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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Ms Deb is doing an excellent job promoting our whole school reading focus. The Alawa CATS (cross age tutors) continue to listen to students read before school and at recess. Our guest readers have also helped to motivate our students. The whole school singing "Alawa's Gotta Keep Reading" was just fantastic. Our reading results are showing a significant improvement which is not only the result of effective teaching, but also the result of students' gaining in confidence as readers and students reading regularly. Many thanks to parents for encouraging and supporting the whole school reading focus. Children reading at home also provides additional reading practice. The link between home and school is very important.

Barbara Kerl is replacing Emma Churchman in the preschool for the remainder of the year. Emma has commenced maternity leave and we wish her all the best. We welcome Barbara back to Alawa Primary.

Sandra Giezma is doing a great job taking all classes for bush dancing lessons, preparing students for our bush dancing night as part of the school's 40th birthday celebration on Thursday 22 September. It will be a great evening for our school community to celebrate together so please mark this date in your diary. School Council will be sending home more information regarding this event closer to the date.

Next week's Assembly is hosted by 3/4 Chellew. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Fathma Mauger
Principal



For Your Diary

- Literacy Numeracy week 29 August—4 September
- Parent/Teacher Interviews Week 8 Tuesday 13 September
- Alawa School's 40th Birthday Celebrations (Bush Dance) week 9, 22 September

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Farm

One of our guinea pigs on the farm has been busy having three babies! We will keep 1 of the babies and give away 2 of them. Many students have expressed an interest with wanting to keep one as a pet. To make the process fair **caregivers need to write a signed** note expressing interest with keeping one of the guinea pigs. Please remember that if you are wanting a guinea pig, you and your child need to **provide appropriate care, housing, feed and long-term commitment**. If you already have a guinea pig at home, it is not advisable that you keep 2 males together or a male and female (unless you would like to breed them). The baby guinea pigs are not ready to breed if they are a female until they are 6 months of age. Ms Sachse, the farm coordinator, can provide more information if required. To make it a fair process, notes will go into a draw and students names will be drawn out. Notes will be drawn out this **Thursday 25th of August**. If your child is successful, they will bring home a baby guinea pig the following Monday, in order for you to prepare for appropriate housing and care. If your child misses out, the guinea pigs will be bred again shortly and another announcement for ownership will be placed in the newsletter.

Ms Sachse, Farm Teacher

Garden

Our garden is looking lovely again now that it has recovered from it's major overhaul. Classes have been allocated various areas in the garden to improve and beautify, which has been met with much enthusiasm. At the end of the year we will be awarding prizes for the best gardens. At the moment we are harvesting, eggplants, cucumbers, tomatoes, beans, wing beans, chili, pigeon peas and Asian greens. This year we are also learning more about the principles of permaculture, and ways to re-cycle in the garden. We would really appreciate donations of: potting mix, pots, old bird cages, garden ornaments, organic fertilizer.

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are most welcome to come and join the classes. The students would love to the results of their hard work.

Lia Gill, Garden Specialist



Canteen

Friday 26/8/11

Recess: Mpougatsa (Greek sweet with puff pastry and white cream filling) \$2.50

Lunch: Homemade chicken yiros with tzatziki and salad—half \$4.50 whole \$5.50

Monday 29/8/11

Recess: Sushi with variety of fillings \$2.50

Lunch: Chicken legs in stew, with tomatoes served with steamed rice—small \$4.50 large \$5.50

Please note home ice cream is not available.

We have replaced ice cream with bulla range at \$1.70 and strawberry frozen yoghurt at \$ 2.30

To our new students, canteen price lists are available in the school office as well as from the canteen. Orders should be in place for lunch please.

We do have a new price list (the green one). Some parents are still using the old prices.

Thank you

Roula Boubaris

Dress Alawa Primary in yellow



**Dress Alawa Primary in yellow
Friday 26 August 2011.
Gold coin donation**



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
3/4 Chellev	Walter Thimble Mary Ayoo	“Deadly” composting in the garden Improving her Maths calculations
3/4 Cox	Mea-Mei Stanbury Callum Jackson	Working well and putting in a good effort during Guided Reading Consistent word knowledge in reading and great spelling test results
5/6 Bernardino	Zakk Madden Jonathan Dai Grace Strong	Demonstrating a great effort with report writing Demonstrating a great effort with report writing Writing an excellent report on Harold Holt
Special	Julie McArthur Theofanis Kokkinamagoulos	Caught Being Good Caught Being Good

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Literacy and Numeracy Week

29th August – 4th September

National Literacy and Numeracy Week represents a collaborative approach by the Australian Government and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people, with a specific focus on school-aged children. National Literacy and Numeracy Week gives schools the opportunity to get involved in a range of literacy and numeracy activities.

At Alawa Primary we believe every week is literacy and numeracy week. Here are some of the activities and learning that students at Alawa are involved in:

Literacy

As you would be aware we have chosen to put a big focus on reading in 2011. Teachers have attended training sessions, completed professional reading and have been doing planning for explicit teaching of reading strategies. Part of this focus includes the use of guided reading groups. These are groups of no more than 6 students who focus on a text around their reading level. In the group they learn new strategies and get an opportunity to practice them. At least once a week the group works exclusively with the teacher to be taught new skills. In the early years there has been a focus on having an adult with each reading group. A big THANKYOU to the parents helping out in guided reading time!!! **If you would like to become involved please speak to your child's teacher.**

Numeracy

The Numeracy team have decided to focus on the Data strand of Mathematics, and the school will combine to create a human graph in the quadrangle on **Friday 2nd September**. This will occur at 12:15pm. Families are more than welcome to join us, as we will be having a **picnic lunch at 1:00pm** to help celebrate the end of Literacy and Numeracy Week.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Rebecca Garrigan

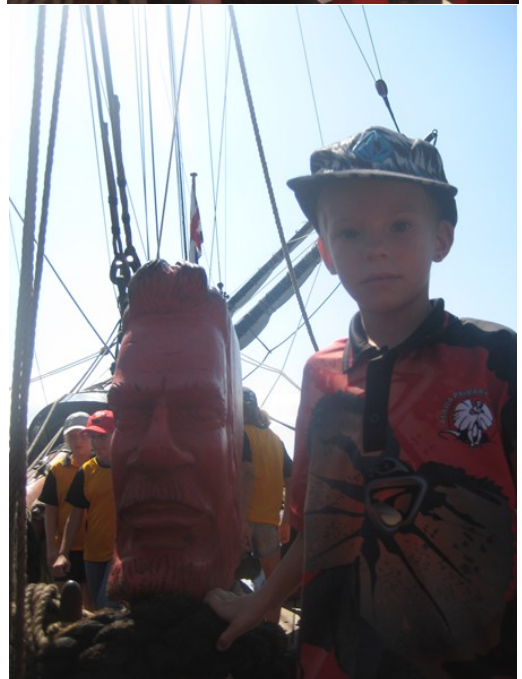
Numeracy Team Coordinator

Deb Levett

Literacy Support Officer



2/3 Ranie excursion to HMB Endeavour



STORY TELLING

Story Telling is a big part of supporting children with their reading. This term we are holding story telling in the library on Fridays. We are looking for parents or community members who will come and share their favourite childhood story. The sessions will be at recess (approx 20 mins) so if your favourite story takes longer just let us know. We can then warn staff that students may be late back to class. If you are willing to participate please return the form below.

Name: _____ Child's Name: _____

Story Title _____

Preference- Circle a Friday 2/9 9/9 16/9 23/9 or any Friday suits me!!!!



Volunteers needed for
Meals on Wheels
Delivery
and Telecross

For information please call or email Chantel Wagenaar
8920 3700/0427177018
cwagenaar@redcross.org.au

The Royal Life Saving Society Australia NT Branch is conducting an Intensive Vacation Swimming Program 'VACSWIM' at Casuarina pool for 5 year olds and up. This is a program full of fun, fitness and lifesaving skills running for one week Monday to Friday from 9am to 10am or 10am to 11am commencing on the 3 October 2011. For bookings and further information, contact RLSSA NT Branch on 8981 5036 or email

sportnt@rlssa.org.au

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EVERYONE CAN BE A LIFESAVER

Red Cross Big Cake Bake 2011



Be a part of the first Big Cake Bake...

What is the Big Cake Bake?

In October, Red Cross is launching an exciting community fundraising event, inviting Australians to 'bake the world a better place' for people in need by participating in Big Cake Bake.

It's a fun and easy national event that anyone can join in! Big Cake Bake encourages people to get together in their homes, their workplace or community and bake up a storm, while raising funds to support the work that Red Cross carries out every day including supporting the most vulnerable families in our communities.

Events can include a morning or afternoon tea, cake stall or baking competition, the opportunities are endless. The official event date for Big Cake Bake is **Friday 14 October 2011**, though to enable as many people as possible to take part, hosts can hold their event any time during October.

Celebrity Supporters

Megan Gale, Australian Red Cross Ambassador is on board, along with many other celebrities who are excited to bake the world a better place too, including Maggie Beer, Bill Granger, Stephanie Alexander, Josh Thomas, Kate Richie, Amanda Keller and Nathan Hindmarsh. They have all provided a recipe for Big Cake Bake that will be available in your host kits and online at www.bigcakebake.org.au from 2nd August 2011.

Raising 'dough' has never been so easy!

1. Complete the registration form and send it back via mail, fax or email. Alternatively, you can call 1800 652 635 during office hours or log on to www.bigcakebake.org.au (effective 15 August)
2. A host kit will be sent on receipt of registration and will include information on how to run a Big Cake bake event, donation box, posters to help promote your event and fundraising ideas
3. Encourage members, volunteers, friends and family to spread the word. Get as many people as possible to support your event or host one of their own
4. Bank donations, and start saving recipes for next year

Get active in your local community

Start letting everyone know that Big Cake Bake is fast approaching and how they can take part and register. The more people that host a Big Cake Bake event, the greater impact Big Cake Bake will have and the more funds we can raise to continue our important work. Funds raised from Big Cake Bake will assist in the ongoing work Red Cross does, including helping the most vulnerable families in Australia and overseas.

For more information regarding Big Cake Bake call 1800 652 635 during office hours or email

bigcakebake@redcross.org.au

Thanks for your support and together, we can bake the world a better place!



Community Notice Board

CONGRATULATIONS to four of our Alawa Athletes who were selected to represent the Northern Suburbs Cluster team in the School Sports NT Track and Field Championship held over the last weekend. Our athletes were so awesome that each one received 1 to 2 medallions. HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Roslyn Nastasi for winning Silver (second) in the 800m and Bronze (third) in Long Jump, Jayhannah Thatcher for winning Silver (second) in Shot Put and Discus, William Reeve for winning Silver (second) in High Jump and Daniel Houldsworth for winning Silver (second) in Discus. Alawa Primary is so, so VERY PROUD of you all. WELL DONE!!



Speech Pathology Week

The theme of this year's Speech Pathology Week (21 - 27 August 2011) is 'Literacy for Life'.

Top tips for helping your child to love literacy:

- Make reading & literacy a daily activity for your child
- Talk about more than just the words on the page (talk about pictures, ask questions, relate the words to the child's experiences)
- Help your child to sound out words (e.g. f-ar-m) and learn to memorize words that have unusual spelling (e.g. yacht). Read books that spark your child's interest



For more information about Speech Pathology Week see www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

PAWS Darwin's First Annual Mutt Strut

Join the PAWS Darwin Animal Shelter at the Jingili Water Gardens from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 27th August for a fantastic family fun day that includes your pets! Come along and help support our homeless animals! Enter your pet into the Mutt Strut or the Pet Fashion Parade! Entry forms and more information can be found at the PAWS Darwin Animal Shelter, 58 Georgina Crescent, Yarrowonga or phone us on 89329496. Jumping castle, sausage sizzle, cold drinks, dog obedience and trick performances and much more

