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Alawa Primary School

Learning Caring and Sharing

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Special points of interest:

- **School Photos Week**
8 Wednesday 8 June 2011
- **Sports Day Week** 10
Wednesday 15 June

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. This testing commenced this week - Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It is very important that students are punctual for school as NAPLAN testing begins in the morning sessions. Tests are conducted according to strict timeframes.

Last week we sent information to parents regarding the **Parent Opinion Survey**. This survey is conducted by National School Surveys and aims to help Alawa Primary School to understand parents' perceptions. The information gained from this survey will assist in our strategic planning later this year.

All information is kept completely confidential and the survey is anonymous. We would appreciate it if you would consider your eldest child who attends this school. Both parents may complete the survey independently. The survey will take about 10-15 minutes and you will also have the opportunity to provide further comments at the end of the survey. To complete the survey, please click on: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/alawaparent>

If for some reason, you are unable to access the survey online, please contact Heather Briant at the front office to request a paper copy. We encourage all parents to participate. Please ensure that you complete the survey by May 20, 2011.

A special thank you to those who helped at our recent working bee for the garden – Nathan Taylor, Jo Sachse, Julie Cox and her husband and Sarah Pozzi (parent) and her son Ezra. We greatly need volunteer support from our school community in order for our wonderful programs to continue. Thriving Thursdays are also a time when parents can become involved in the farm and garden.

Our local MLA, Kon Vatskalis, attended our assembly last week and presented awards to Gladys Anena and Panayotis Koufos. Mr Vatskalis also visited our garden and farm and made many positive comments on our recent improvements. Mr Vatskalis is a strong supporter of Alawa Primary and we are always pleased when he visits.

Next week's assembly will be hosted by 5/6 Bernardino Parents are most welcome to attend.

Fathma Mauger
Principal

Farm, Kitchen and Garden Corner

Last week Mel and Jacqui from The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation visited us and we took part in a professional development day for those staff within the program and discussed how our program operates.

Additionally we opened our kitchen and garden after school to prospective members of other schools that would like to have this program at their schools. We had a small kitchen lesson demonstration and a short garden lesson for them to see.

I would like to thank all the students that stayed behind to participate in this. You are all wonderful and are very happy that you stayed in your own time to show how much you enjoy the program. A little re-timabling of lessons is happening this week, but we should be back to normal next week.

We are cooking delicious dishes including pumpkins from our garden, which we are making into delicious stir fries, Asian salads and soups.

Kind Regards

Emma Lupin



Canteen

Wednesday 11/5/11

Recess and Lunch - Fried Rice with chicken and Vegetables

Small \$ 3.90 Large \$ 5.90

Friday 13/5/11

Recess—Kids Quiches \$ 2.50

Lunch — Fettuccine Carbonara with Bacon Cheese and Cream

Small \$3.90 Large \$5.90

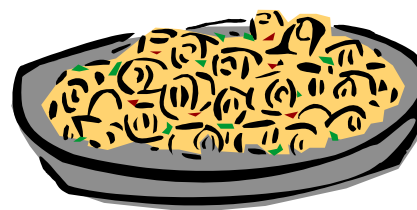
Monday 16/5/11

Recess— Spring Rolls \$ 2.50

Lunch—Beef Stir Fry Noodles with Vegetables

Small \$3.90 Large \$5.90

ORDERS FOR LUNCH PLEASE



Alawa School Council

Congratulations to Shannon Harry on being the winner of our Mother's Day raffle

Thank you to all the families that supported our recent Mother's Day Raffle, we raised \$145

Congratulations!

A decorative graphic consisting of a blue ribbon with a white outline, tied into a bow at the bottom. The word "Congratulations!" is written in a red, cursive font across the top of the ribbon.

Honour Roll

Form	Student	Award for
TR Garrigan	Nakisha Angerer Pantelys Koufos	Trying really hard to remember the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. Keep it up Becoming a Maths Wizard! You are working so hard. Keep up the great work
1 Jan	Eddie Lidda-Hudson Ethan Bensch	Fantastic effort in Guided Reading Fantastic effort in Guided Reading
3/4 Cox	Graham Moniz-Wakefield Jakson Bury Minnie Lu	An enthusiastic approach during math lessons Applying yourself in all maths lessons. Keep up the good work Being such a cheerful and animated class member
5/6 Bernardino	Finn Beattie Andrea Van de Venter	Excellent Persuasive Writing, Excellent Persuasive Text responses.
5/6 Haywood	Arnold Williams Will Reeves	Your enthusiastic approach to all our learning and for the great effort you put into everything you do Your well thought out and interesting writing. I enjoy reading your perspectives on the many persuasive text topics we have covered
Caught Being Good	Ayusha Subedi Georgina Thatcher	Caught Being Good Caught Being Good
Special	Jayhannah Thatcher	Demonstrating excellent knowledge and skills in mapping activities



Bike Education 2011

Year 5/6 Bernardino and Haywood have just recently completed the Bike Education Program. This involved learning about safe biking practices through classroom lessons, guest speaker presentation and attending the practical component at the Parap Road Safety Centre. At the road safety centre students were given the opportunity to demonstrate their learning on bikes on a simulated road system. It was an enjoyable and valuable learning experience for our students.

As always, these positive learning opportunities are only able to occur with the support of other adults, so please we would like to thank the following people for their assistance on the excursion: Ms Anne, Mr Taylor, Mrs Louise Reeves and Mrs Gao.

SAFE BIKING.....SAVES LIVES



Community Notice Board

Bicycle Helmets

Bicycle helmets have been donated to the school for any family who may wish to come and get one. There is a limited number, please come and collect them from the front office.

Confirmations— Casuarina Catholic Parish, Holy Spirit Church.

Enrolment forms for Confirmation at Casuarina Parish are available from the back of Holy Spirit church at 11 Strele Cres, Casuarina.

Please enrol well before 22nd May. The information evening is at 7:30pm on Thursday 26th May, in the church. Candidates should be in year 6 or later or at least 12 years old. Phone 8945 3633 or holspirit.casuarina@tpg.com.au



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- Full Face Helmet * Bike
- * Shoes * Long Pants
- * Long Sleeve Shirt * Gloves

Limited Hire Bikes, Helmets & Gloves available

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sunday may 29th

10:00am - 2:00pm

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PALMERSTON

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Classes - Monday and Wednesday

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| Northern Territory Mixed Martial Arts is the combination of | 3:30 to 4:30 for ages 7 to 9 |
| • Kata (Fixed Forms) Karate | 4:30 to 5:30 for ages 9 to 12 |
| • Joint locks | 6:00 to 7:30 for Adults |
| • Throws | - Sunday |
| • BJJ | 1:00 to 2:00 for ages 7 to 12 |
| • Self defence and fitness | 2:00 to 4:00 Grappling |
| | 4:00 to 6:00 for Adults |

We are for you

Location Moil Primary School

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Start Date 18th of April