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For Your Diary

- Christian Option Week 2 18—20 April
- Easter Break Friday 22 April—25 April
- ANZAC Day break 26 April
- School Health Surveillance for transition students 29 April
- NAPLAN—Week 5 10—13 May

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Alawa Primary School

Learning, Caring and Sharing

Issue: 9 Tuesday 12 April 2011

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to see our students return safely after the mid semester break. Students and teachers will have a busy term ahead, particularly with NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5 students in Week 5 (10-13 May).

Last year Alawa School Council decided to have our school buildings fenced to help reduce the incidents of vandalism that was occurring regularly after school hours and on weekends. The fences were installed this year which have resulted in a significant reduction in vandalism within the school grounds. 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.

We also have several building sites with projects currently being completed – our BER library and the NT Government funded preschool. These sites are fenced off for safety reasons and it is important that students understand that these are also “out of bounds” areas after school and on weekends.

We will be having a special ANZAC Assembly next Thursday at 9am. All classes will participate and we have a special guest, Corporal Rick Coulson, who will focus on the meaning of ANZAC. We invite all parents to attend this special assembly.

Fathma Mauger
Principal



Canteen

Friday 15 April

Recess—Spinach pies
\$2.50

Lunch—Beef or
vegetable lasagna

Small—\$3.90

Large—\$5.90

Monday 18 April

Recess—Mince muffins
\$2.50

Lunch—Beef stew

Small—\$3.90

Large—\$5.90



Honour Roll

Form	Student	Award for
TR Garrigan Term I Week 10	Chay Arthur Haley Clancy Evan Whiteaker Zane Gellel	Trying your best to make the right choices in class. Keep up the great work! Always using your manners in and out of the classroom Trying your best to write your letters correctly Making an awesome rocket ship using 2D shapes made from plasticine and matchsticks!
3/4 Cox Term I Week 10	Willis Taripo Jacob Whitehead	Being an exceptional and willing worker in kitchen Writing an excellent persuasive text on wearing school uniforms
5/6 Bernardino Term I Week 10	Aaron Foster	Being a helpful and diligent student in kitchen and during pack up times.
5/6 Haywood Term I Week 10	Jack Christie Zephyr Dobson	Writing relevant and descriptive persuasive texts. Your standard of work has really improved Jack. Keep up the great work A huge improvement in the presentation of all your work. It is a pleasure to read your neatly handwritten and accurate work. Great job Zeph. Keep it up
Special	3/4 Chellew Nun Chatram	Best garden class for term I Making right educational choices



Community Notices

Age: 4 - 8yrs (boys & girls)
 Cost: \$60.00
 When: 16th April,
 Time: 10am-2pm
 Where: Casuarina Shopping Centre

Location	Start Date	Day	Time
The Gardens	May 6 th	Friday	5-6pm
Nightcliff Pri-	May 7 th	Saturday	8-9am
Tracy Village	May 9 th	Monday	5-6pm
Mararra Chris- tian College	May 7 th	Saturday	9-10am



School Health Surveillance will be conducted at Alawa Primary School on Friday 29 April 2011

What is School Health Surveillance and what is its purpose?

School Health Surveillance is the ongoing overview of health and development of all children performed by Community Health nurses and is available to all students in Transition and Year 1 (for those that were not previously screened in Transition.) This includes an assessment on their height, weight, vision, ear health and hearing. Some children may have mild hearing or sight difficulties that hinder their progress at school. Often parents are not aware as they do not affect the child at home. School screening can detect these problems enabling early intervention. These tests are not compulsory and will only be attended if parental consent has been given on the enrolment or school health surveillance consent form.

What does it mean if my child fails one of these checks?

The hearing tests are designed to be oversensitive and the first test may be failed. If so, a second test is performed a month later. If that test is failed the student will be referred to the NT Hearing Centre for further assessment (this is a free service).

Any visual concerns will be referred to an optometrist, and you will be notified. You will be responsible for any follow-up.

Teachers will be notified of hearing or vision issues, which may impinge on a child's ability to learn unless parents request this information not be shared.

Who can I talk to about this program?

Telephone or visit your local Community Care Centre and the nurses will be able to assist you with any inquiry or concern.

Palmerston Community Care Centre 8999 3344

Casuarina Community Care Centre 8922 7301

Alice Springs Community Health Centre 89516 711

Tennant Creek Community Health Centre 89624 218

Nhulunbuy Community Health Centre 89870435

If you have a specific concern you would like addressed in regards to your child's health or behaviour please ask to speak to a School Health Surveillance nurse before your child is screened by phoning 8999 3344.



Supa Club
 Starting Monday 18
 April 2011
 Consent forms can be
 obtained from the
 school

Scripture Union is part of an international Christian organisation with movements in over 135 countries working inter-denominationally. It has been in operation for over 140 years and in the Northern Territory for over 40 years. Scripture Union is staffed by voluntary and paid workers.

In Northern Territory, Scripture Union conducts holiday Clubs, camping programs, training, school programs and is involved in school Chaplaincy.



WHO DO I CONTACT?

Your local SUPA Club contact is....



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 Primary Age Clubs

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Some Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS A SUPA CLUB?

A SUPA Club is a regular voluntary Christian lunchtime or after school program for primary aged children. SUPA club runs in the school with the permission of the principal and School Association. Children can only attend with a completed parental consent form.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A SUPA CLUB?

Local Christians engage with the children on a regular basis in various activities which may include stories, opening the Bible, games, singing, drama and prayer. A SUPA club can give children opportunity to investigate life's questions from a Christian point of view.

WHEN IS IT RUN?

Once a week in lunchtimes or after school. Some SUPA Clubs run weekly from after Easter to October (during the cooler weather) or in Term 2. Other clubs may run throughout the whole school year. It depends upon the local team running your SUPA Club and the school.



WHO CAN GO TO SUPA CLUB?

Anyone who meets the age criteria set by the team. Some clubs are for Grades 1-2, others for Grades 1-4 or Grades 4-6. This depends upon the skills and preference of the team leading the club.

DO YOU NEED TO BE A CHRISTIAN TO GO?

No. All children are welcome. There is no expectation or presumption that children will have any understanding of the Christian faith.

IS THERE A STRUCTURED PROGRAM?

Yes. All Scripture Union activities have a structure. Scripture Union has curriculum material available called JAFFA (Jesus, a Friend for All) which can form the base for planning weekly club activities. The material interweaves life values such as friendship, caring, helping others and saying sorry, with games, songs and stories from the Bible. Weekly guides allow flexibility to tailor programs to the relevant ages of the children. There are also other SU resources available.

HOW MUCH DOES SUPA CLUB COST?

It is a free program for all children.

WHO LEADS SUPA CLUB?

SUPA Clubs are co-ordinated by Scripture Union, a Christian movement that works with many different denominations and churches. Under Scripture Union's guidance each local club is run by two or more accredited people from local Christian churches.

WHAT EXPERIENCE / CREDENTIALS DO LEADERS NEED?

Every SUPA club leader must be accredited by Scripture Union. Accreditation involves an application process including a national police records check and two character references.

HOW DOES THE SCHOOL CONNECT WITH SUPA CLUB?

A staff member generally acts as a liaison to the club and may provide periodic supervision. In consultation with staff, information about starting dates for SUPA Club and other news may be distributed in the school newsletter or internal communications.

