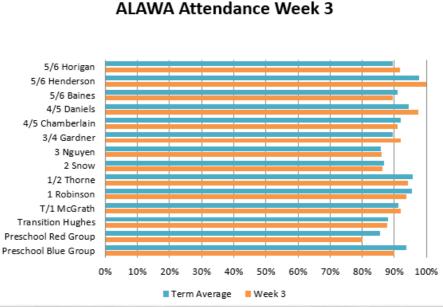
Each week we allocate class points during Muster time recognising those students who were ready and waiting to go back to class calmly and quietly after break times. The winning class from each 3 weeks will receive ice-blocks from our Principal and get to choose 3 songs that will play before our bells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

The winning class Weeks 1-3 was 5/6 Horigan with 410 points.

The class with the most points in Week 3 of Term I was....5/6 Baines & Transition/I McGrath with 100 points each !!!





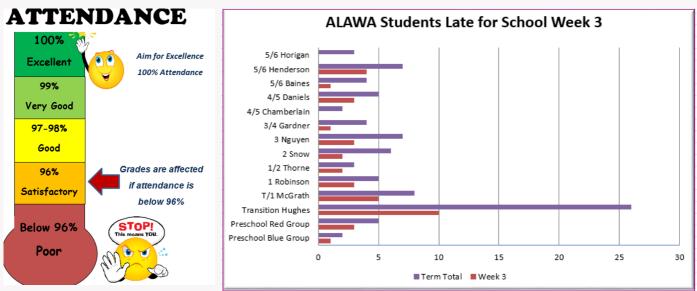


LATES

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 3!

For Week 3 it was fabulouso to see NO lates at all for 4/5 Chamberlain & 5/6 Horigan.



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 I. Please make contact with the Front Office to arrange how you would like the available funds to be spent / allocated.



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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.

CAFE NEWS

Our Mission is to provide the Alawa School community with delicious health

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

SPECIALS Term I, Weeks 4-6

Thursday: Tuna/corn sushi or Chicken/cucumber sushi \$6.50 Friday: Homemade chicken snitzel wrap \$6.50

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

Closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Order online at <u>www.quickcliq.com.au</u>









NEWS

Food for Thought

Alawa Primary school encourages healthy eating habits.

To cater to a student's need for adequate energy intake to get them through their busy school day we offer numerous opportunities for students to eat throughout the day. Also remembering that children have regular growth spurts, a time that requires extra sustenance. To assist parents in ensuring that their child has a sound amount of food to eat at each opportunity we have outlined the food breaks and examples of suitable foods for these breaks below.

9:30am- fruit break: Transition- Year 2: this is when students have the opportunity to snack on a piece of fresh fruit or veg while transitioning between learning sessions.

10:30am- recess: usually a couple of snacks such as crackers, yoghurt, boiled egg, cheese, popcorn plus fresh fruit or veg.

12noon- fruit break: All years: this is when students have the opportunity to snack on a piece of fresh fruit or veg while transitioning between learning sessions.

lpm- lunch: this is the student's main meal for the day at school- something substantial such as a sandwich, wrap, dinner leftovers, sushi etc.

Since the start of the year a significant number of children are coming to teachers and the front office asking for more food. While we never want a child to go hungry our resources / supplies are also limited. So we ask that parents consider the supplies provided and top up where feasible / appropriate.

Students Birthdays

We respectfully ask that families NOT bring cakes in or sweet treats for children's birthdays.

If you want to arrange something, sugar free icy poles can be brought in to be shared during break times or after school.

Please arrange directly with your child's teachers.

Question of the week...

What special event is coming up where all our students get to share their learning and their goals with their families and teachers?

Email your answer to Ms Cartwright





A Parent Information and Family Activity Session

Come along and learn more about our hands-on approach and how you can support your child with expanding their mathematical knowledge and skills at home.



Your child would like you to come along so they can teach you how they are learning and how you can try this at home.

Date: Tuesday 27th February 2024 Time: 3:30 - 5:00pm Location: The Hub An open session for you to drop in on during SLC's









School Council AGM

When: Wednesday 28th February, Time: 5:30pm Where: School Library Who: Everyone welcome What: Being on School Council is an opportunity to be a part of our parent body who provide advocacy and representation for our families. The role of the school council is to support the Principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for our // children.

School Student Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government initiative powered by **nbn**

Are you eligible for free nbn broadband at home until December 2025?



Scan the QR for more information.

DON'T FORGET

Student Led Conference's

When: Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th February 2024.
Time: 3:00pm - 6:00pm
How do I book in? You can now book your 15 minute conference at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST. Using the Xuno Parent / Family App or webpage.

If unable to book online please contact the front office and they can assist you with your booking.

Bookings Close Friday 23rd February

You might be eligible if you:

- have a school-aged child
- have no active nbn broadband connection or have not disconnected in the last 14 days. Having the internet on a mobile phone is ok
- live in a premises that is serviced by the nbn network

To check your eligibility, or to get help using your voucher:

- Contact the National Referral Centre 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEDT)
- www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet

Callback, webchat, translating and interpreting services are available.

