



Alawa Primary School

Newsletter

Tuesday 24 January, 2007

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Dear Families,

Welcome to our 2007 school year. I am very pleased to announce that our teaching staff and classes has remained the same as you were informed last year.

Strong Beginnings

Preschool Strong Beginnings 1: Belinda Cluff

Strong Beginnings 2: Allison Mills & Meg O'Brien

Ignition

Year 1/2/3: Justina Cross

Year 2/3/4 in Room 8: Maxine Flett

3/4/5: Tina Mills & Emily White

Middle Years

Room 3 5/6/7: Erin Ranie

Room 4 G & T 5/6/7: Kylie Boatwright

Room 5 6/7: Lisa Souter

Farm: Robyn Ison

ESL: Tracee Withers

Well-Being Officer: Rachael Dickman

Senior Teacher/Special Needs: Carin Symonds

Assistant Principal: Deb Lockett

Administration

Michele Elkins our registrar is on holidays until 21st February. Heather Briant will do many of her duties and Sharon Lane will help out in the front office until Michele return.

Kayleen Price is based in the library and Jim Finch continues as the school's Maintenance Officer.

School Council personnel

The Canteen Manger's position was advertised in last Saturday's NT News; Leigh Bujnowski will manage the canteen for the first two weeks. Ann Finch remains as the Cleaning Supervisor and Franz Oecker returns to the Groundsman position.

Grounds Update

The trunks of the trees in the student's play areas that were identified as an 'immediate danger'; their removal is expected to be completed, Thursday 25th Jan. The trees at the front of the school which have been identified at the end of term are obviously still there and still out of bounds. The work in this area is due to be completed within the first five weeks of school. It was not possible to complete this work during the Christmas break as the contractor has many commitments within the community.

School Starts

This Tuesday 30th January School starts at 8:30am. Students will begin their school day in their classroom. If they are unsure where to go please come to the front office and we will either tell them and/or walk them down.

Before and after school Supervision

Last year we had several children arrive at school from 7:00am onwards. These children are unsupervised in an open area and I believe very vulnerable. If the child required help for any reason there would be no-one around to assist. To help families that need to drop off their children before they go to work, Alawa will now provide supervision from 8:10 am.

After school supervision remains from 3:00 – 3:10pm, again please do not assume that staff are supervising your child after this time. They are at meetings, completing work etc and NOT watching out for your child's safety.

If you have any difficulties meeting these requirements please give me a ring so we can discuss. Thank you.

Back to School Vouchers

Enclosed is the \$50 Back to School vouchers. They have been issued to each T-12 student by the Northern Territory Government The vouchers are to be used to offset the costs of school uniforms, textbooks, stationary and any other school items. The voucher cannot be redeemed at the school canteen, for payment of school levies or for school excursions. The voucher cannot be exchanged for cash. You can only use your voucher at Alawa School and before the 28th September 2007. The voucher does not have to be used all at once and can be used a multiple of times to the total value of \$50. Further details can be found at <http://www.deet.nt.gov.au>

School Packs

Attached to this newsletter is also your child's stationary list that is their personal stationary requirements for their particular classroom needs, for 12 months. The school pack items are enclosed within a green plastic bag, which the classroom teacher will store and issue your child's items when needed.

For the first week of school all students will be issued an exercise book and pencil. We ask that as soon as possible you either

- top up last year's school pack, which the remaining items were sent home last year,
- buy the 2007 school pack, or
- purchase the equipment at another shop but please ensure that the lines within an exercise book and pencil size meets your child's learning needs. Ask the class teacher if you are unsure.

Your voucher can purchase the School Pack \$35 and a T. Shirt \$15.

If you have any questions please ring me
Sharon Reeves (Principal).