



Alawa Primary School Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

A warm welcome to the start of the 2011 school year. A special welcome to our new students who have enrolled and our Alawa teachers. Erin Ranie is returning to Alawa after working in DET corporate and we welcome her back as senior teacher. We

welcome Joanne Sachse who is replacing Bindi Isis who has accepted a contract with DET as Literacy and Science consultant. Joanne is an experienced teacher who is most familiar with the Primary Connections science resource which is essential to our farm program. We welcome Joanne's expertise and skills that she will bring to Alawa. It has been a really smooth start to the year and it is fantastic to see students keen to be back at school and ready to learn. This term, teachers will be focussing on Alawa's school rules and our school values of Learning, Caring, and Sharing. It is important that students understand Alawa's school rules and values as it is essential that we continue to have a safe and respectful school environment.

Congratulations to Zion De Groot for receiving a student citizen award at the recent Australia Day Awards and Honours ceremony. Zion was acknowledged for his outstanding contribution to the school and community. Well done!

A reminder that all parents of primary school students receive a \$75 NT Government voucher. This voucher was posted by DET to all parents of school age children. This \$75 can be accessed at the school and used as payment towards uniforms and school packs (stationary and other essential items for the farm/kitchen/garden programs). **The \$75 NT Government voucher must be used by the end of Term 1.** Student school packs are \$50 (Strong Beginnings) and \$75 (Ignition and Self Learners). These costs were endorsed by Alawa School Council at the end of last year. School Council has also suggested \$60 for voluntary parent contributions. Many thanks to those parents who have already made voluntary parent contributions to the school as these funds certainly assist to provide additional classroom resources and materials for students.

Our new design school uniform shirt (now available) has received many positive

comments from parents and is very popular with students. The plain red Alawa shirt is still available as is the school dress. The wearing of school uniform is compulsory in all government schools. At Alawa Primary, students must wear black shorts or skorts with their Alawa uniform shirt. Please ensure that your child wears their uniform to school every day.

With construction projects happening at the school, parents are reminded that students should not be in the school grounds after school.

I trust 2011 will be a happy and successful year. However, the partnership between home and school is extremely important. If you have any concerns or issues regarding your child, we encourage you to contact the class teacher in the first instance. Nathan Taylor, Assistant Principal, and myself are also available.

There will be a school assembly this Friday morning, hosted by Taylah Besic and Natasha Frame. All parents are welcome to attend.

Regards,
Fathma Mauger
Principal

Important Dates

- Next assembly:
Friday 4 February

Canteen Specials

Mexican style beans with veg. and rice \$4.00 (orders please)
recess home made banana bread \$2.00 and homemade frozen yoghurt with mango and banana \$ 1.00

Monday's special (7/2/11) lunch home made chicken pie (free range chicken) with potato, cheese and eggs.

\$4.50 (orders please)
for recess fresh fruit smoothies \$1.00



Library Chatter



Welcome back to another great year at Alawa. Students that borrow from the library must have a bag to put their book/s in. We sell library bags in the front office for \$10 and they are weather proof. A cloth bag or even a plastic shopping bag will also be acceptable. I need plastic bags, so if you have lots at home could your child/ren

please bring them to me for the library. If students have no bag, then they will be able to borrow and leave their books at school. Students will be coming to the library once a week and the following timetable will show you their library day.
 Monday – Chellew, Cox
 Tuesday – Haywood

Wednesday – Garrigan
 Thursday – Jan, Ranie
 Friday – Bernardino
 Happy Reading
 Mrs Price

Parents as Partners

PARENTS AS PARTNERS HUB

Welcome back everyone! It is great to see so many smiling faces. We are looking forward to working with you to help your children learn, care and share. The HUB room is now available for parents to browse at brochures and other informa-

tion sheets, for example, Kids-Matter, Alawa Newsletter and recipes from our Frillies café. *Look for the 'Parents As Partners' information board and come inside and say hello to Ms Anne and Ms Ros.*



Kitchen Garden Corner

It is a brand new year of the kitchen garden program. This week lessons start with introductions to the kitchen and garden and the fantastic produce we grow. I am taking over as coordinator of the project and continuing giving kitchen lessons at the school too and would love any feed back or involvement in this great project. We are lucky to have some money from the NT Government (Minor New Works fund) that we are spending in the garden. We are edging the garden beds with simple coloured concrete edging. This means we can build the material

in the garden beds up in a permanent way and grow plentiful crops of greens and vegetables. We are also installing a shade house so we can successfully propagate our vegetable seedlings from seed or make cuttings. Some fencing is being installed in the chicken area so we can rotate the grazing of chickens and set up vegetable crops in this area, and a double gate will be installed for better access. I would like to re establish a kitchen garden committee of any staff and parents who feel the project is important to the school and would like to be involved in decisions about it and events to do with it. If you have a little time for this (One hour

every 2-4 weeks) please contact me. Lia and I are always looking for volunteers in the kitchen or garden lessons that can come in every week and help us run these great lessons. Please also contact us if you are interested. It is really rewarding and there is loads to learn. We are happy to have feedback and suggestions. If you would like to be involved or get hold of us you can contact us through the front office at school or by email-

emma.lupin@ntschoools.net



Canteen News

Alawa Primary is the NT demonstration school for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. We are now starting to extend this philosophy of eating and enjoying home style cooking to the school canteen. There is now a change to the canteen menu each Monday and Friday with fresh homemade produce on the menu. We are certainly targeting students' favourite recipes from kitchen lessons. Other hot food will not be available on these days. Please support our new program in the canteen.

Welcome back everyone, we are trying new things in our canteen this year.

Please keep checking the news letter for all the news and specials. Specials for this

Friday lunch is Mexican style beans with veg. and rice \$4.00 (orders please) for recess home made banana bread \$2.00 and homemade frozen yoghurt with mango and banana \$ 1.00

Next Monday's special (7/2/11) lunch home made chicken pie (free range chicken and eggs) with potato, cheese .

\$4.50 (orders please) for recess

fresh fruit smoothies \$1.00

Our canteen menu remains the same for now, with only changes Fridays special chicken burger it is now Thursdays special. Healthy Monday remains the same.

Thank you

Mrs Boubaris



Farm News

This year students are continuing to be involved within the Alawa Primary School Farm for 1-2 hours per week both within the farm and in a classroom. The main focus involves the curriculum areas of Science as well as other curriculum areas such as Society and Environment and also EsseNTial Learnings. This year, links will be made in between Farm and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/Garden program as well as within students regular classroom. In order for the Farm lessons to run smoothly it would be helpful if parents/caregivers could provide certain materials including;

Wide brimmed hat
Gloves (available for purchase from the school office)
An old long sleeved shirt
Enclosed shoes
Sunscreen and insect repellent (non-

aerosol)

These materials will be placed in a safe area and used for garden lessons.

It is also important that any wounds are covered with a secured dressing. Please inform the office if there are any allergies to anything that would exist within a farm environment.

This also applies to garden and kitchen environments. During the year, there will be an opportunity to explore and assist within the school farm, kitchen and garden with open nights and working bees and, information will be provided closer to these events. If you have any skills and resources that can be utilised within the farm, kitchen or garden or, would like to volunteer in any of these areas please see the office to register your interest for 2011. A particular requirement in need is a

large glass aquarium as well as assistance with moving various items on the farm.

Joanne Sachse

Alawa Primary Farm Teacher





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Community Notice Board

Classifieds

Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory will be recommencing its 2011 pool lifesaving season on Wednesday 2nd February 2011. Training will be held at the Casuarina Pool every Wednesday from 6pm – 7pm. Pool lifesaving provides a fun and exiting environment for children with developed swimming abilities. (Able to swim 75 meters continuously or have reached Level 5 in the Swim and Survive Program). We also have an adults' session for parents who want to improve their fitness. All welcome, so come on down and give it a go!

Cost \$10 membership per child and \$22 per adult and then \$4 per session.

For future enquires phone 08 8981 5036 or email sportnt@rlssa.org.au



123 MAGIC

123 MAGIC and EMOTION Coaching is designed to provide you with skills to help YOU in your parenting role. Each meeting will teach you key ideas about children's abilities, common problems parents find they have, and some ways to help you make parenting as enjoyable an experience as possible for you and your child/children. That's the point isn't it? It needs to be as easy as possible to do and worthwhile for you, and them.

When: February 8th, 15th and 22nd, 2011

Where: Resolve Office Unit 1/5 Goyder Rd Parap

Time: 6.30pm to 9pm

Cost: \$30 per person or \$40 per couple workbook included in the price. Registration is essential.

Attendance at all 3 sessions is recommended to obtain the full benefits of the course.

123 Magic and Emotion coaching places on the course are going fast.

Please contact (8946 4800 for further details

I look forward to seeing you there. If these dates and times are not convenient for you please call us and arrange an appointment we can conduct the program for individuals and couples at a time that suits you.

PARENTING CAN BE FUN – DON'T BELIEVE IT COME AND SEE

Facilitator: Annie Jack: Family skills development, BA Hum,



Music Tuition

“Just a quick reminder that instrumental music lessons with the Northern Territory Music School are beginning again shortly. All students who are continuing on from last year, need to make sure they have returned their registration form and paid their \$50 to the Music School by Feb 11th 2011. If you do not have one of these forms, please contact the NTMS on the number listed below.

All new students should have received a letter of acceptance into the program early in January, based on the information collected from the Expression of Interest forms that went home last year. If you did not

receive this letter, or missed the demonstration at the end of last year, please contact the NTMS to see if there are places still available. Parents of NEW students in this program need to attend ONE of the Parent Information Evening scheduled for 5:30pm on the following dates:

Tuesday February 1st 2011 at

Nightcliff Middle School.

Wednesday February 2nd 2011 at

Girraween Primary School.

Thursday February 3rd 2011 at

Rosebery Primary School.

Parents of continuing students can also attend if they wish to get some further information about the program being offered to their child.

If you have any questions about our programs, please contact the NT Music School on 8985 0877 or visit the website

www.ntms.net.au <<http://www.ntms.net.au>>”

