



# Alawa Primary School Newsletter

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents

We now have Alawa CATS at the school! Congratulations to Ms Deb, our Literacy Support Teacher, for organising Cross Age Tutors (CATS) and running a 5 week campaign to improve our students' reading skills. The aim is to hear 500 students read each morning before school or at recess in the library. So please encourage your child to come along and please come along yourself. Parents may wish to listen to students read as well or have a look at what's happening in regards to reading at our school. This is a fabulous initiative and we are really hoping to reach our target of listening to 500 students read.

A reminder about next week's special **Parent Evening on Tuesday 8 March. Session times are Transition & Year 1 5pm-5.20pm, Year 2/3 and 3/4 classes 5.20pm-5.40pm, Year 5/6 classes 5.40pm-6.00pm.** Parents can visit their child's classroom, meet the class teacher and also obtain information regarding teaching philosophy, class program and classroom management strategies. We will also be having a BBQ during this time, followed by the School Council's Annual General Meeting at 6.15pm in the staffroom.

*Please come along with your children so that we can all get to know each other. This will allow us to all work together to support your children at Alawa Primary.*

Last week, DET hosted a Community Consultation Meeting at Alawa Primary in regards to the approved relocation of Namarluk School to our current preschool site. The meeting was held to give DET an opportunity to outline the plans for the new school and to receive feedback. Please visit Alawa's front office if you would like to see the plans and concept drawings.

As you are aware, our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden philosophy has been extended to the canteen each Monday & Friday when there is a home style cooking menu. We are keen for this to continue, though are looking for a person who can commit to this program and work in our canteen one day per week (not Friday). This is paid work and we are looking for someone who is positive about the philosophy and who can work with our canteen manager to cook and serve home style food. Please contact Michele Elkins at the school if you are interested.

This week's Assembly is hosted by 5/6 Haywood. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Fathma Mauger  
Principal

## Important Dates

- **Assembly: 4 March 2011. Hosted by 5/6 Haywood**
- **Parent Evening 8 March**

## Canteen Specials

**Recess**—Frozen banana treats dipped in chocolate. \$2

**Lunch**—wraps with marinated free ranged chicken, hummus and grilled vegetables

Small—\$3.90

Large—\$5.90





## Library Chatter

BookClub closes this Friday 4 March. Students must get their orders in by then. They will receive their item/s in about a week after that.

We have new library bags in. This time they are black with red lettering and an extra pocket at the back. They look great! Price - \$10.50 and you can get them from the front office. These bags are water proof and strong and should last your time in primary school. Remember all students must have a library bag to take book/s home.

Happy Reading

Mrs Price

“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers”.

Charles W. Eliot

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## Farm and Kitchen Garden Corner



I would like to thank the two parents that attended our working bee. Along with members of the wider community we managed to move quite a lot of mulch. We will be having a planting and open day later in the term.

We have been making pasta in kitchen classes, much enjoyed by the students, with freshly made pesto.





### Alawa Has Reading CATs!!!

The students of Alawa are participating in a 5 week campaign to improve oral reading in our school. Every morning before school and at recess time CATs (cross-age tutors) are gathering in the library to listen to reading. This does **NOT** replace the valued oral reading done at home. You can support the program by encouraging your child to attend as a CAT or to read. You do not have to be a student to be a CAT so if you are free before school then come along to the library and show support. Your name will go in the draw for a \$20.00 book voucher. We are aiming for 500 reading sessions in the next 5 weeks.

### Parent Workshop

Last Wednesday a workshop was held to share information on how to support your child to become a confident reader. The response to the workshop was positive with some very informative conversation afterwards. We will be repeating the workshop, at an after school time, to enable those who could not attend during the day to participate. A big Thank You to

Rebecca Garrigan and her students for coming in to model a shared reading lesson.





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## Classifieds

### Hellenic Athletic Club

Junior Soccer

Training starts 28 Feb

Monday and Wednesday's

5.30-6.30pm at Casuarina Senior  
College. Sign on day

6 March 3-5pm Greek School,  
Nightcliff. 2011 rego fee is \$140  
and includes: polo shirt, bag,  
shorts, socks, sticker, hat, jersey  
and a trophy at the end of the  
year! For further details contact

Katerina 0449 299150 or Kosta  
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## Community Notice Board

We're delighted to share with you an exciting new competition that the parents and friends of your school can enter. Our competition, the Kellogg's Big Breakfast Pledge, gives parents the chance to win a \$10,000 cheque for their child's school.

The Pledge competition launched at the start of the 2011 school year, and asks mums and dads to make breakfast a priority for term one.

To be in the running to win the cash prize, all parents need to do is log onto [www.facebook.com/kelloggsbigbreakfastpledge](http://www.facebook.com/kelloggsbigbreakfastpledge), take the Pledge, and share what they hope their family will achieve by putting breakfast back on the table. Entry is only open to people aged 18 years and over.

Parents have until 22<sup>nd</sup> April to enter, and the winning school is free to spend the \$10,000 however they choose.

If you would like to know more about the campaign please visit [www.facebook.com/kelloggsbigbreakfastpledge](http://www.facebook.com/kelloggsbigbreakfastpledge)

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