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FOR YOUR DIARY

- 40th Birthday Celebration Bush Dance Thursday 22 September 2011. 4.30 –7.30pm
- Term 3 Break 3—7 October. Students resume 10 October

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Ms Deb and the Alawa CATS (Cross Age Tutors) for maintaining a fantastic whole school reading campaign. Students have been most enthusiastic, reading in the library before school and at recess. We are aiming for 2000 reads by the end of this term. At the end of the term we also have Alawa's Big Breakfast to acknowledge those students who have completed the reading activities. Students learn to read by reading and we thank all parents who have supported the program.

Congratulations to students in 5/6 Bernardino and Year 1 Jan who entered a writing competition and were acknowledged at the "Young Writers Awards" evening last week. We are proud of these students' writing efforts and their work with their "buddies".

Our 40th birthday celebration is this Thursday 22 September 4.30pm-7.30pm. An information flyer has been previously sent home and is also included again in this week's newsletter. We look forward to our school community coming together to celebrate, participate in bush dancing and enjoy the food and entertainment. **Children attending must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or adult.**

Next week's Assembly is hosted by SRC. This Assembly will commence at 9am. We encourage parents to attend.

Fathma Mauger
Principal



Uniform Sale

We are having a uniform sale on the red polo older design shirts. Price has been reduced to \$10 each. There is stock in all sizes. Contact the front office



Farm, Kitchen and Garden Corner

Working Bee

The working bee that was conducted over the weekend was a success. It was tricky in the hot conditions but all involved 'soldiered on', and were able to move animal enclosures, spread some mulch and landscaping rock on the road side of the farm and garden orchard area and finally complete paths ready for access through wet season. Mr Taylor and Ms Sachse would like to thank the Jenner family who attended and made some headway with the redevelopments. It would be gratefully appreciated if anyone has some spare time during or after school hours that they assist with further spreading mulch in the orchard area please contact

joanne.sachse@ntschoools.net or the school office. We would also like a park bench or similar for the orchard area. If anyone has one to donate that would be appreciated.



Canteen

21/9/11 Wednesday

Recess Pasta \$3.50

23/9/11 Friday

Recess: Savoury Pastries \$2.50

Lunch: Beef Burgers \$4.50

All Homemade cooking. Please remember Mondays and Fridays there is no other hot food, only our special cooked meals.

Thank you

Roula Boubaris

22/9/11 Thursday

Lunch: Fried Rice \$4.50

26/9/11 Monday

Recess: Savoury Pastries \$2.50

Lunch: Spaghetti Bolognaise \$4.50



School Council

40th Birthday Celebration

Seeking parents to donate desserts for 40th Anniversary Bush dance.

Contact Fiona Steele, Secretary of the Council, as soon as possible if you can help out:

0420500625/ Fiona.steele@cdu.edu.au

Woolworths Earn and Learn points

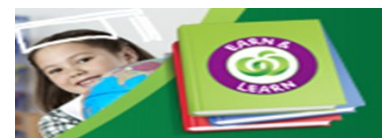
Please keep your Woolworths shopping dockets and bring them to school:

From July 18 to October 18 2011, Woolworths will give shoppers 1 Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards or purchases made through Woolworths online or at Caltex Woolworths co-branded fuel outlets). Points will

automatically appear on your shopping dockets, which you simply take to your school for collection. Web-site for more information for parents: <http://www.earnandlearn.net.au/>

Coles Sports for Schools

Please collect and bring in your Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers. Collecting vouchers is easy! Every member of your school's community will earn one voucher for every \$10 spent in a Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick 'n' Pay store from 11 August to 18 October just for doing their regular shop! So keep an eye out in store, online and on TV!



Alawa Outside School Hours Care

To all parents/guardians

Alawa Primary School Council has been reviewing the fees for the Outside School Hours Care program for the Term 3 Holiday Care Program.

The fees will be as follows:

	1st Child	2nd or additional child
Whole week including excursions	\$150 (usually \$180)	\$120
One day non-excursion	\$35 (usually \$45)	\$25
One day including excursion	\$45 (usually \$55)	\$35

Parents who are linked with Centrelink and claiming childcare rebate on fees will get fees at subsidized rates depending on percentage entitlements.

If you need care for your children this term 3 holiday break (3-7 October 2011) please contact Alpha on 89279122 after 2pm or email Alawa.oshc@ntschoools.net for further information.



Honour Roll

FORM	STUDENT	AWARD FOR
1 Jan	Uxel Mason Nicole Saimon Blake Willett	Excellent writing Excellent writing Student of the week award—enthusiastically making good choices in both the classroom and the playground
3/4 Chellew	Gabby Frame Alyssa Tebag	Improved working and success Improved writing
3/4 Cox	Monique Jeffries Jacob Whitehead	Being a great listener during our excursion to the Recycling Unit Asking great questions during our excursion
5/6 Bernardino	Mickayla Thompson Jacinta Barnes	Demonstrating the time and care necessary to produce excellent ART WORK Demonstrating the time and care necessary to produce excellent ART WORK
5/6 Haywood	Zephyr Dobson Will Reeve	Your informative report about passenger safety in cars Excellent research skills which enabled you to write your report about passenger safety in cars
T Garrigan	Deen Khan Sid Subedi Bradley Wagenaar Argiro Kokkinomagoulos	Working hard to become an independent reader Working hard on his communication skills A great effort to complete all classroom activities Wonderful classroom behaviour
Special	Skye Whaleboat Caroline Jackson	Caught Being Good Caught Being Good

Young Writers Awards

Alawa Primary School was really proud last week when a number of our students were invited to attend the “Young Writers Awards” evening. The year 5/6 students of Ana Bernadino’s class worked with the Year 1 students to make books that were entered into the competition. While we had no major winners all the students were acknowledged for their writing efforts. The buddy system going between these two classes reflects how we all work as a school to achieve good



On **Saturday 24th September at 2:00pm** the TOM team is hosting an exclusive screening of **The Lion King 3D** (Rated G) at **CMAX Cinema Palmerston**. Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes the movie, 3D glasses and a popcorn and soft drink combo. Please come along, see a FANTASTIC Disney movie and help your TOM team get to Tasmania. Tickets can be purchased in the foyer of CMAX Palmerston on the day or by ringing Wendy Jettner on 0416340110 or Lisa MacDonald on 0438276061.



The Good Shepherd Lutheran College Tournament of Minds Maths and Engineering Team has been selected to travel to Hobart, Tasmania on 14-16 October 2011 to represent the Northern Territory in the Australasian Pacific Finals.

In order to get them there, they need YOUR support.



3/4 Chellew—Shoal Bay Excursion



Colourful bins each representing the different kind of recycling that is now done at our Shoal Bay Recycling Centre

The huge equipment used at the Tip Face to move the non-recyclable rubbish, the birds love it, but manage to avoid getting crushed



Wayne explains the process of recycling, it is much more science now at the Shoal Bay

Lenni shows how easy it is to crush a bottle without the lid and Harold shows us how hard it is to do it with the lid on



CLASSIFIEDS

Darwin Buffaloes
Football Club
Date: Saturday 24th
September
Where: Sanderson Middle
School
Time: 10am to 3pm
For further information
contact Rob on 89804839
or email [darwin-
buffs@gmail.com.au](mailto:darwin-buffs@gmail.com.au)

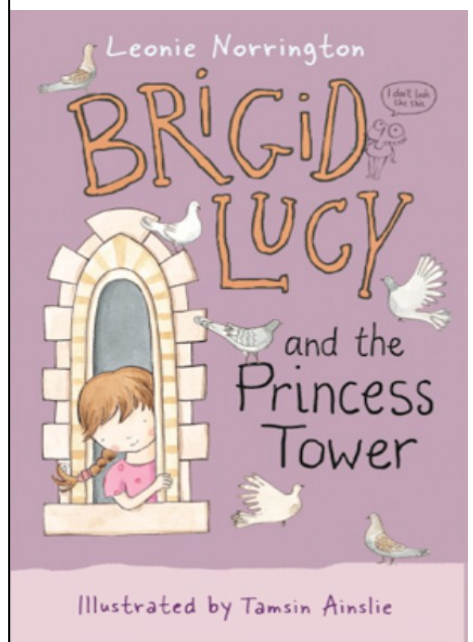
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Story Telling

Award winning author Leonie Norrington was born in Darwin and raised on an Indigenous Community in the Northern Territory. Like Brigid Lucy, when Leonie came back to town a little bush imp came with her. So although Leonie tried to be good the imp's ideas were always too exciting to ignore. Leonie's book "The Devil You Know", won the 2010 Territory Read award. Her books have won and been shortlisted for many national book awards: the Children's Book Council awards, the NSW Premier's prize, the South Australian Festival Awards and the WA Premier's prize. 'I want to bring some bush magic into the town.'

Every Friday we have been having storytelling in the library. We have had a variety of guests from the school community. This Friday we are lucky enough to be joined by Leonie Norrington. Leonie will read stories from her latest book "Brigid Lucy and the Princess Tower". This is an opportunity for your child to **purchase** a copy of the book and have it signed by Leonie. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of her book send along **\$10.95**. Ms. Deb will collect the money and organise the books to be signed on Friday.



Brigid Lucy and the Princess Tower - 2011

Brigid Lucy sees a real life Princess Castle out the train window and suddenly she knows that Princess Rapunzel is trapped inside! Can Brigid Lucy and her invisible imp save the Princess?

Please find \$10.95 enclosed to purchase a copy of
"Brigid Lucy and The Princess Tower".
Student's Name.....

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Alawa Primary School Turns 40!



Entry by Gold Coin Donation

*To Celebrate we are heading back in time
and having a Bush Dance*

Thursday 22nd September 2011

from 4:30pm-7:30pm

You are cordially invited to put your dancing shoes on and don your favourite "yesteryear" outfit and join the Alawa Primary School community to celebrate in style.

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Entertainment by
"Folk Club Bush Band"
On Stage - 5:30pm-
7:30pm
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The Alawa School Farm will be open from 4pm for Thriving Thursday. Sweet treats will be available for purchase at the Farm so come down and take a stroll through our veggie patch and feed the chickens.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase throughout the night. We are also having a tea and coffee stand. Any donations of home-made cakes would be greatly appreciated as an accompaniment to the tea.

Students will be performing a variety of Bush Dances and we can dance the night away to the "Folk Club Bush Band".



Please Note: Students MUST be accompanied by their parents or Guardians!

Student Report

Information
for parents

2011

National Assessment Program
Literacy and Numeracy



acara AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM,
ASSESSMENT AND
REPORTING AUTHORITY

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2011

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is used to monitor progress towards the educational goals for young Australians which focus on the importance of high standards of literacy and numeracy throughout the years of schooling.*

Every year in May, all Australian schools conduct assessments in literacy (reading, writing, language conventions) and numeracy using common national tests.

All Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in public, Catholic and independent schools are assessed.

How are the assessment results used?

The results from NAPLAN provide an important measure of how all Australian students are performing and progressing in the areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The performances of all students are monitored against national achievement bands. For each year group, one of these achievement bands represents the minimum standard of knowledge and skills considered necessary for students to progress through their schooling.

There are benefits that arise from having all students in a year group completing the same test:

- parents receive additional information about their child's achievement
- teachers have an independent assessment of each student against a national standard
- teachers are able to consider the performance of each student in comparison to other students in the same year group across Australia
- schools can monitor the progress of their students
- schools can monitor their effectiveness in improving student achievement.

Student report

A report displaying your child's achievement in the NAPLAN tests is attached.

The report contains information about your child's performance in relation to:

- the national achievement bands, including the national minimum standard
- the average performance of all students in the same year group across Australia
- the range of student achievement in the same year group across Australia.

Six achievement bands appear on the report. The bands present a summary of the skills and knowledge that students with this level of achievement are likely to have demonstrated on the NAPLAN tests. If your child has not achieved one or more national minimum standards, discussions with the classroom teacher may be required.

To check your child's progress, you can compare this report to a previous NAPLAN report. Due to a change from narrative to persuasive writing in 2011, comparisons of writing should not be made.

Interpreting the results

It should be remembered that these results provide a 'snapshot' of your child's achievement. They complement the more extensive and informative judgements made about your child's performance by the classroom teacher.

It is also important to know that a NAPLAN result in one assessed area is not comparable with a NAPLAN result in another.

Any additional information or clarification should be sought from your child's teacher.

Confidentiality

Your child's results are strictly confidential.

Please store your child's report in a safe place as duplicate copies are not available.

If your child transfers to another school, you may be asked to provide a copy of his or her NAPLAN report.

Additional information

More information on NAPLAN is available at your child's school by contacting the principal or classroom teacher, and at the following websites:

Northern Territory

det.nt.gov.au/teachers-educators/assessment-reporting

Western Australia

det.wa.edu.au/educationalmeasurement

National NAPLAN website

nap.edu.au

ACARA website

acara.edu.au

My School website

myschool.edu.au

*mceecdy.edu.au/verve/_resources/National_Declaration_on_the_Educational_Goals_for_Young_Australians.pdf