

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 WEEK 1
17TH APRIL
2024

Principal's Message

Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 24th April
ANZAC Assembly 1:45pm
- Friday 26th April
4/5 Daniels Assembly
- Friday 10th May
Mothers Day Movie Night

Staffing Update

We welcome the following to our team this term.....

- Ms Hasina Khanum working Thursdays and Fridays in Early Years [Transition and Year 1/2 Khanum-Thorne]
- Ms Jaime Kollman as classroom support in 4/5 Chamberlain and 2 Snow
- Ms Lily Hamilton - Speech Therapy student from LaTrobe University
- Ms Lily Carne - Occupational Therapy student from La Trobe University
- Ms Gloria Rono - Occupational Therapy student from La Trobe University

Welcome back to Term 1 at APS!

Well it was great to see so many of our excited students and families back yesterday morning —after a gorgeous week off with so many enjoying the dry season as it has arrived in the Top End. There was a buzz as they all reconnected with friends and teachers as well as settled back into their classrooms. I would like to recognise the continued commitment, professionalism and dedication of all OUR staff who continue to work tirelessly to be prepared to provide once again a high quality learning program for YOUR children.

Over the next few weeks I will be visiting each primary class for the quarterly 'Pep Talks', focusing on our core values and expectations at Alawa and reviewing the attendance and behaviour data from Term 1. I also take this opportunity to check in with all students and seek feedback as to their perceptions of how we are travelling as a learning community.

As we commence the term, students will be reviewing their progress and achievement from Term 1 with their teacher to update and review their learning goals.



School Start Time: Gates NOT open till 8am

Just a reminder to all families our school start time is 8:30am. Children can arrive, connect with friends and play sport when we open the gates at 8am. This is 30mins prior to the start of the day bell and staff are on duty to ensure safety and wellbeing of all from that time. We ask that children DO NOT get dropped off / arrive prior to 8am unless a prior arrangement is made through the front office. If you require Before School Care for your child please see the front office for booking paperwork.

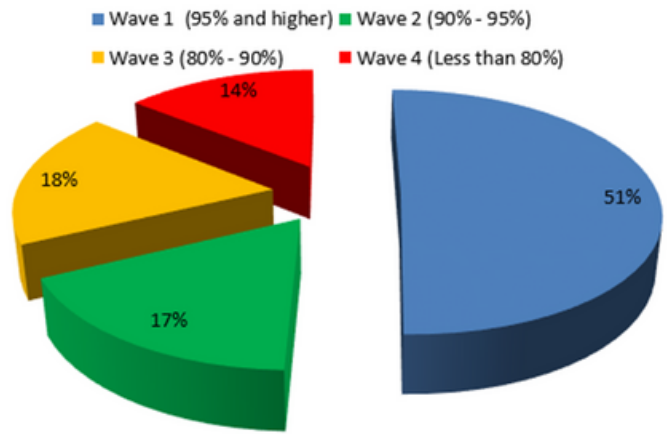
Sandy Cartwright [Principal of the Best School in the Multiverse]



Principal's Message contd.



% of Primary Students Attendance Term 1 2024



During Term 1 it was of significant concern that 32% of the children enrolled at Alawa attended less than 90% of the available school days. This does NOT include those children who were working remotely whilst on holidays or due to special circumstances or children who have an alternate school plan.

This in reality means just over 100 children are missing on average a day per week at school - way too much learning time lost and at times a disconnect socially with their peers.

The Department of Education has notified us that any student away sick for 3 days or more does require a Doctor's certificate for us to apply the S code [Sick], otherwise an X code [Unacceptable] needs to be applied.

We strongly encourage you to connect with your child's teacher, Mrs Barnett or myself if there are concerns impacting attendance. We will be reaching out to parents / carers to discuss many of these children who are considered at risk due to low attendance.

DOES ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTER?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much, but...

If your child misses:	That equals:	Which is:	Over 13 years that's:
1/2 day per week	20 days per year	1 month per year	1.5 years of school
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	2.5 years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	5 years of school
3 days per week	120 days per year	Over half a school year	8 years of school

Assistant Principal's Message



KIDS FITNESS BOOT CAMP

AS part of our wellbeing as well as preparation for our school Sports Day on June 7th, today we recommence fitness bootcamp on a Wednesday morning.

We ask for all children to arrive at school by 8:15am Wednesdays and we all gather on the oval for 30minutes. Parents and family members are also invited and encouraged to come and join us.



Hello Alawa Families,

Welcome to Term 2! I am very excited to be back for another term full of learning. We have so many things to look forward to, it is hard to list them all....

Our Speech and Occupational Therapy program started on Tuesday. Lily Wynne and Gloria Rono are our participating Occupational Therapy students from Latrobe University in Victoria, and Lily Hamilton is our participating Speech Pathology student, also from Latrobe. We welcome them to Alawa Primary School and look forward to having them in the school over the next 6 - 8 weeks, working in classes and with individual students.

I am looking forward to getting into the Early Years classes for our Term 2 PEP talks. These have all been booked in over weeks 1 and 2 and aim to have all of our Alawa students ready for the term ahead and excited for the next step in their learning journey.

We are also looking forward to our Mother's Day Movie Night, to be held on the 10th of May. Keep your eyes peeled for details. Students voted on the movie to be shown at the end of last term and I will announce the winning film at our Assembly next Friday.

Rachel Barnett [Assistant Principal]

Question of the week...

Email your answer to Ms Cartwright.
What date is our very exciting first ever outdoor movie night at Alawa?
Worth 20 bonus points for your house team



I LIKE KNOWING
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 22nd April	School Council Meeting	5:30pm-7:00pm
Tuesday 23rd April	Children's University meeting	3:00pm
Wednesday 24th April	ANZAC Day Assembly	1:40pm
Wednesday 24th April	Fitness Bootcamp [parents welcome]	8:15am
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	
Friday 26th April	Assembly hosted by 4/5 Daniels	8:40am
Tuesday 30th April	Year 5 Science Fair at DMS	11am-1pm
Wednesday 1st May	Fitness Bootcamp [parents welcome]	8:15am
Monday 6th May	May Day - Public Holiday	
Tuesday 7th May	Children's University meeting	3:00pm

**SAVE
THE DATE**

DON'T

MISS OUT!

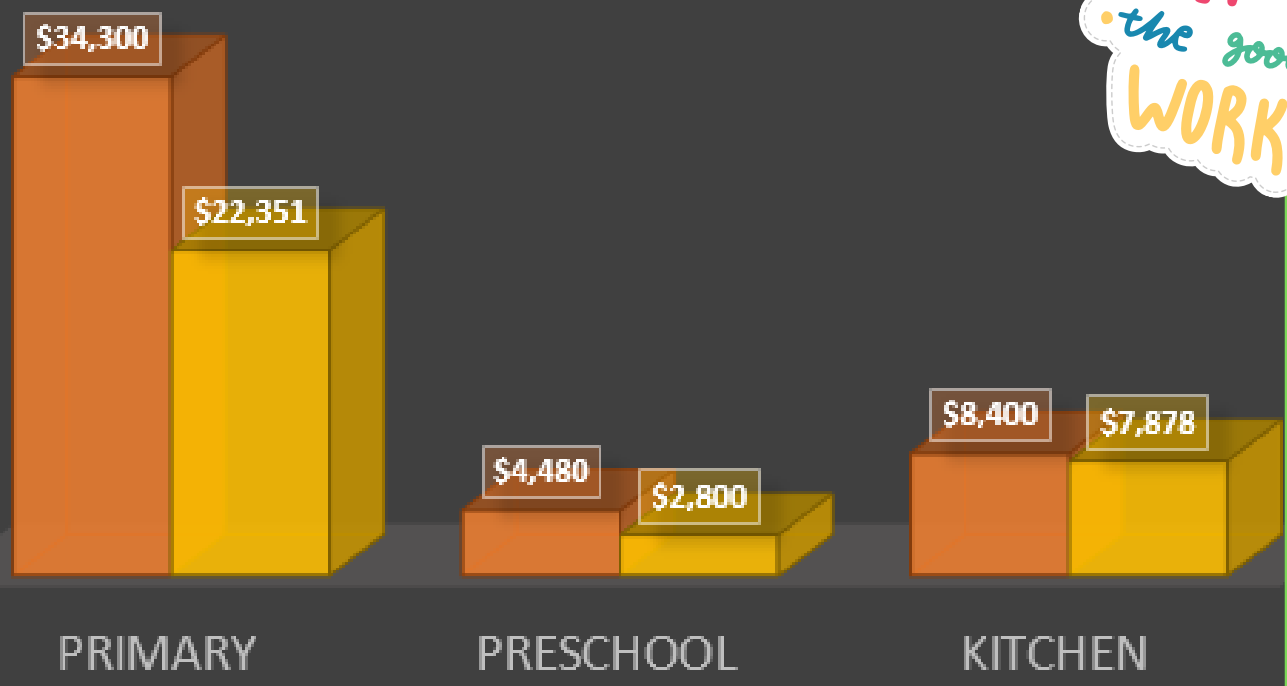


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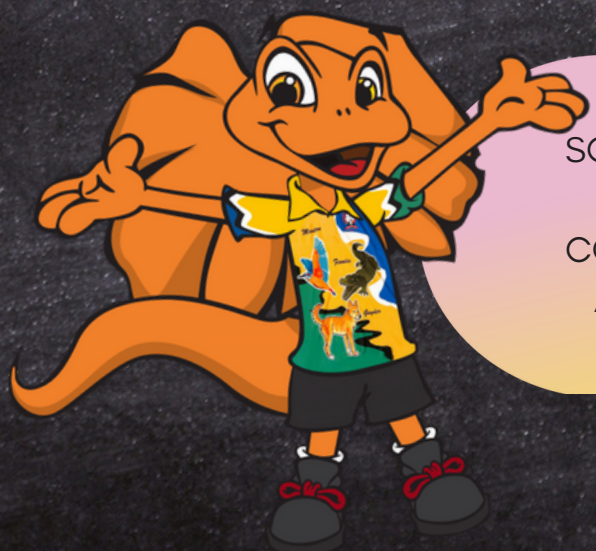


2024 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

■ TARGET ■ YTD



KEEP UP
the good.
WORK



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.



welcome!

My name is Gloria Cheptoo Rono. I was born and raised in Kenya and moved to Australia to do my first masters in Communication in 2013.

I am a disability support worker and worked in this industry for 8 years. Working in this industry has allowed me to expand my studies and hence why am doing my masters in Occupational therapy.

My dream is to one day travel the world and help modify homes for people living with disability for the less fortunate.

I am also a curve model signed with an agency, so part time I model for some brands and also own a content creating studio.

Fun fact, last year I was in a reality show which was amazing and wouldn't mind to do a little TV on the side.



I am a 4th year Speech pathology student living and studying in Melbourne, but I am originally from country NSW.

I'm super passionate about speech pathology and the power it has to improve how people live, learn, communicate and build relationships with others.

When I'm not working or studying I like to spend my time outdoors including running, riding and cycling. I have never been to the Northern Territory before so I am really looking forward to soaking up everything Darwin has to offer. Lily Hamilton



Hi my name is Lily Wynne and I am a 4th year occupational therapy student.

I will be spending 8 weeks at Alawa Primary School. A little bit about me, I'm from a small country town in Victoria and have two younger brothers.

I love the outdoors especially the beach, spending time with friends and family and cooking.

I look forward to meeting you all and being apart of your school community.



NICE TO MEET YOU



Mrs Hasina Khanum



Greetings, Alawa Primary school families and community.

My name is Mrs. Hasina Khanum and it is a pleasure to introduce myself as your Year 1/2 class teacher, collaborating alongside Mrs. Thorne.

As we approach Term 2, I eagerly anticipate joining Alawa Primary School with my scheduled teaching days being Thursdays and Fridays.

Having worked as a relief teacher during Term 1, I have had the wonderful opportunity to acquaint myself with the students, the school environment and its routines.

Allow me to share a bit about my background: Originally from the UK, I began my teaching career for 5 years before venturing into international education. This was approximately 15 years ago. After teaching in various countries including the UAE, Qatar and Indonesia, I made Darwin my home in 2015.

I have built a life here with my husband & my two children and we have planted our roots firmly in the Darwin community.

I dedicated my time to being a stay-at-home mum, cherishing every moment with my children through their formative years. During this time, I had the pleasure of engaging with the Alawa community through the Friday's playgroup, where I witnessed the warmth and inclusivity – my children loved visiting the farm and baking with Ms Maria, who used to coordinate the playgroup.

It has been lovely to reconnect with familiar faces during my time here as a relief teacher.

As I prepare to immerse myself in the Alawa school community from Term 2 onwards, I am excited to connect with all of you and contribute to the nurturing and growth of our students.

Looking forward to meeting you soon!

Mrs. Hasina Khanum



Important announcement from the department of Education

Pertussis [whooping cough] increasing in the NT

Pertussis can be a very serious infection in young babies.

Vaccination is an important preventative measure against pertussis and can reduce the risk of infection and severe illness.

Make sure that you and your child are up to date with vaccines.

For more information visit the website below:

<https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/health-conditions-treatments/bacterial/whooping-cough>

PRESCHOOL NEWS



The preschool children have enjoyed our visits to the library over Term 1 where they have got to explore the space and some of the resources in it. It has also been fun meeting different teachers and seeing different parts of the school on our way over to the library.

This term we will begin teaching the children how to participate in library borrowing. This is really important for the children as it means they are regularly getting quality literature to take home to support their love of reading. Your child will need a library bag that they bring to school with their name clearly marked on it on library day. Children will be allowed to take one book home, it must be returned for the next weeks lesson.

Below are some examples of bags you may like to use as a library bag. Don't worry too much about it, it just needs to be a bag big enough for the book to go in so it can be protected on the journey home.

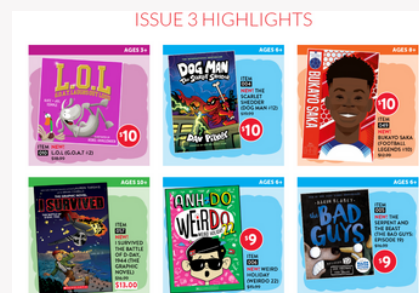


Angela Henschke, Emma Churchman , Kelly Crawford, Katie Wedel, Flor Hodgson
[The Preschool Team]

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to Term 2, I hope you and your family had a wonderful break. Book Club Issue 3 is heading home with Students this week. If you have missed getting one you can pick up a copy from the office or head online and view and order from the catalogue on the Book Club LOOP site scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Orders are due back by Thursday the 6th of May. You can view the catalogue and order online through the Scholastic Bookclub website at scholastic.com.au/LOOP, download the LOOP app From [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.scholastic.loop) or from the [App Store](https://www.apple.com/app-store) or return your order form and payment to the office. Spare catalogues will be available at the office if you miss out.



You will find in this issue is the book selected for this years National Simultaneous Storytime which is in May. Bowerbird Blues for \$12 is found on page2 of this issue is by Aura Parker.

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

Ms Sacha [Library and ICT Manager]

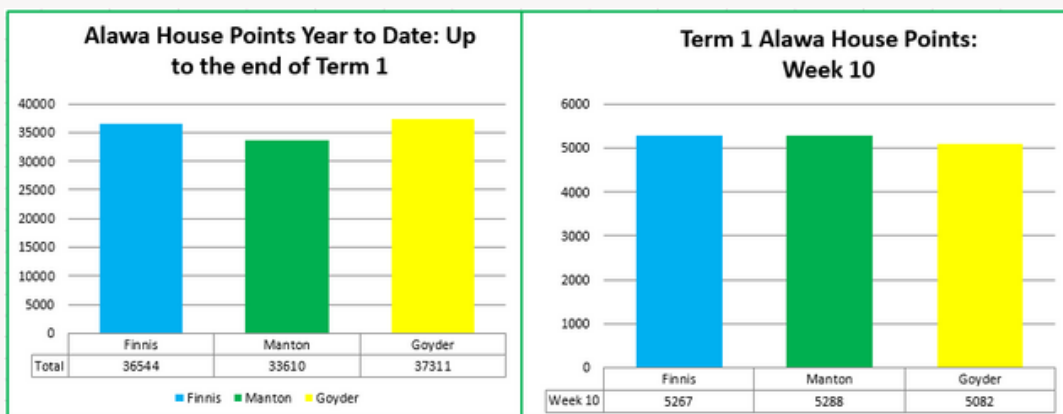
HOUSE POINTS



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 10 of Term 1 Manton was ahead with 5288 points!
In the lead for the Year to date is Goyder with 37311 points!**



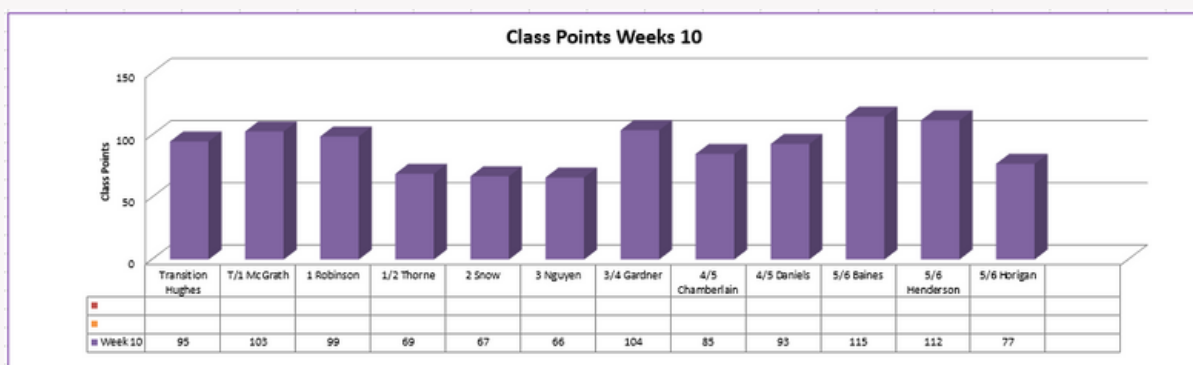
CLASS POINTS



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 10 of Term 1 was...5/6 Baines with 115 points!!!



ATTENDANCE

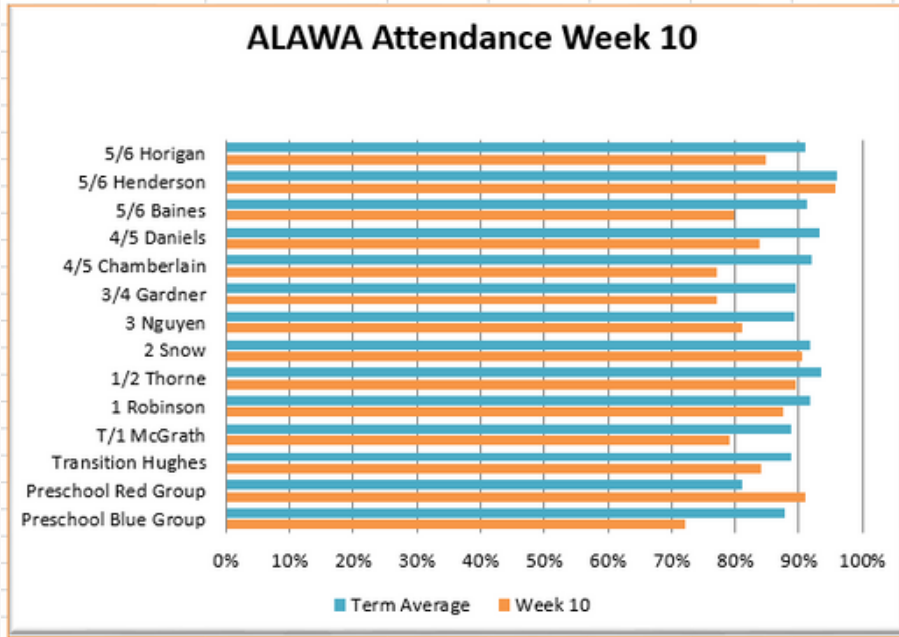


Primary School Average for Week 10 Term 1: 83.79

The class with the highest attendance for Week 10:

5/6 Henderson with 95.63!!! Amazing job!!!

The class with the highest attendance for Term 1 and winner of Ms Cartwright's pizza lunch is... **5/6 Henderson with 95.91%!!! Congratulations**



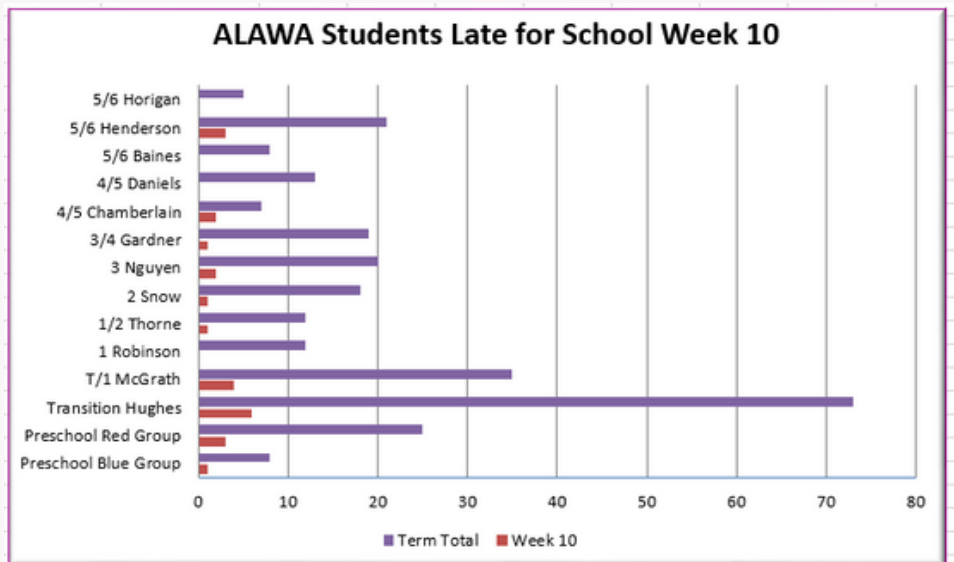
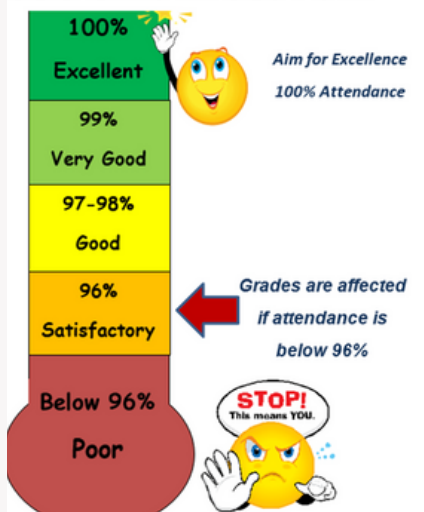
LATES

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

There were 24 lates in Week 10!

For Week 10 it was fabulouso to see NO lates at all for 1 Robinson, 4/5 Daniels, 5/6 Baines and 5/6 Horigan.

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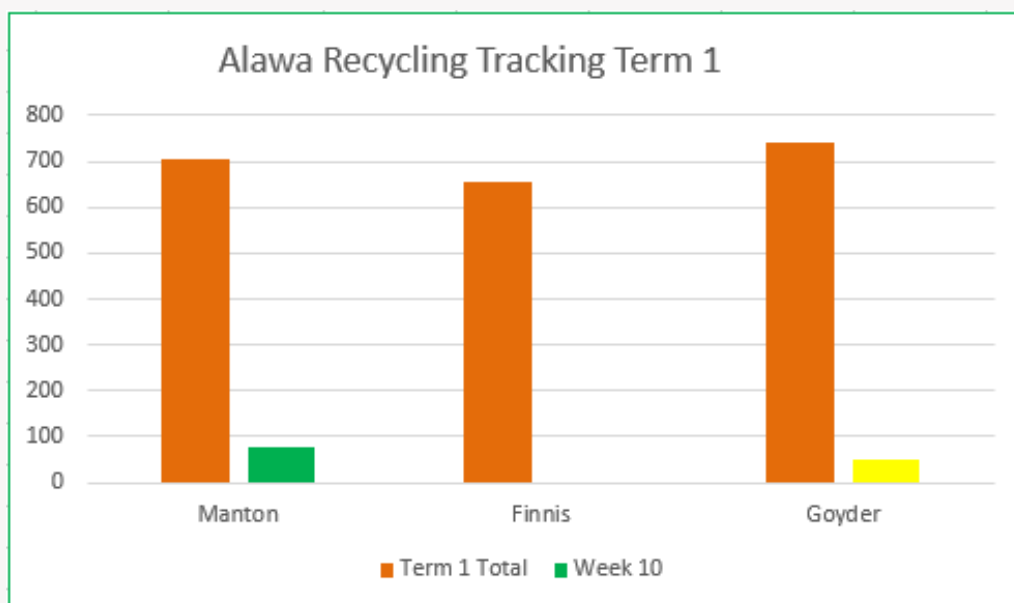


RECYCLING



Our recycling bags are up and ready for deposits in their usual location in the back car park hanging on the fence.

Each bag represents a house and all items will be recorded as a point for your house. Items can be delivered during school hours and placed directly into the bags.



KITCHEN NEWS

To wrap up the term, we did some challenges where the groups got a table of ingredients to create a meal using their knowledge and skills of different flavours and cooking techniques.

It's always very exciting to see what everyone comes up with. We had Ms Saleena judging 5/6 Baines and Mr Horigan got to judge his class.

It was Mr Horigan's first time in the Kitchen and he was very impressed with what he saw and tasted. Well done to all the teams with their yummy creations.



Instead of the challenge, 5/6 Henderson got to spend time in the kitchen with their buddies from 3/4 Gardner for Harmony day. They cooked delicious fried rice. It was pleasing to see the collaboration between the older and younger students and seeing them sharing their skills from the kitchen. Well done to everyone!!!

Ms Stratton [Kitchen Teacher]

SPORT VOUCHERS

Sport vouchers can now be accessed online. Download your child's voucher to use as payment towards different sports.



NOW ONLINE

SPORT VOUCHER

Children bring in a photo of their child to receive their \$100 sport voucher each year. Only for January and March to take for sport, recreation and cultural activities. Redeeming your child's 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 your form online each session.

TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER

1. Visit www.sportvoucher.nsw.gov.au/apply
2. Click 'apply online'
3. Follow the prompts to complete the form.

APPLY TODAY!

For more information visit www.sportvoucher.nsw.gov.au

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ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

MOTHER'S DAY MOVIE NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 10TH MAY

DRINKS, HOT FOOD, SWEETS & POPCORN AVAILABLE.

MOVIE TO BE VOTED SOON. KEEP YOUR OUT

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.

This week the canteen will be closed.
We apologise for any inconvenience!



SPECIALS Term 2, Weeks 1-5

Thursday: Homemade Mini Meat Pies- 1 for \$3.50 or 2 for \$6.50

Friday: Fettuccinni Carbonara \$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

yummm!



DSM NEWS

Welcome back for term 2! I hope you all had a lovely break over the school holidays. As of this term, I have reduced my hours here at Alawa to 2 days a week. I am now working exclusively as the Defence School Mentor on Wednesdays and Fridays. While this means that I will be at Alawa less, I will have more hours to spend on my DSM role. I am hopeful that this will be a positive change for our Defence families here at the school. I am very grateful for any and all feedback that we have received regarding the DSM role here at Alawa, particularly during this period of change. I look forward to another exciting term here at Alawa!

Next Wednesday 24th April, our school and vice captains, along with senior defence students, are hosting a special ANZAC Assembly. I would like to invite all Defence parents and families to join us for this commemoration assembly. Our students have put a lot of hard work into preparing for this. Please see the attached flyer for more details.



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AIMING HIGH
Planting seeds for the future!

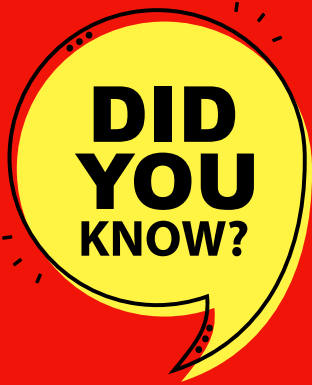
Special Anzac Day Assembly
hosted by The School Leaders and Senior Defence Students

Wednesday 24th April
1:40pm
Alawa Primary School Library

Parents, Carers, Friends and Family
are all welcome to attend

Please join us in remembering not only those original ANZACs,
but to all who died or were disabled when performing services to their country.
They enrich our nation's history.

25 April 2021
Anzac Day



COMMUNITY NOTICES





BORN IN 2013 OR 2014 & KEEN TO PLAY NETBALL?



We have a few spots left in our U11s team and would love to have you join us!

 Northern Districts Eagles Netball Club

JELLIES

6 AND UNDER HOCKEY

The ultimate starting point for future Stingers Stars
Skills & fun combined in a safe environment
Equipment available

SATURDAYS 8-8.30AM

<https://hockeynt.asn.au/> Begins April 13th 164 Abala Road Murrara




Ride Against Cancer NT

Presenting a family friendly day on the racetrack.
Come join in the fun and experience time on the track with proceeds going to

Alan Walker Cancer Care Centre

Date: 25/05/2024 • Time: 08:00am - 12:00pm • Gates open at 07:00am

Have you ever wanted to walk, jog, cycle, skateboard, roller blade or wheelchair on Hidden Valley Racetrack? Now is your chance! Helmets are MANDATORY. Don't forget to bring your bike/board/blades/wheelchair.




In March 2019, Chantal was diagnosed with Stage 4 Small Cell Lung Cancer. Her daughter and beautiful friends raised the funds to remove the financial burden, allowing Chantal to put all her efforts into her well-being. This is how 66 Laps for Chantal was born! Chantal was a true fighter but lost her battle with cancer in September 2021.

Ticket purchase & donations can be made through QR code.
Adult \$20 • Family Pass \$30 • Free entry for children under 15
Hidden Valley Raceway Gate: 2, 171 Hidden Valley Rd, Hidden Valley
Like our Facebook page for event updates / Ride Against Cancer NT



REMAINING JUNIOR SPOTS AVAILABLE



U6 MIXED	FULL
U7 MIXED	FULL
8-9 Y/O GIRLS	FULL
U9 MIXED	FULL
U10 MIXED	4 PLAYERS
U11 MIXED	FULL
10-13 Y/O GIRLS	3 PLAYERS

TRAININGS ON TUESDAYS 5:15-6:30, AT WULAGI OVAL

ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING JUNIORS: JUNIORS.GARUD AFC@GMAIL.COM