



Alawa Primary School Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to parents, who attended the recent Parent Information Evening last week. It was a great opportunity for parents to visit their child's classroom, meet the class teacher and also obtain information regarding teaching philosophy, class program and classroom management strategies.

Thank you to those parents who attended the school council's AGM and nominated to be a parent representative. Congratulations to the following parents who form the Council Executive – Jacqui Dobson (Chairperson), Chantelle Wagenaar (Deputy Chairperson), Fiona Steele (Secretary) and Dee-Anne Vahlberg (Treasurer). We thought parents may appreciate the following information that was presented at the AGM, summarising the highlights of 2010 and also the focus areas for school council in 2011.

2010 Highlights :

School Literacy Team developed whole school Literacy policy to enable consistency across the school – scope & sequence, programming/pedagogy, assessment.

Implemented national KidsMatter program which aims to: improve student mental health and wellbeing, reduce mental health difficulties among students (such

as anxiety, depression and behavioural difficulties) and increase support and assistance for students experiencing mental health difficulties. Staff training in KidsMatter commenced.

Best NAPLAN Year 5 results since 2008. Above national average in Writing – sixth highest average score in the NT. Also “close to” or “above” similar schools in all Year 5 areas – “substantially above” similar schools in Writing.

Official NT launch – Alawa Primary NT Demonstration School for Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Stephanie Alexander attended. Feedback from NT coordinator highly positive – best launch she has attended. Alawa Primary featured in ABC's Gardening Australia.

Alawa Primary promoted the farm and SAKGP at Darwin's tropical garden spectacular and Darwin Show (1st place prizes)

Successful Alawa sport teams – Northern Suburbs Sports Cluster Athletics champions, Walla Rugby champions.

Under the supervision of Vivienne Chellew, Alawa students performed in The Beat “Hero” and also performed at Parliament House with other NT students for “Music Is Everything”.

Highly successful school concert. School employed Kristy Rickert to develop and implement a 10 week dance program.

Alawa Primary was awarded the winning school for “Excellence in Community & Industry Partnerships” at the inaugural NT Smart School Awards.

School Council raised \$9000 in fundraising.

In 2011...

School's 40th Birthday Celebration Fundraising

School stakeholder perception surveys

APIF-Strategic Planning Continued promotion of SAKGP and Farm

Increased parent involvement within the school (KidsMatter)

Continue Minor New Works projects

The 5 week campaign to improve our students' reading skills has been a great success. Ms Deb organised the Cross Age Tutors (CATS) and the target was to listen to 500 students read by the end of term. After only a few weeks, we have **exceeded** that target! Well done to all our Alawa readers and CATS. We are still encouraging children to come along to the library before school and/or at recess. Parents are welcome to come along as well, listen to students read or just have a look at what's happening in regards to reading at our school. We may double our original target by the end of the term!

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

Fathma Mauger
Principal



Farm and Kitchen Garden Corner



We are cooking Asian food this week and harvesting our lemons.

Alawa Canteen Specials

Friday 18 March

Recess—Banana muffins/cake \$2 each

Lunch—Baked potatoes with different fillings—chilli and beans in tomato sauce

Small—\$3.90

Large—\$5.90

Monday 21 March

Recess—Pita pizzas with various toppings \$2.00

Lunch—Laksa with pumpkin, vegetables and noodles

Small—\$3.90

Large—\$5.90



Come and have a look at our new garden beds. We still need volunteers, should you have a spare hour or 2.





Alawa Outside School Hours Care

Alawa OSHC Vacation Care program

April School Holidays

Alawa OSHC will be operating over the school break daily from 7:30am-5:30pm. Children attend 2 excursions in the week and take part in a range of daily art/craft and sporting activities.


If you require childcare over the April school holidays please fill in table below and return to classroom teacher ASAP. Enrolment forms can be collected at the front office. Please call Tara on 89279122 after 2.00pm or e-mail alawa.oshc@ntschoools.net for further information.

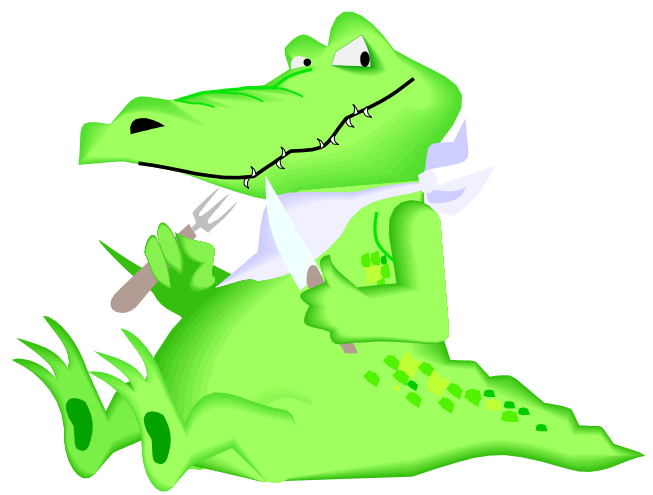


	Childs Name/s	Monday 4/04/11	Tuesday 5/04/11	Wednesday 6/04/11	Thursday 7/04/11	Friday 8/04/11
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Crocodile poem 11/6

They live in oceans, creeks and rivers
 And when I get near them they give me the shivers
 They can eat anything that gets in their way
 Which makes them pretty scary I'd have to say
 They live in Australia and Africa too,
 If you want to get close to one just go to the zoo
 But don't get too close, too close to feel, you might
 Just end up a crocodile meal.
 So if you get bitten you will need lots of nurses,
 And the poor croc will end up being belts and purs
 And if you're lucky you can ^{get} some crocodile shoes
 And the story will end up on the front page of
 the news.


 This is going in the school newsletter.
 Nick. It's fantastic. Well done.





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Community Notice Board

Classifieds

Come and try Orienteering - the ideal way to exercise your mind and your body. Great for families of all ages. Your first event is free, with experienced club members and coaches on hand to get you started. Events are held on Sunday mornings next event will be Sunday 10th April – Marlow Lagoon
For further information contact Susi Bertei on 89815841.



The Outspoken Swan, Academy for Drama & Communication is Enrolling now for term two Drama & Communications. This Fun, Creative and Challenging Year-long course grows Confidence, Self-esteem & Poise.

Discover the power of voice and self-expression through drama games, impros, and theatre sports. Try comedy, debates and public speaking. Develop memory skills.

Last year most students achieved Honours in the National Drama Awards. Groups devised plays which were performed at Brown's Mart Theatre.


Children as young as 6 can enjoy the foundations of drama, communication, and theatre. Students, young or adult, with special Speech needs or desires ask about individual tutoring. Contact: 0421115538 or theoutspokenswan@gmail.com

Arctic Mongrels—Relay for Life

We are in the top 3 teams so far, and really want to make a difference this year.... you can help us do it!!!!!! Click on the below link and it will take you to the Arctic Mongrels Team Home Page so that you can donate online . Remember it is all for a good cause, and any donation counts!

<http://nt.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/TeamPage.aspx?langPref=?EventID=12122&LangPref=en-CA&TeamID=41067>

Rebecca Garrigan



Fun in the Parks


April 2011 School Holidays
10.00am to 12.30pm

Darwin City Council's Fun in the Parks provides a range of free activities for primary school aged children held each school holidays between 10.00am and 12.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Activities, cold drinking water and sunscreen are provided by Council and we welcome and encourage parent/carer attendance and participation. Vacation care programs are requested to contact Council's Family and Children's Services Coordinator on 8930 0561 regarding booking availability.

Monday 4 April 2011
Sunset Park - Nightcliff
(near jetty at end of Aralia Street)
Belly bumpers and large games,
Easter art and craft activities.

Wednesday 6 April 2011
Water Gardens - Jingili
(Freshwater Road, Jingili)
Easter art and craft activities
In conjunction with the Fun Bus and
Territory Child Care Group.

Friday 8 April 2011
Parap Swimming Pool
(Ross Smith Avenue, Parap)
FREE entry between 10.00am and 12.30pm.



Children are asked to wear hats and appropriate shoes and clothing for outdoor activities.
For further information please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 8930 0556.



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Palmerston	Craig Humphreys	0401 119 855
PINT	Kaye Cowley	0419 037 048
Southern Districts	Cheryl Owens	0408 132 825
Tracy Village	Ten Angus	0408 948 829
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