



# Alawa Primary School Newsletter

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Last week we had a really inspiring Assembly focussed on students' reading. Ms Deb, together with the Alawa CATS (Cross Age Tutors), have been doing a fantastic job at encouraging students to read. Before school each morning and at recess, students have been coming to the library to read. The target was to listen to 500 students read by the end of term but after only 3 weeks we have reached 1000!

Thank you to the fathers who were our guest speakers at the assembly last week. Each parent outlined their workplace and how reading is so important in their job. Not only are these fathers great role models for our students but their participation at our assembly highlights how our school community works together for the best interests of our students. Thank you so much to **Craig Zwestloot, Sean Ranie, Jarred Ilett**. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Here is some information on Oral Health Services NT. To assist parents to arrange and attend dental appointments, provisions have been made for children of Alawa Primary to attend the dental clinic at Darwin Dental Clinic where a full range of assessment and treatment services are available. To contact the Darwin Dental Clinic to arrange appointments, parents are advised to phone 89226466. If this is not convenient, or in the case of an emergency, parents will be able to contact the Darwin Dental Clinic on 89226475.

On 4 March 2011, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) launched the My School 2.0 website ([www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)). The website provides profiles on each school, including ours, and includes information about the school such as numbers of students and staff, and results from the national literacy and numeracy tests. For the first time, the website now also includes information about school finances and student gain in NAPLAN.

The website shows comparisons between our school's NAPLAN results and those from schools serving students from statistically similar backgrounds across Australia – we can see how our school is performing against other schools with statistically similar students. From this we can see in what areas our school is doing well and where we need to focus to make improvements. The website also now shows student gain information, so we can acknowledge how our students have progressed over time. Financial information for our school is also shown, with 2009 recurrent income and capital expenditure displayed broken down by source of funding.

There is a lot of information contained on the website, and we encourage parents to view the website. If you have any questions you can go directly to the ACARA information desk (at 1300 895 563), or please contact the school.

Next week's Assembly is hosted by **1 Jan**. All parents are welcome to attend.

Fathma Mauger  
Principal

### Important Dates

#### Term Dates 2011

Term 1—Mon 24  
January to Fri 1  
April

Term 2—Mon 11  
April—Fri 24 June

Term 3—Mon 25  
July—Fri 30 Sep

Term 4—Mon 10  
Oct—Friday 16 Dec

### Canteen Specials

#### Friday 25 March

Recess— Cheese pastry  
triangles \$2.00

Lunch— Spanikopita  
(Greek Spinach & feta  
pie)

Small—\$3.90

Large—\$5.90

#### Monday 28 March

Recess—Fried spring  
rolls \$2.00

Lunch—chicken, tofu &  
vegetable stir fry with  
steamed rice

Small—\$3.90

Large—\$5.90

### Messages/Reminders

**All lunch orders  
need to be completed  
at home the night  
before or done in the  
classroom in the  
morning. No orders  
are to be done at the  
canteen**



### Library Chatter



**Quote:**

**Reading is to the mind  
what exercise is to the  
body. ~**

**Richard Steele, *Tatler*,  
1710**

Students will be allowed to borrow next week for over the holiday period. A reminder that students need to have a library bag and we do have our own special Alawa Library Bag which you can purchase at the front office for \$10.50. Last week part of BookClub came in, except for Mrs Haywood and Ms Bernardino’s classes. I have phoned them this morning and they have left the warehouse and should arrive in the next couple of days. I do apologize for the delay in students getting their items. As soon as they come in I will give the students their order. We are re-organising our home readers and we need all home readers back by this Friday. Could you please have a look around at home with your child/ren and return any readers you find. Some are still outstanding from last year. They will have our Alawa Primary School stamp on them, so you know they belong to the school.

Thankyou  
Happy Reading  
Mrs Price



### Council Matters

Breakfast program at  
the Canteen

Breakfast is daily  
before school

Milo (Reduced Fat  
milk) \$1.30

Cheese Toastie \$2.70

Ham & Cheese  
Toastie \$3.40

Hash browns (Thurs  
& Fri) 70c

Boiled egg \$1.00

### Canteen News

<b>Friday 25th March</b>	<b>Recess</b> – Cheese pastry triangles <b>Lunch</b> – Spanikopita (Greek Spinach and feta pies)  Side salad	\$2.00 Small– \$3.90 Large- \$5.90 Small—\$2.50
<b>Monday 28th March</b>	<b>Recess</b> – Fried spring rolls <b>Lunch</b> – Chicken, tofu and vegetable stir fry with steamed rice	\$2.00 each Small- \$3.90 Large \$5.90
<b>Friday 1st April</b>	<b>Recess</b> – Tropical fruit salad with honey and mint or Pita pizzas with veggies and cheese <b>Lunch</b> — Pesto pasta with Roast pumpkin and veggies	\$2.50 each \$2.00 each Small- \$3.90 Large \$5.90

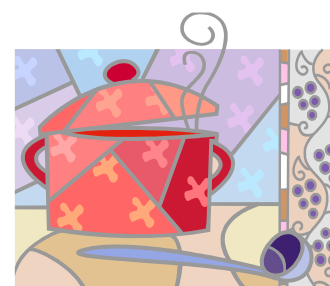
### Farm and Kitchen Garden Corner

Last week we made a variety of delicious pumpkin dishes—soups and salads. We are making sushi and hot and sour paw paw soup in the kitchen this week.

The year 3 and 4 classes are doing their knife li-censes.

Next week we will be using kindly donated prawns.

We are still looking for volunteers





## Alawa Kids— CATs

### Liam Is Our 1000<sup>th</sup> Reader!!!

Alawa students should be proud of their effort during our daily reading campaign. We had 5 weeks in which to do 500 “reads”. In less than 4 weeks we have completed 1000. Many of the students have come to the library daily to read to a dedicated band of CAT’s! At recess on Monday Takiyra arrived early as reader number 999 and she was closely followed by Liam who has the honour of being reader number 1000. Last Friday the children were rewarded for their 500<sup>th</sup> “read” with Mr. Taylor doing an impressive cartwheel and at the next assembly Mrs. Price will eat a book. Well Done Alawa Kids. You should be proud!



**Our 1000<sup>th</sup> Reader!!!**

CAT Lay Lay listens to Tyrell read.



**Mr Taylor preparing to do a cartwheel**

## Merit Award

class	student	award
TR Garrigan	Liam Harry	For setting a fantastic personal learning goal – to get to reading level 6! You can do it!
	Argiro Kokkinomagoulos	For working really well in Maths, especially on your sums!
	Isis Redpath	For trying your best during Maths to learn your 2D and 3D shapes
3/4 Cox	Molly Althouse	For being a helpful and cooperative team member who uses her initiative in the kitchen
	Saad Aamer	For trying his best and making a great start in persuasive writing
5/6 Bernardino	Jayden Ilett	An outstanding improvement in the presentation of his homework
	Reasey Keo	Excellent presentation of school work and homework
5/6 Haywood	Nun Chatram	For always doing your very best and having a great sense of humour
Week 5	Roslyn Nastasi	For being a responsible Student Representative Council member and doing a great job as part of the Peer Mentoring team
	Matt McDougall	For being a focused and independent worker in reading, spelling and Maths classes. Keep up the great work Matt



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## Classifieds

**Take home a Big Brother or Big Sister** Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, and the Scandinavian countries will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

## Community Notice Board

Training times for the Thunder Juniors Blues team involving our school.



Training every Thursday night at 5:00pm starting this week 24 March at Dripstone School oval.  
Phone Stephen Symonds on 89804810 or 0438849328

### Junior Rugby Players

Competition starts Friday 25 March at 6.00pm  
AUSTAR Park Marrara  
Teams in U5's, U7's, U9's, U11's, U13's, U15's & U17's  
Training at Anula Oval, Yanyula Drive  
Anula  
5.00pm to 6.00pm  
Tuesday & Thursday



## KITES EXCURSION 2011

On Wednesday 16 March, Alawa Year 5/6 girls went on a Kites Excursion, with students from Casuarina Senior College. The excursion was a cultural experience, whereby students were taken on a guided tour of Darwin landmarks that are considered significant to the Larrakia People. Some of the locations visited were Dinah Beach, the Wharf, Mindil Beach and Charles Darwin Nature Reserve. The tour was conducted by Mr Robert Mills, whose knowledge of the Larrakia culture was invaluable. It was a wonderful opportunity for the all our students and we look forward to meeting with our Kites buddies in week 10 to share our learning.

