

ALAWA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 2 WEEK 2
24TH APRIL
2024

Dates to Remember

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

Junior Learning Commission

Congratulations on being elected to our 2024 Junior Learning Commission - we look forward to hearing about your journey this year. Badges will be presented at Assembly Friday 26th April.



Principal's Message

Welcome back to Week 2 Term 2 Newsletter, We have all quickly settled back into daily life at school this term and it was terrific to see so many families come along and join in Boot Camp.

Now that the weather is beginning to cool down, many children at Alawa are walking to and from school each day. At muster I spoke to the students about stranger danger. Most children are naturally trusting of adults. Can you please make the time to talk to your children about keeping safe on their way to school and what they should do if they are approached from a car or on foot by a stranger.

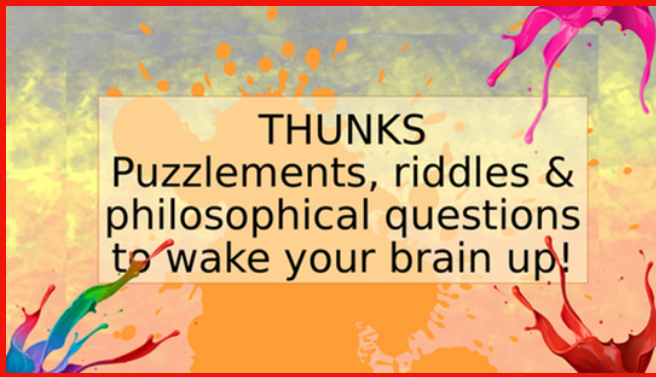
We continue to welcome many volunteers each day at Alawa and recognise the support with 100 bonus house points. Just a reminder to ensure you sign in and out through the front office and advise the teacher in advance that you will be coming along. This then makes it possible for them to plan how you can best support the children.



Students in Years 4/5 and 5/6 have been exploring visual note taking again through the quarterly Pep Talks..... see sample to the left from Catherina in 5/6 Horigan.



Principal's Message contd.



THUNKS
Unusual questions to make you think!

There are NO right or wrong answers to these questions - simply YOUR answers.

You do, however, need to think about your answers and be able to justify them - in other words, don't say the first thing that comes into your head, AND, be prepared to fully explain your answers when you give them.

Listen to the answers given by others and treat them seriously - even if they sound odd, they may all be valid if they can be justified.

Thanks! Get thinking and discussing!

Can you ever learn too much?

In our recent PIVOT survey where students provide feedback for their teachers in Years 3-6 we had 45 / 185 responses indicate students felt their teachers did not challenge them to think deeply - so I have started a new weekly challenge as I have introduced the Think concept during Pep Talks in Years 3-6.

Think of the Week

Starting this Monday each week I am inviting students to reflect and think deeply to respond to a question - known as a Think! The weekly challenge will be displayed on the student noticeboard outside the Hub from Monday morning and also be in the newsletter each Wednesday. Students are invited to respond via email or come to the front at Muster after lunch on a Thursday to share their responses. Upto 50 house points can be earned for the response - reflecting their deep thinking.

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

If elephants ruled the world,
what changes would you see?



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.



Hi Alawa Families!

Today we are holding a special assembly to commemorate ANZAC day. Our School Captains and Defence kids led the assembly, and I am proud of how they worked together with Defence Mentor Support, Miss Laura to organise and deliver the assembly to our school community. Thank you for all your hard work to ensure that this important day is recognised at Alawa School.

During Early years PEP talks, I have been working with all students to identify and display their "One Word". Each student has thought of a word that they can use to motivate and inspire their time at school this year. It is a word that they think will help them have their best year ever! Displays will be going up in all EY classrooms, so check out your child's "One Word" when you are in the school.

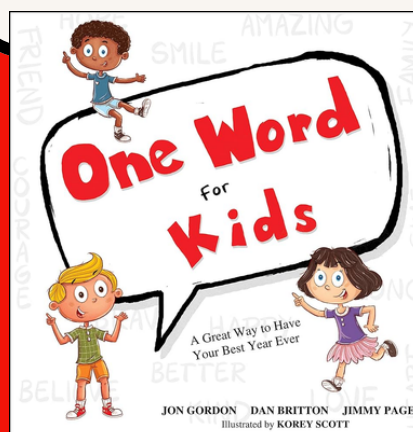
Our Mother's Day Movie Night is fast approaching, and our students have chosen the movie 'Migration' to be screened. I will announce this at assembly this week also. Please see the flyer attached in this newsletter.

We have a number of parents volunteering to help for this School Council run event.

Thank you to all involved! If you would like to help out on the night for a short time before enjoying the moving with your family, please let me know. Remember, all volunteers also earn house points!

"Education is the key to unlocking the world. It is the passport to freedom." Oprah Winfrey

Rachel Barnett [Assistant Principal]



I LIKE KNOWING
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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	
Friday 17th May	Red Ball Tennis Gala Day AFL Gala Day	All day
Monday 20th May	School Council Meeting	5:30pm - 7:00pm
Tuesday 21st May	Dr Corey's Paediatric Clinic	All day

**SAVE
THE DATE**

DON'T

MISS OUT!



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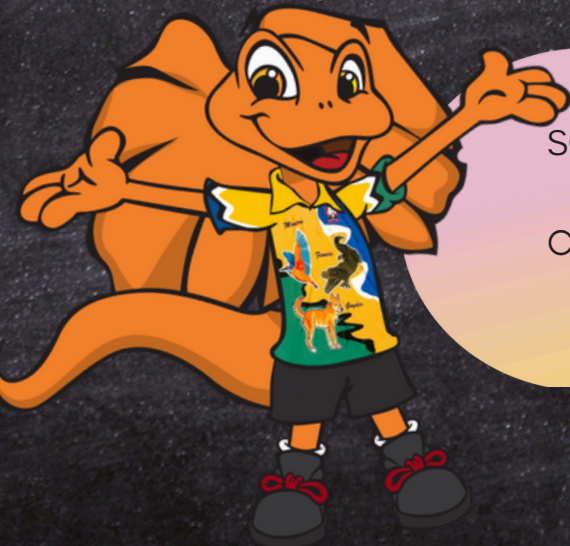
PRIMARY SCHOOL

2024 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

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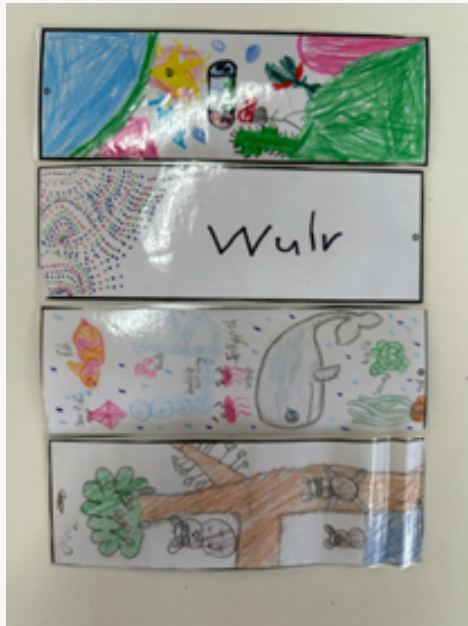
KEEP GOING



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.

CLASS NEWS

3 NGUYEN



Welcome back to Term 2!

Well done to our 3 Nguyen students for starting the term with such a positive attitude. It has been great to see students settling in so smoothly. We took the opportunity to reflect and create class goals for this term.

"I like how we have the same classroom routines and rotations so that we know what to do each day."- Lily B.

" We will stop talking at inappropriate times and pay attention during learning time"- Jarrah B.

We have also begun our "Home Reading Challenge" to ensure we read at home daily. We spent time designing our own bookmarks to use them for our books.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Monday night this year's Alawa Primary School Council were given an introduction to school council roles and responsibilities.

The NT COGSO (Council of Government Schools) delivered the training and outlined governance requirements for the council.

It was a fabulous opportunity for our new and old council members to refresh their knowledge of their roles and responsibilities on school council.



PRESCHOOL NEWS



The dragonflies are everywhere and there is a change in the air signaling the dry season is here! For Preschool this means more opportunities to explore the outdoor learning environment and add learning experiences which can remain outside without the threat of rain.

This term has been off to a wonderful start with the Alawa preschool car wash in full swing. Children are taking turns at washing the pedal cars and bikes that come in for a clean. There is lots of discussion about the roles of the car wash staff and the cost of a car wash.

Indoors, the dramatic play area has become the Alawa Vet clinic. We have nurses and doctors ready to tend to sick and injured pets that arrive in the waiting room. It has been so lovely to see how gentle the preschoolers are with the pets that arrive. Our soft toy creatures and plastic snakes are in very good hands!



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

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club Issue 3 went home with students last 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 Tuesday the 7th 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 or from the App Store or return your order form and payment to the office. Spare catalogues will be available at the office if you miss out.

Books that won't break the budget in Issue 3, 2024 include:

Errol! by Zanni Louise [pg 1] \$3

Mishaela Mason's Big List of Camp Worries by Alexa Moses [Pg 21] \$3

Fart Club Revenge of the Beans by Adam Wallace [pg 21] \$3

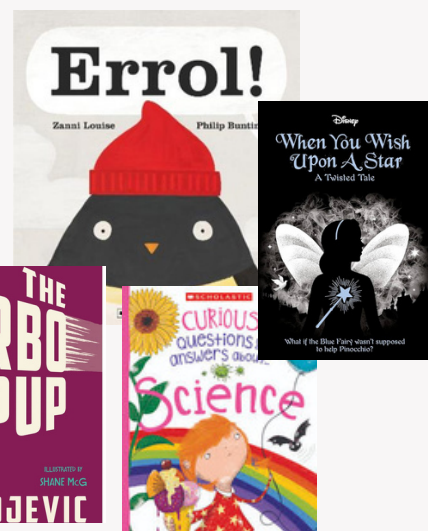
When You Wish Upon a Star A Twisted Tale [Pg 26] \$3

Curious Questions & Answers About... Science [Pg 11] \$5

The Turbo Pup by Fiona Harris [Pg 13] \$6

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

Ms Sacha [Library and ICT Manager]



FARM NEWS

Larrakia Season: Mayilema (knock'em down season) slowly moving into **Damibila** (Barramundi and bush fruit time). The dragonflies are out and the leaves are falling but its still too sticky at the Farm to get overly excited!

Farm News: Little fluffy chicks are doing well; we will put more eggs in the incubator soon to sell including some more quails. The students are very much enjoying holding and learning how to care for the birds.

Farm Highlights:

Years 3 and 3/4 have been enjoying designing a new piece of artwork for the National Soil Week later in the year. The students have been learning about all the different soils at the farm, the importance of soil for growing our food and as a place that creatures live. We have experimented with worms and making compost to enrich our soil.

Thank you to everyone who has donated a milk carton or bottle to the students in year 4/5. They have been enjoying designing and decorating their bird homes. We will need more over the next few weeks so thank you, and a special thanks to Jude McGrath who has hung a bag outside her classroom for our collection!

Thank you to the families that continue to donate their time and different items to the Farm.

A very special thank you to the Cassidy family for donating a huge garden bed that we cant wait to get our seedlings in!



Mrs Cleary and Farmer Bob [The Farm Team]

HONOUR AWARDS AND HONOUR DISTINCTIONS THIS FRIDAY



The following students will receive their Honour Awards this Friday 26th April:

Florence Wilkinson	William Coote	Patrick Scheide
Wynnie Lauenstein	Christos De Rubeis	Avery Cianciano
Darcy Johannessen	Tearakau Tinirau	Steven Ordonez
Asha DeGennaro	Julieta Castaings	Ruby Smith
Alex Carpenter	Frankie Sheridan	Jorja Gontscharow
Indi Smyth	Eloise Pomphrey	Marley Agnew-Auld



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 **Amelie Dennis** receiving an Honour Distinction!



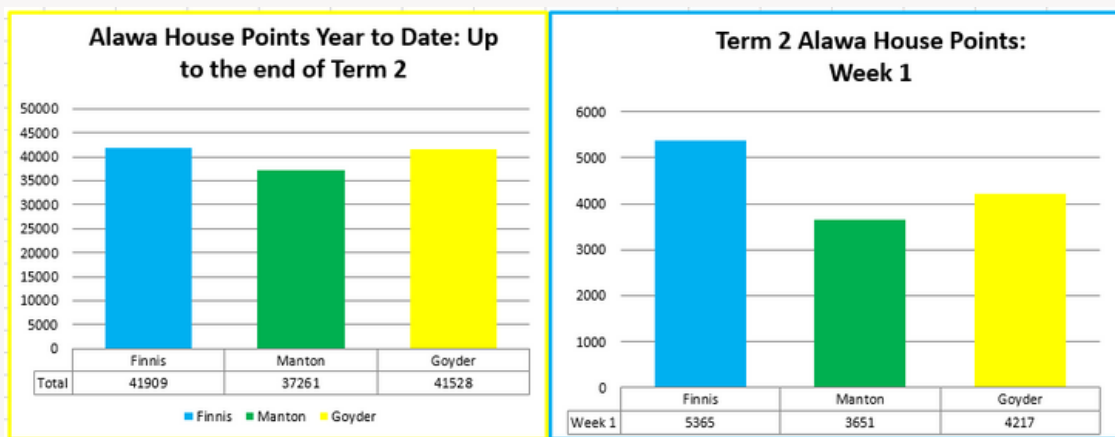
HOUSE POINTS



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 2 Finnis was ahead with 5365 points!
In the lead for the Year to date is Finnis with 41909 points!**

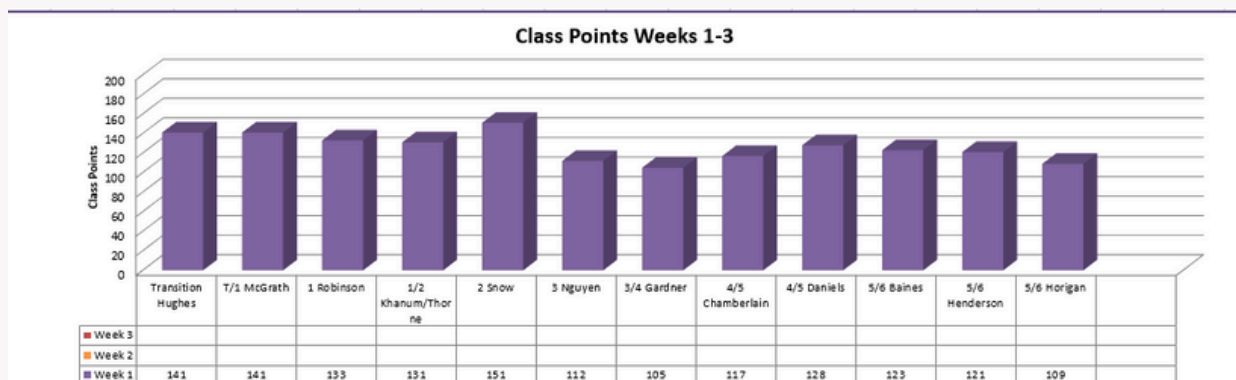


CLASS POINTS

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.

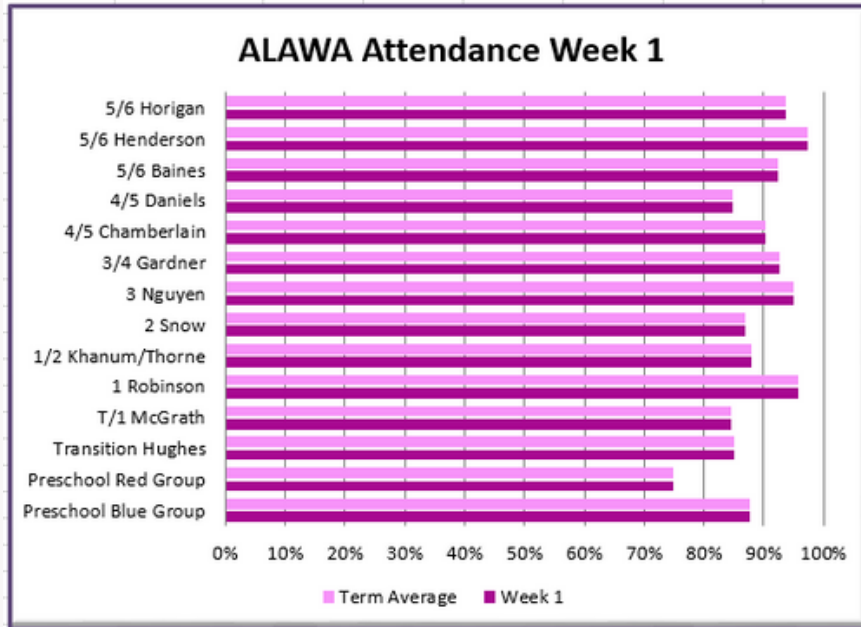
Each week we allocate class points during Muster time recognising those students who were ready and waiting to go back to class calmly and quietly after break times. The winning class from each 3 weeks will receive ice-blocks from our Principal and get to choose 3 songs that will play before our bells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

The class with the most points in Week 1 of Term 2 was...2 Snow with 151 points!!!



ATTENDANCE

Primary School Average for Week 1 Term 2: 90.54%
 The class with the highest attendance for Week 1:
5/6 Henderson with 97.25!!! Amazing job!!!



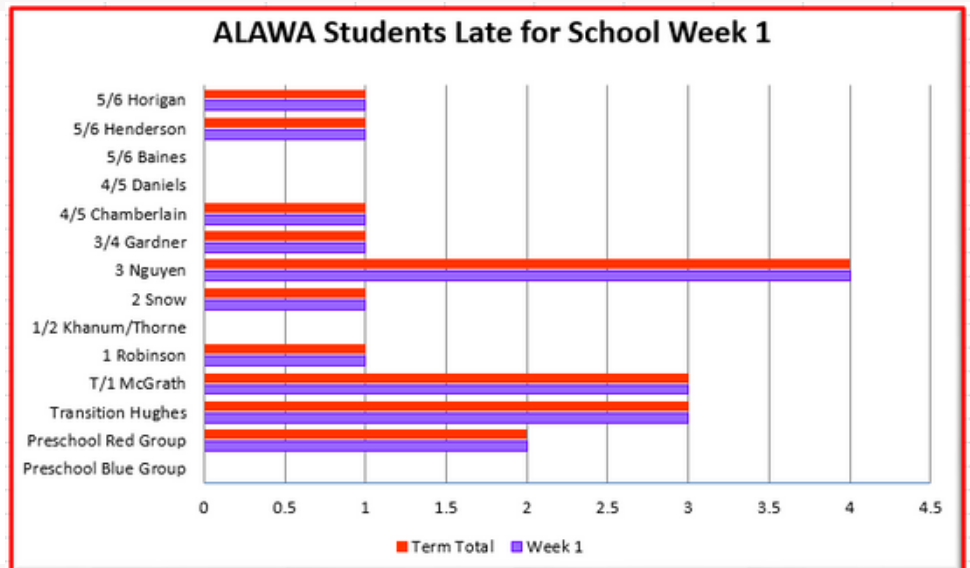
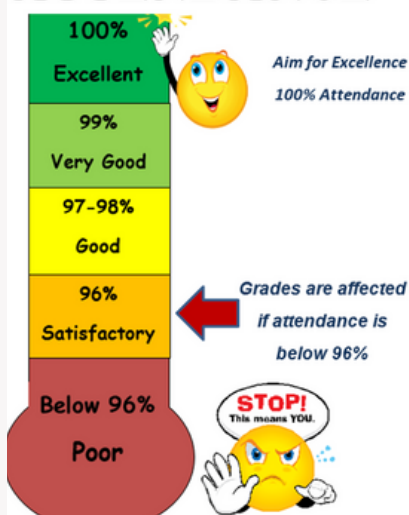
LATES

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

There were 18 lates in Week 1!

For Week 1 it was fabulouso to see NO lates at all for Blue preschool, 1/2 Khanun-Thorne, 4/5 Daniels & 5/6 Baines.

ATTENDANCE

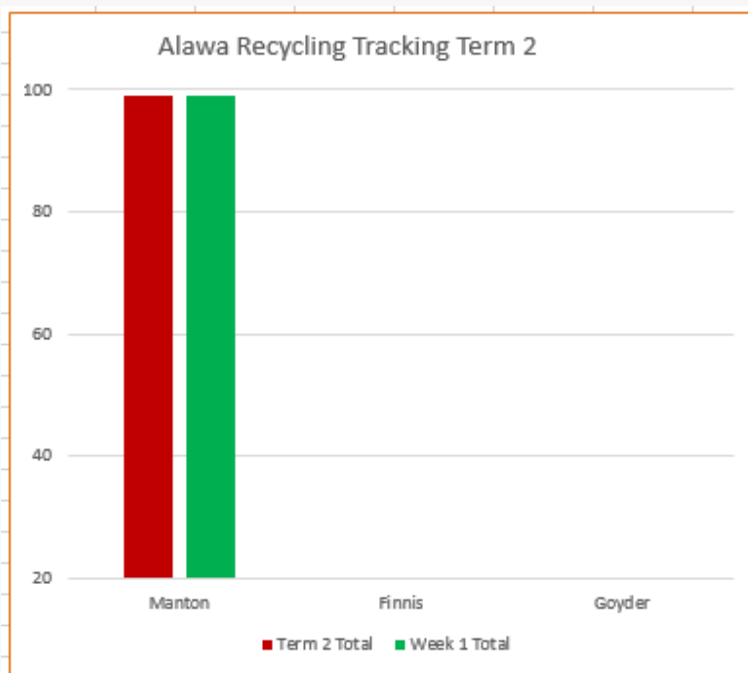


RECYCLING



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.



FFC FOR GRADUATION

At the start of the year we decided to raise money for Graduation so we immediately took action.

Introducing Reuben Smith and Jackson Pearson, founders and managers of the new empire, FFC© or Frozen Fruit Company!

During Term 1 we have been supplying frozen fruit to the kids of Alawa but now times have changed. Our apple sources have dried up so we need your help.

We ask if you can give your child an apple to bring to school and put it in Mr Horigan's class fridge.



Your support is greatly appreciated!

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 evidence to prove they are eligible to receive the \$50 voucher each year. Only for January and March to take the sport, recreation and cultural activities. Background paper (B&B) voucher is now more useful 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.nt.gov.au to apply
2. Click 'Apply online'
3. Follow the prompts to complete the form

APPLY TODAY!

www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au

Mother's Day
MOVIE NIGHT

A VERY SPECIAL OUTDOOR SCREENING OF

HOT & COLD FOOD AVAILABLE!

BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIR!

10TH MAY 2024
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM
MOVIE STARTS AT 7 PM

Alawa Primary School 27 Pett St, Alawa NT 0810

All children must be supervised by an adult

TICKETS **DON'T MISS OUT AND PREORDER VIA**
alawa.school@education.nt.gov.au
OR BUY YOUR TICKET AT THE GATE

\$5

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.

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!



DID YOU KNOW?

COMMUNITY NOTICES




MARRARA Darwin NT
Coach: Nick Pastrikos
Email: darwinnta@gmail.com

Spinneroos gives kids a great first experience with table tennis!

2024 PROGRAM
Starts Wed 24 April 2024
5.30pm to 6.30pm
FEE: \$100 for 8 lessons
AGE 6y to 10y

spinneroos
bounce into table tennis

8 weeks of fun!
Program includes a kit bag, t-shirt, bat and balls!

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024
5.30PM TO 6.30PM
DARWIN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION
MARRARA MULTI-PURPOSE HALL
Enrol at darwinnta@gmail.com

Find out more and book now!
Spinneroos.com.au



Learn new skills!
Your child will learn all the basics to enjoy the great game of Table Tennis.

Spinneroos will develop your child's passion for the sport and experience all the benefits of an active and lifestyle, including hand-eye coordination, increased mobility, building friendships and having a great time!

Table Tennis is great for fitness, and provides valuable time away from video games and electronics in a safe environment.

Table Tennis is perfect for children of all abilities!
You will be warmly welcomed by the team.

Every 1 hour session will consist of warm-up, off-the-table activities, on-the-table activities and fun games

spinneroos
bounce into table tennis

Sign up NOW!
The focus is on FUN!
Your child will have FUN playing table tennis at every session!

You will receive your very own Spinneroos bag to get you started; a t-shirt with your child's name, balls and a bat - all delivered to your home!



pp positive partnerships **Free workshop**

Schools & Families Together 2 day Workshop
Darwin, NT

Maximise learning and well-being outcomes for autistic students.
This workshop also provides an opportunity for shared engagement and learning which builds and strengthens teacher/family relationships.



School staff only
Thursday 9 May, 2024
8:30am - 3:00pm

Schools & families together
Thursday 13 June, 2024
9:30am - 2:30pm

Novotel Darwin Airport
2 Sir Norman Brearley Drive
Marrara NT 0812

Topics covered include:

Day 1 (School staff only)

- Beliefs and perspectives
- Narratives and diversity of autism
- Working together, home and school

Day 2 (Schools & families together)

- Strengths of your team
- The diversity of autism and practical strategies
- Working together between home and school
- Action planning and practical tools

 To check your eligibility and learn more about the Schools & Families Together workshop, scan the QR code or visit:
www.positivepartnerships.com.au/SAFT

Funding support is available for schools. See website for details.

To register, email Jen Cousins:
jcousins@positivepartnerships.com.au  0473 004 024

This initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education through the Helping Children with Autism package. The views expressed within this program do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government or the Australian Government Department of Education.

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](mailto:juniors.garudafc@gmail.com)

