

# ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 1 WEEK 5  
28TH FEBRUARY  
2024

## Principal's Message

Week 5 already and we are looking forward to seeing many more of our families this evening at our Student Led Conferences. A terrific opportunity for you to learn more about our focus areas, core programs and approaches at the school. Take some time to connect with friends, meet our teachers. Also an opportunity to visit our fab special learning spaces such as the Art Room, the Farm and the Kitchen.

At 5:30pm we will be holding our Annual General meeting for the School Council - all are invited and encouraged to attend. We will be officially presenting our Student Leadership Group for 2024, I will be sharing the highlights from our Annual Report and we will be electing our new Council for 2024.

## Primary Years Swimming

Please ensure you have returned your notes and money for this fantastic program by the end of this week. We are really hopeful ALL students in Years 3-6 are able to engage in the 3 full days of water safety, team building and regulation activities.

## Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 28th February  
5:30pm - School Council  
AGM
- Wednesday 28th February  
- Student Led Conferences
- Saturday 2nd March  
8:30am - 10am Farm  
Working Bee

## Family Maths session

It was fabulous to see so many parents and children come spend some time with myself and Ms Hammond [Meaningful Maths Network Coach] last night during Student led Conferences.

We will continue to share tips and ideas for supporting your child at home with numeracy through our newsletter.

## Assembly

Last Friday was an action packed assembly hosted by Year 1/2 Thorne and they did a fabulous job, sharing the way they communicate with each other and also they entertained us with their action packed dance. It was a proud moment celebrating the second Honour Distinction for 2024 for Mr Angus! Finally, our student leadership were awarded their badges. It was wonderful to see so many proud parents and family members in attendance.



## Principal's Message contd.

### eSafety / Cybersafety

Always a very topical issue confronting parents / carers this day and age. I regularly encourage everyone to stay vigilant and ensure open, up front conversations with their children about safe and appropriate use of technology.

These tips below may support you at home.....



A parent guide:

## Encouraging good tech habits



- 1. Get the conversation started**  
Whenever you have a spare 5 minutes, chat to your child to see what they find interesting online.
- 2. Get their peers and friends involved**  
Promote conversation between your child and their friends to talk about potential dangers.
- 3. Check your settings**  
Internet providers allow you to customise roaming capabilities to keep them safe when you're not around.
- 4. Promote down time**  
Depending on how much screen time your child is exposing themselves to, promote periods of the day where they refrain from tech usage altogether.
- 5. Lead by example**  
Do you think your own screen time is too excessive? Consider reducing the time you spend using digital devices to promote good practice.
- 6. Could it be a trick?**  
Encourage your children to think, 'could it be a trick' before they click anything online?
- 7. Create boundaries**  
It will help you and your child to understand when their usage is getting too much if you set boundaries for the day, or even the week.
- 8. Privacy, privacy, privacy**  
Social media and the internet can be the wild west. Make sure your child is aware of the risk of posting personal data online.

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This Friday we have our first Gala Day for the year - 24 students from Years 4,5 and 6 are heading out for the day for netball fun. Huge thanks to Gabe Jackson, Brad Rayson and Ms Holly Chamberlain for supporting this event.

Parent volunteers make such a difference to our school and help is always valued and appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing families at the Farm Working Bee this Saturday from 8:30am.

Have a fab week, Sandy Cartwright [Principal]

# Assistant Principal's Message



Hi Alawa Families!

Week 5 is already here, which means that we are almost half way through Term 1. Unbelievable!

We have lots of things to look forward to this week and in coming weeks. Students are ready for Student Led Conferences and many students have told me that they are looking forward to the opportunity to show off their goals and learning to you, their families. Don't forget that our specialist subject teachers and spaces will also be accessible for your child to show you around.

NAPLAN assessments which will start in week 7 for Year 3 and Year 5 students. Many of our students are looking forward to NAPLAN, however occasionally students may become nervous about the assessments, so positive encouragement and reassurance are important. If students are talking about NAPLAN, especially if they appear nervous or stressed about this, please remind them that while we all want them to do their best, this does not have to be a stressful experience. A good effort will lead to a great result!

"We can do only what we think we can do. We can be only what we think we can be." — Robert Collier

**Rachel Barnett [Assistant Principal]**

**NAPLAN Information for parents and carers 2024**

**Why do students do NAPLAN?**  
The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

**Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online**

Online NAPLAN tests are designed to provide precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adapted) which means that each year presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child will only be concerned if they find questions challenging they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

**What does NAPLAN assess?**  
NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).

**Participation in NAPLAN**  
NAPLAN is for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. ACARA ensures inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify if a case for case-based, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the NAPLAN public demonstration site, the Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN, and our series of videos where parental carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment may also request information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

**Where can I get more information?**  
For more information about NAPLAN:  
• contact your child's school  
• contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TAA](http://nap.edu.au/TAA)  
• visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

To learn how ACARA manages personal information for NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au/acara/nap/privacy](http://nap.edu.au/acara/nap/privacy).

**NAPLAN timetable**  
The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may not have the capacity to complete the tests in a shorter time frame.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 13 March 2024 and finishes on Monday 23 March 2024. Schools will schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	Year 3 students do the writing test on paper on day 1 only. Year 5, 7 and 9 students do the writing test online. The writing test is a 2-part test. Part 1 (30 minutes) involves completion of writing pieces and Part 2, with two 20 min slots where there are technical/typical questions.	Year 3: 45 min	Students are provided with an idea or topic related to 'being generous' or 'being' and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing).
		Year 5: 45 min	Students read a range of information, imaginative and persuasive texts, and then answer related questions.
		Year 7: 45 min	Students are assessed on spelling, grammar and punctuation.
		Year 9: 45 min	Students are assessed on number and algebraic manipulation, geometry and statistics and probability.
Reading	To be completed after the writing test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Students are assessed on spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Conventions of Language	To be completed after the reading test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Students are assessed on number and algebraic manipulation, geometry and statistics and probability.
Numeracy	To be completed after the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Students are assessed on number and algebraic manipulation, geometry and statistics and probability.

**What can I do to support my child?**  
Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to complete their test. Some explanations of NAPLAN are useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. However, it is not necessary for parents/carers to do this. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au) - Public demonstration site.

**How is my child's performance reported?**  
From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards. There is a standard for each assessment area at each year level. Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set as a challenging but reasonable level expected for the child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught in previous years of schooling. Student achievement is shown against 4 levels of proficiency: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

**What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN test days?**  
Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

**How are NAPLAN results used?**  
• Students and parents/carers use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.  
• Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.  
• Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.  
• School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.  
• The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).

## Question of the week...

What special event is this Saturday morning at Alawa?  
Email your answer to Ms Cartwright



# NAPLAN Schedule 2024

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

Week 8 – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March			
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Reading</b> 8:45-9:45  <a href="#">Year 5 Chamberlain / Daniels / Horrigan</a>	<b>Language Conventions</b> 8:45-9:45  <a href="#">Year 3 Nguyen</a>	<b>Catch-Up Testing</b> 9:30-10:30	<b>Numeracy</b> 9:30-10:30  <a href="#">Year 5 Baines/ Henderson</a>
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<b>After Lunch Catch Ups</b>	<b>After Lunch Catch Ups</b>	<b>After Lunch Catch Ups</b>	<b>After Lunch Catch Ups</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Primary Swimming Program</b> Catch up testing			

## Week 9

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Final Testing Day**

Catch up testing



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

I LIKE KNOWING  
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

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, 15th March & 22nd March	Years 3-6 Swimming Program	8:40am - 2:15pm
Friday 8th March	Assembly hosted by Ms Cartwright	8:40am
Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March	Book Fair	2:50pm-4:30pm
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**

**DON'T**

**MISS OUT!**



# KITCHEN NEWS

This semester we are doing the 'Flavours of the World' and exploring the flavour combinations of many different countries. So far, we have done Italian, Thai, Vietnamese and Malaysian flavours and have cooked some amazing meals. I have been super impressed with the skills, knowledge and attitudes of all the year 5/6 classes doing kitchen so far.



We have had such a wonderful start and all groups have been working well together and enjoying themselves.

This week we will be exploring India and making delicious samosas before heading off to other countries such as China, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Mexico.

We have a focus on the countries of Asia and the contributions they have made to the foods we eat in Australia as well as using our communication, collaboration and problem solving skills. A large part of kitchen is working in teams and we spend a lot of time on the group roles and how to be a productive team member.



If you would like to be a part of any of our lessons as a volunteer or to conduct a cooking session, please contact myself or the front office, we warmly welcome any family members to our kitchen classes.

I have also included an infographic showing where the kitchen contribution goes, as our costs go up and our budget goes down, we rely more and more on these contributions.



Ms Stratton [Kitchen Teacher]

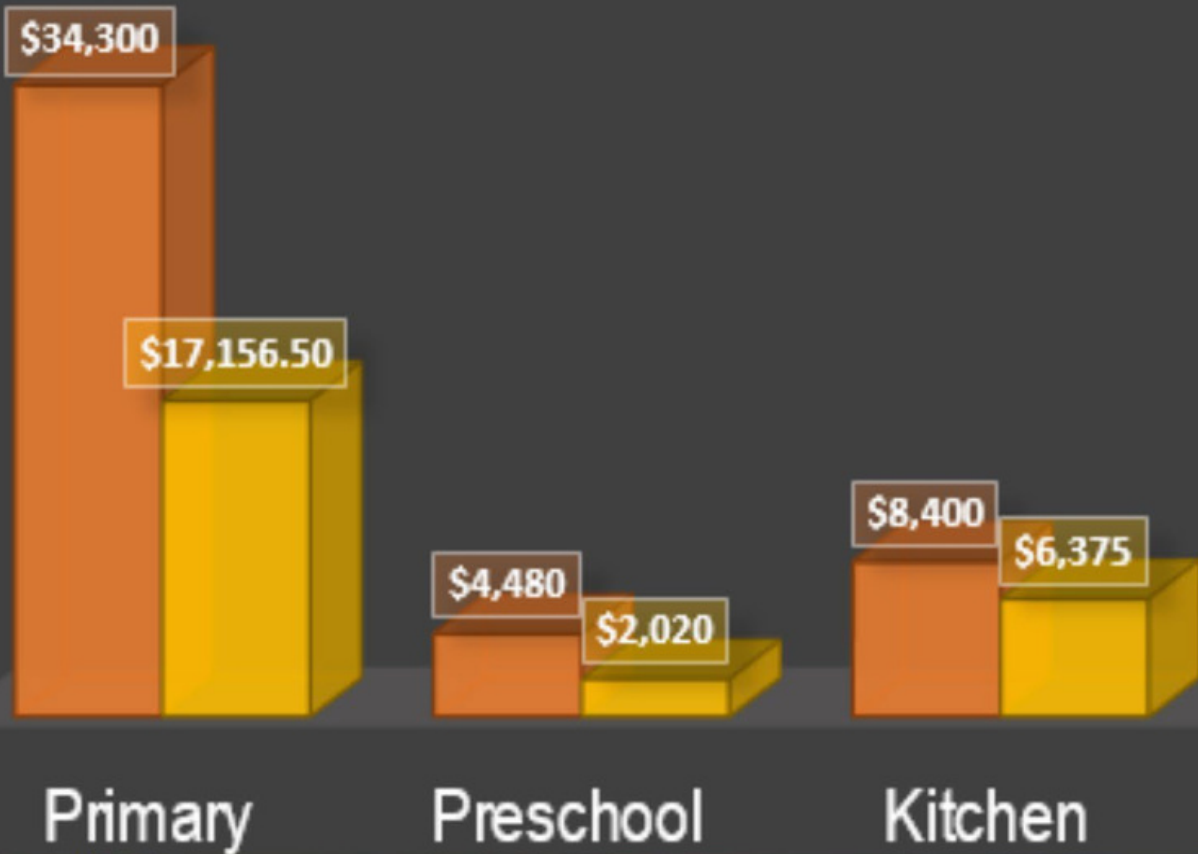




# ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 2024 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

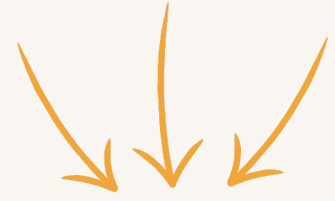
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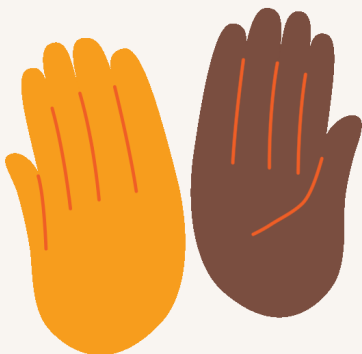
PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS HELP ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL TO BE THE BEST SCHOOL IN THE MULTIVERSE, BY PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF EQUIPMENT AND CONSUMABLES, INCLUDING LIBRARY BOOKS, LITERACY AND NUMERACY RESOURCES, ICT EQUIPMENT AND ART AND CRAFT SUPPLIES.



# HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTION



This Friday, 1st March, **Reuben Smith** will be receiving his Honour Distinction Award during recess muster, Ilaam!!!







# INTRODUCING

Jacqueline Gardner



My name is Miss Gardner and I have moved to all the way from Sydney to Darwin to teach at Alawa Primary School. When I am not teaching, I love playing soccer, going on hikes, playing games on my computer and hanging out with my cats Smitse and Prevalence. I can't wait to get to know more about you! I have been teaching for 7 years and my favourite subjects are writing, maths and science! I look forward to meeting you all throughout the year and starting our learning journey together!



Miss Gardner [3/4 Teacher]

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES





**IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT**



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.

**ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
AIMING HIGH  
Planting seeds for the future!

# ALAWA FARM

## Farm Working Bee

Please come along and support our Working Bee  
on Saturday 2nd March  
8.30am - 10am  
Refreshments and a fruit snack supplied

Please wear a hat, sun-safe clothing and covered shoes. Any extra wheelbarrows and machinery to prune trees etc welcome.  
Each volunteer receives 100 House points.

We have lots of wet season jobs to do!

**We Need Your Help**





# LIBRARY NEWS

The 2024 Children's Book Council of Australia's Notable List for the Book of the Year awards were announced at 7pm on Tuesday night. It is from this list that the Shortlist and eventually the Winners of the Awards for 2024 are chosen. You can find this years Notables here:

<https://cbca.org.au/notables-2024>

The Notables lists are an great place to find quality books by Australian authors and you can find lists of books from past Notable at the CBCA Website:

<https://cbca.org.au/notables-2023>

<https://cbca.org.au/notables-2022>



## Larrikin Book Fair March 25th - 28th

Find awesome books for holiday reading and get your gifts for Easter  
Sacha Evans [Library and ICT]

# PLAYGROUP NEWS



We had a lovely day at playgroup on Friday! It was a warm day outside so we decided to stay in the cool and make some crumbly cookies. It was a new recipe we hadn't tried before so it was like conducting a cookie experiment. It was a 3 ingredient recipe which turned into 4! We used some good arm muscles for mixing the soft butter into the sugar with our spoons and then we used our strong hand muscles, getting our fine motor working when we mixed the flour in. We Squished! We Squashed! But it was really hard to turn into ball shapes so we added a little bit of milk, then it was just right. Miss Erin had lots of helpful little hands rolling dough into balls and placing them nicely on the baking tray.



When they were cooked Miss Erin brought them outside to share and they really were delightfully crumbly cookies. Everyone seemed to love them as there was not one left! So I would say that our cookie recipe and experiment, with a little tweaking, was quite a success!

This week if the weather is fine we will visit the farm so remember your hat, shoes and drink bottles. See you then.



Miss Erin [Playgroup Coordinator]

# PRESCHOOL NEWS



At preschool we provide ongoing opportunities for children to construct, build and create in many forms.

On our outdoor making table we provide a variety of collage and construction materials and are always looking to restock our supply! Many of the items you would place in your recycling box at home can be used along with a bit of tape, glue and paint to bring to life all sorts of amazing ideas. We are looking for donations of egg cartons, cereal boxes, clean yogurt tubs, paper towel rolls and clean cardboard boxes of all shapes and sizes.

If you have any construction items you would like to donate please drop them into the preschool 😊



Have a great week!

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

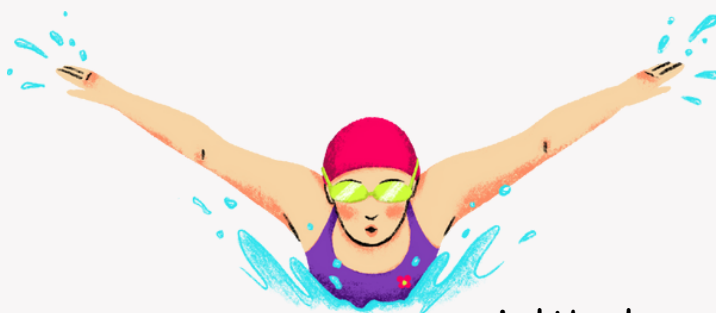
# PRIMARY SWIMMING NEWS



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]**



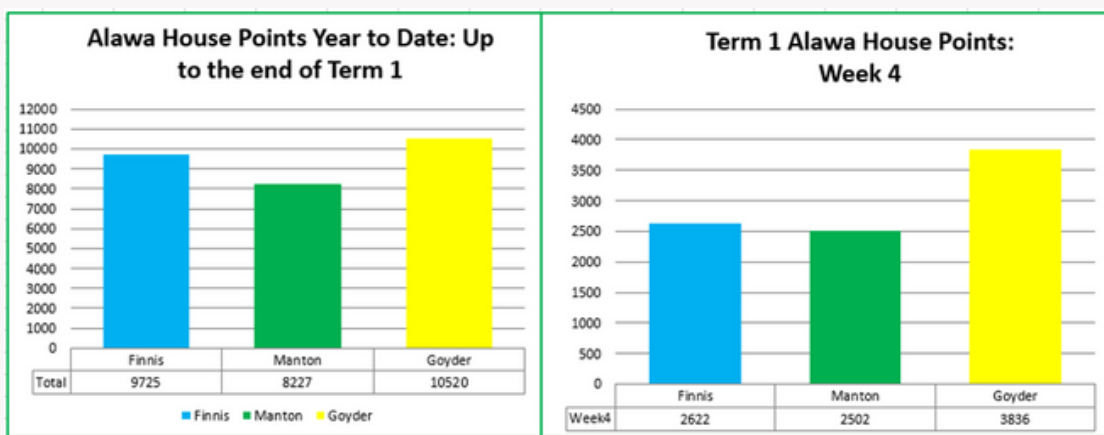
# HOUSE POINTS



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 4 of Term 1 Goyder was ahead with 3836 points!  
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 10520 points!**

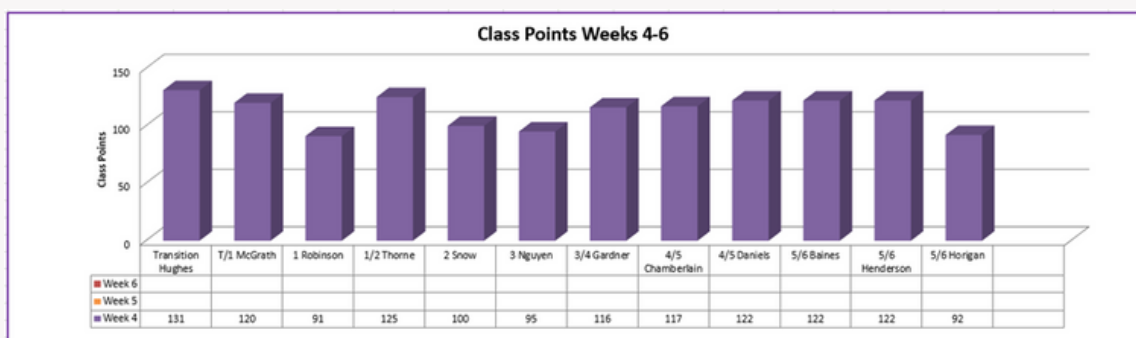


# CLASS POINTS

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.

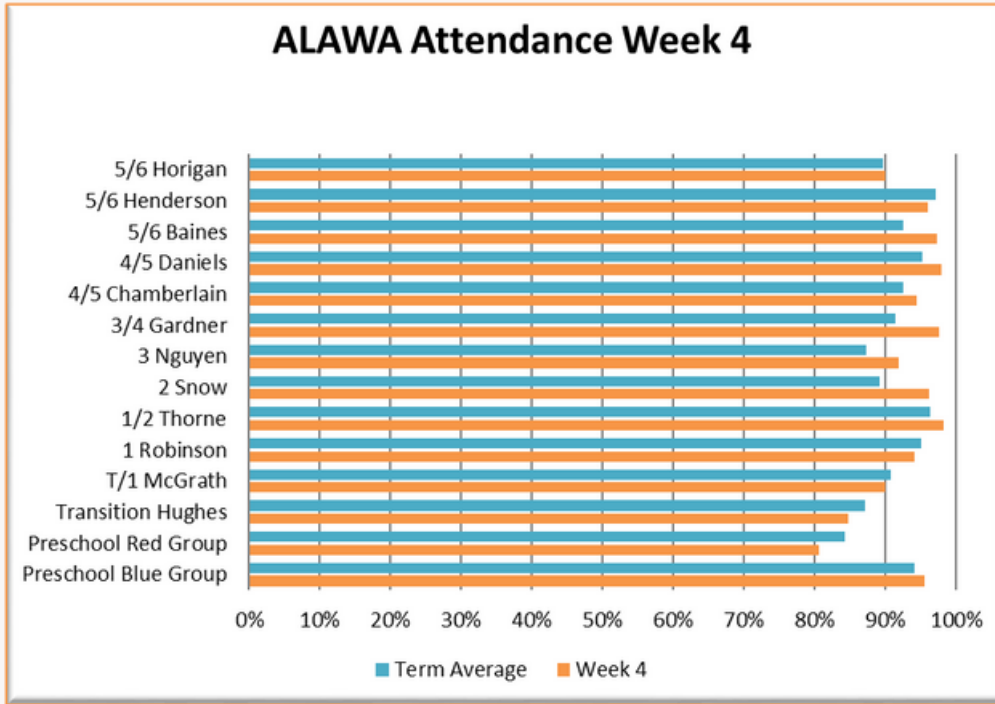
Each week we allocate class points during Muster time recognising those students who were ready and waiting to go back to class calmly and quietly after break times. The winning class from each 3 weeks will receive ice-blocks from our Principal and get to choose 3 songs that will play before our bells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

**The class with the most points in Week 4 of Term 1 was...Transition Hughes with 131 points!!!**



# ATTENDANCE

Primary School Average for Week 4 Term 1: 93.21%  
 The class with the highest attendance for Week 4:  
**1/2 Thorne with 98.33%!!! Amazing job!!!**



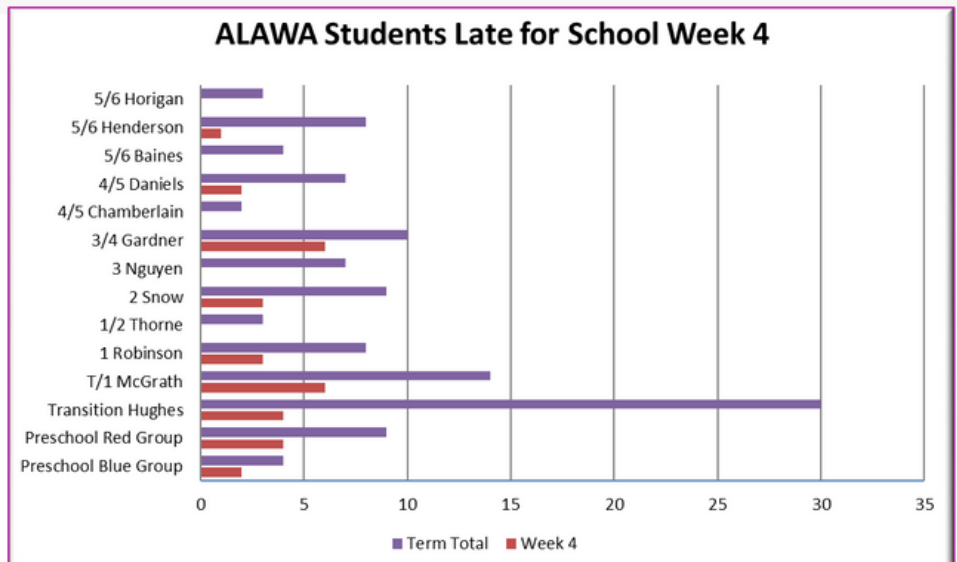
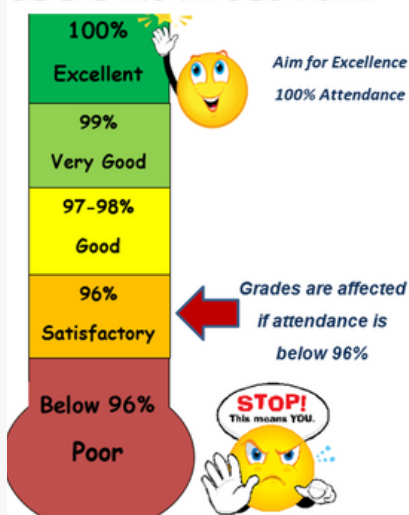
# LATES

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

There were 31 lates in Week 4!

For Week 4 it was fabulouso to see NO lates at all for 1/2 Thorne, 3 Nguyen, 4/5 Chamberlain, 5/6 Baines & 5/6 Horigan.

# ATTENDANCE



# BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

A friendly 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.

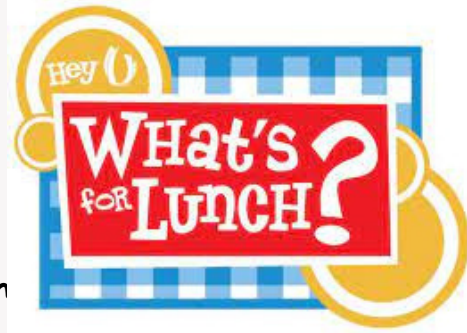


# SPORT VOUCHERS

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.



# CAFE NEWS



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

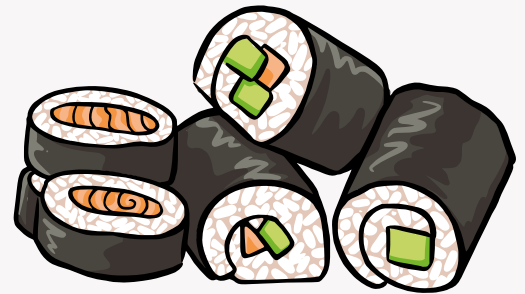
Available everyday lunch only:

- mini beef burgers \$4.50
- spaghetti bolognese small serve \$4.50 or large serve \$6.50
- /Gluten Free Spaghetti \$6.50

## SPECIALS Term 1, 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 [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

yummm!





# DSM NEWS

It has been lovely getting to know our Defence families the last couple of weeks. I will be available again next week on Wednesday morning from 8-8:30am for those who would like to connect. I greatly appreciate getting to know those who have stopped for a chat already.

This Wednesday morning (28th Feb), I will be away at the quarterly workshop hosted by DMFS, to meet with other Defence School Mentors across Darwin and Palmerston.



I apologise that I will be unavailable on Wednesday morning as usual, however if you have something you wish to discuss, please don't hesitate to send me an email. I will be back at Alawa by lunchtime, so Defence Kids Club will still go ahead as usual.



Over the last fortnight at Defence Kids Club, we have celebrated Valentine's Day by making beaded hearts. This was a huge hit, and the kids were super excited to share their creations with their friends and family. While I love that so many students are keen to come to Defence Kids Club, I would like to share a reminder that Defence students (those with a parent serving in the Australian Defence Force) are welcome to bring one friend with them.

While I would love for everyone to be able to join in, unfortunately I don't have the resources to be able to support this.

I would also like to thank Sam, the NT and Kimberley Region Delegate for Defence Families Australia (DFA). I was very honoured to have my work here at Alawa recognised as a "Glimmer of Brilliance" by DFA. This was shared across social media and recognised by senior Defence leaders on LinkedIn.

Due to this, I was put in contact with Bianca from Someone I Love is in Defence. She has created a series of picture and activity books, which can be purchased from Australian Military Bank branches, or her website [Your paragraph text](#). You will also find a great range of free printables on the website. I have found these resources to be super useful in supporting kids experiencing major life changes that come with having a Defence parent.

**Laura Thiele [Defence School Mentor]**

**IMPORTANT**



**DON'T FORGET**

# 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.



# 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.

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**WHEN: Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th March**

**TIME: 3.30 - 5.00pm**

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