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## FOR YOUR DIARY

- Swimming—weeks 3/4 24 October—3 November
- Loud Shirt Day 21 October. Gold coin donation
- Yr 6 Graduation Thursday 15 December
- End of year school concert—12 December
- End of term 16 December



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# Alawa Primary School Learning Caring and Sharing

Issue: 31 Tuesday 18 October 2011

## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We would like to farewell Ms Sandra Giemza. Sandra has worked at Alawa Primary for the past 3 years. She has been both our ESL teacher and PE release teacher. Sandra has always been hard working, organised and professional. We will certainly miss her ESL knowledge and teaching skills. We wish Sandra all the best for the future.

We welcome Miss Neika Huss who will be replacing Sandra for the short-term.

A reminder to parents that 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 Nemarluk 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.

This week's Assembly will be hosted by 2/3 Ranie. All parents are welcome to attend.

Regards,  
Fathma Mauger



## Kon Vatskalis

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



## Canteen

There will be no canteen specials until 3 or 4 November, due to Mrs Boubaris being away due to illness.

## Kitchen



Dear Parents and Carers,

Alawa Kitchen Garden program has been awarded some funding from NAPCAN so that we can offer you-

### FAMILY COOKING NIGHT

This event is to celebrate children's week.

Share with them the fun of preparing a meal, using delicious recipes from our school kitchen and ingredients from our garden. Let them show you their kitchen skills and produce knowledge.

The night would include an introduction, guidance, preparing A FEW DISHES IN DIFFERENT GROUPS and end in sharing a candle lit evening meal with your child and other fellow

students and families in the quadrangle (if dry).

We will make handmade pasta, sauces, salads and desserts. Everything will include local ingredients. This is open to families of students in years 3-6 and up to 3 family members can attend, not including the student. There is NO cost. It will be a lovely shared event and lots of fun, don't worry if you do not cook much at home, it is open to everyone and we would love to see you there.

If you would be interested please fill in and return the booking slip below to classroom teachers by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Places are limited so be quick!



Name of student(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of preferred cooking night: (please tick)

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October  **OR** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October

No. Of OTHER family members to attend:  1 other  2 others  3 others

Allergies/ dietary requirements:

Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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. The service can be accessed on 1300 30 1300 from 8am – 10pm, seven days a week. Mobile phone charges apply.

The poster features a collage of diverse families and children. At the top right is the BoysTown logo with the tagline 'Fresh start. New hope.' Below the collage, the text reads: **PARENTLINE**  
Support, counselling and parent education  
for the cost of a local call\*  
**1300 30 1300**  
\*mobile phones charges apply

Parentline is a joint initiative of:



## TRANSITION TO YEAR 7

Dear Parents:  
Dripstone Middle School has completed the series of Orientation visits by feeder schools in our area for Year 7 Transition. I would like to thank Alawa Primary School for their assistance with this part of our program and the excellent manner in which their students participated in the program.

To facilitate our planning for 2012 we would appreciate it if enrolment packs distributed to feeder schools could be completed as soon as possible. Completed enrolment packs can be left at your current school's office and we will facilitate pick up. Spare packs are also available at your school office.

Enrolment enquiries can be directed to Dripstone Middle School on 89202299.

We look forward to the enrolment of your son/daughter at Dripstone Middle School.

**Brian Collins, Principal**  
Dripstone Middle School



## Learning Caring and Sharing

### COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

#### Top End Indoor Sports Centre

Over the Wet Season, we have a Junior Indoor Cricket Competition that is run every Saturday morning for ages U11's to U17's, beginning on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Eight players per side,

Cost is \$8.00 per person,

Games run roughly 1 hour & 20 minutes and are played between

8:00 am and 12:00 pm on a Saturday morning . Please contact Jack Flynn on

0450283613 or email: [jack@topendindoorsports.com](mailto:jack@topendindoorsports.com) or [www.topendindoorsports.com](http://www.topendindoorsports.com)



#### Orienteering

Top End Orienteers are holding orienteering events every Thursday evening between November 10<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup> inclusive. These events will be held in a different suburban location each week and will be suitable for novices. Mention this advertisement for a free entry (normally \$5). For further information contact Lachlan on 0432906335 or

[www.topend.nt.orienteering.asn.au](http://www.topend.nt.orienteering.asn.au) or [lachlan001@hotmail.com](mailto:lachlan001@hotmail.com)

**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**  
Email: **and make a gold coin donation**  
Register or donate today at [www.loudshirtday.com.au](http://www.loudshirtday.com.au) or call 1300 721 326 **Thank You**

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