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FOR YOUR DIARY

- Swimming Weeks 3-4
24—3 November
- NT Music School Play-
day 18 October
- Yr 6 Graduation
Thursday 15 December

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Yesterday our students returned enthusiastically after their short break, ready for another busy term. A reminder that Swimming lessons commence this term.

Following the success of last year's concert, all classes have also commenced dance lessons taken by a qualified dance instructor, Kristy, in preparation for another wonderful end of year concert.

At the end of last term, parents of Years 3 & 5 students received a 2011 NAPLAN individual student report. The student report is a common national report and provides information on individual student achievement in comparison to national data. The student report represents student performance on a scale from Band 1 to Band 10. These national achievement bands represent increasing levels of skills and understandings demonstrated in the assessments. The NAPLAN student report contains information about a student's performance in the reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy assessments. Individual student achievement is compared to the national average and the range of achievement for the middle 60% of that year level. Parents need to be aware that NAPLAN results have been obtained from a limited testing situation and therefore provide a "snapshot" of the child's achievement. They do not replace the more extensive, informative and on-going classroom assessment made by class teachers. However, we are currently analysing our NAPLAN results as the data is very useful for schools to identify strengths and focus areas for improvement.

Students are not permitted inside fenced areas after school hours and on weekends. Parents are responsible for ensuring that children are supervised after school hours. There are several building sites with projects currently being completed – our BER library and the Namarluk school. These sites are fenced off for safety reasons and it is important that students understand that these are also out-of-bound areas after school and on weekends. Unfortunately, there have been recent incidents that have been reported to police.

Alawa's Big Breakfast that was held on Friday of last term was a huge success. This was to celebrate a highly successful whole school reading campaign. Many thanks to Ms Deb, the Alawa CATS (Cross Age Tutors,) and the many readers for their enthusiasm and hard work. Congratulations to Ekyra Newton-Aragon for being Alawa's 2000th reader! A big thank you to all the mums and dads who helped

prepare, cook and serve pancakes for the Big Breakfast. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Next week's Assembly is hosted by 2/3 Ranie. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Fathma Mauger

Principal



Library Chatter

Welcome back to Term 4 in the library. A reminder to all students to return home readers and any library books from last term. Parents please remind or help your child/ren to look for any home readers at home.

Quote: A house without books is like a room without windows. Horace Mann (an early leader in American education)

Happy Reading
Mrs Price



Canteen

Canteen Specials for this week

13/10/11 Thursday

Lunch: Fried Rice \$4.50

14/10/11 Friday

Recess: Sushi Chicken, Ham, or Egg \$ 2.50

Lunch: Mild Curry Chicken with vegetables and steamed rice

Large: \$5.50 Small: \$4.50



17/10/11 Monday

Recess: Homemade Pizzas \$2.50

Lunch: Spaghetti Bolognese \$4.50

Unless you have made prior arrangements with the canteen there will be **no accounts**. However EFTPOS facilities are available, including credit card payments over the phone. Also orders in by 9am, please. Thank you

WHAT TO WEAR TODAY?

WEAR YOUR SUPPORT

Host: **ALAWA P.S.** Date: **FRIDAY OCTOBER 21** Time: **ALL DAY**
 Where: **Wear a bright coloured shirt to school**
and make a gold coin donation
 Register or donate today at www.loudshirtday.com.au or call 1300 721 326 **Thank You**

ALL MONEY RAISED FROM LOUD SHIRT DAY WILL HELP TO GIVE THE GIFT OF SOUND AND SPEECH TO DEAF CHILDREN.

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Woolworths Earn and Learn points

Please keep your Woolworths shopping docketts and bring them to school: From 18 July to 18 October 2011, Woolworths will give shoppers 1 Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards or purchases made through Woolworths online or at Caltex Woolworths co-branded fuel outlets). Points will automatically appear on your shopping docketts, which you simply take to your school for collection. Website for more information for parents: <http://www.earnandlearn.net.au/>

Coles Sports for Schools

Please collect and bring in your Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers. Collecting vouchers is easy! Every member of your school's community will earn one voucher for every \$10 spent in a Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick 'n' Pay store from 11 August to **18 October** just for doing their regular shop! So keep an eye out in store, online and on TV!



Alawa Outside School Hours Care



Fun at Vacation Care during the term break. Come and join us for the next school holiday break.

ParentLine

Parentline – support and advice for parents and carers

Raising children is usually rewarding and enjoyable but most parents will tell you it can also be stressful, overwhelming and challenging. Parentline NT Community Engagement Officer Rebecca Mackay said sometimes it is useful to talk things through with an experienced and trained person, or just someone outside the circle of family and friends. “Sometimes a different view point can give a new perspective on stressful situations,” Rebecca said. But she said there are others who have nowhere else to turn, which can be daunting and stressful. “Many people are isolated from their family for various reasons and lack a support system, which is so important when raising children,” she said. Parentline, a confidential and anonymous phone counselling service run by BoysTown, aims to help mums, dads and other carers cope with the many challenges they face as modern parents. “Parentline is also available to professionals working with children and families, who are seeking additional support,” Rebecca said. “This could be a teacher trying to manage a challenging class situation or someone working at a domestic violence refuge, dealing with a child who has been abused.” Counsellors provide respectful, constructive and non-judgemental advice and support on any issue associated with parenting, children and families. Topics parents and carers discuss are as diverse as dealing with a teenager’s exam stress to caring for babies. Parentline counsellors receive more than 200 calls a week from parents, carers and family members aged from their teens to their 80s. The top concerns have been consistent since Parentline started operating and include parenting strategies, enhancing parent-child relationships, challenging behaviour and discipline, relationships between parents and caring for infants. Other common concerns include the mental and emotional well-being of children and parents, custody or family law issues and child abuse concerns.

“It is important for parents to know they don’t have to face challenges alone and there is no shame in asking for advice or support,” Rebecca said. Parentline is jointly funded by BoysTown and the Northern Territory and Queensland governments.

BoysTown
Fresh start
New hope.

PARENTLINE
Support, counselling and parent education
for the cost of a local call*

1300 30 1300
*mobile phones charges apply

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Uniform Sale

We are still having a uniform sale on the red polo older design shirts. Price has been reduced to \$10 each. There is stock in all sizes.

Contact the front office



Scouts

Do you love the Outdoors? Do you love adventure and new challenges? If the answer is yes then you should come and join us at Alawa Scouts. Scouting is for both boys and girls aged 6-26 years of age – starting with our Joey Scouts at just 6 years of age. We are also putting a big shout out for anybody who has previous experience working as leaders or volunteers within the Scouting Family, we need you!! If you are an adult who enjoys working and challenging children then we are looking for you to become our leaders as well. Be Prepared for an adventure. Join the Scouts. For further information please contact Scout Headquarters on 89480994



Be Prepared...
for new adventure!

Kon Vatskalis

Local member Kon Vatskalis will be having at Alawa an after-school BBQ - on Friday the 28th of October. Come over for a yummy sausage sandwich and a cold drink



TERM 4 LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

Wednesday afternoons weekends

12th Oct-16th Dec

Nightcliff Pool

\$140 per child

Educational, active & Fun!

To enrol or find out more info

Ph: 0421 631 624

Email: info@swimdynamics.com

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