



# Alawa Primary School

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

- Term 3 Break  
3—7 October 2011  
Students resume 10  
October  
Term 4 10 October—  
16 December

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### From the Principal

Dear Parents,

This Friday we celebrate a highly successful whole school reading campaign. Many thanks to Ms Deb, the Alawa CATS (Cross Age Tutors,) and the many readers for their enthusiasm and hard work. Congratulations to Ekyra Newton-Aragon for being Alawa's 2000 reader! This Friday we 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. Alawa Primary's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration last Thursday was a huge success. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to celebrate and enjoy the bush dancing and food. Thank you to the Top End Folk Club band for the great entertainment. We received so many positive comments regarding the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration – mainly acknowledging the community spirit, wonderful atmosphere, excellent organisation and terrific student behaviour.

However, any event doesn't just happen. It does involve many additional hours of work and organisation. A big thank you to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) committee, and the School Council Fundraising Committee for their ideas, hard work and organisation. Thank you to every member of our School Council who each had a role to play prior to the event and on the night. Thank you to those parents who donated cakes to sell – we had so many! Many thanks to staff, parents and students for a wonderful evening. Finally, thank you so much to Kon Vatskalis (MLA) for his ongoing support and commitment to our school. Kon was in Vietnam and disappointed that he could not attend the celebration but sent us his wishes for a very happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. Kon kindly donated all the sausages and sauces for the BBQ.

This 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



## Library Chatter

A reminder to all students to return your library books and home readers. There will be borrowing over the one week holiday break. There will be a holiday program at all Darwin City Libraries, check them out at this link. There is some really cool activities.

<http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/media-centre/events/2011-10?tid%5b0%5d=31> (right click and open hyperlink)

Quote: "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." –

Emilie Buchwald (American author)

Happy Reading

Mrs Price



## Farm, Kitchen and Garden Corner

### Farm and orchard redevelopments and student learning

All students and staff of Alawa Primary have been involved in redeveloping the farm and orchard area in order to improve the animal environment, prepare for wet season and beautify the area. All students did an absolutely terrific job and enjoyed working with many gardening tools, having ownership of this area and, working together. The redevelopments were also a great way for students to connect to their learning in the classroom. For example, transition learnt that not only does our environment change with particular weather and we need to be prepared for this (e.g., washing undercover), animal environments also needs to change (e.g., putting gravel on the ground so it is not so muddy). Through their unit on water, years 1 and 2/3 students have learnt about mulch and how this helps conserve water usually lost through evaporation of water through exposed dirt. Years 3/4 have been making bordered areas for trees to be planted which assists within creating shadow and therefore shade and cooler temperatures for animals. This relates to the unit on space – earth, sun and moon. Year 5/6 have been learning about earthquakes and the effects of this as well as other natural disasters. They have moved items within the yard that are potential hazards within the upcoming cyclone season.



### Donations and Sale of Eggs



As the redevelopments within the orchard area involve a green space, BBQ and seating area, Ms Sachse would like donations of a park bench in good condition, large rocks and also a BBQ with or without a stand and in good condition. This area of the orchard will be utilised for classes, special events and volunteers and families of the school. Also, please keep up with the donations of egg cartons. Families are doing a fantastic job with donating these to the school! Please remember that we have a small amount of free-range eggs available at the office for \$3.00 for a pack of 6.

## Canteen

Unless you have made prior arrangements with the canteen there will be no accounts. However EFTPOS facilities are available, including credit card payments over the phone.

Canteen Specials for this week,

### 29/9/11 Thursday

Lunch: Fried Rice \$4.50

### 30/9/11 Friday

Recess: Homemade Mini Pastries \$2.50 each

Lunch: Jacket Potato with Bolognese Sauce, cheese and sour cream \$4.50

Have a nice break everyone see you in the new term.

Thank you for your support.

Roula and Janet



## 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](mailto:alawa.oshc@ntschoools.net) for further information.

## School Council

### Woolworths Earn and Learn points

Please keep your Woolworths shopping docketts 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 docketts, which you simply take to your school for collection.

Website 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! An origami envelope will be sent home with students to collect vouchers during the holiday break.



## Happy 40th Birthday Alawa



**COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD**

RLSSA NT Branch is holding a free family fun day at Leanyer Rec Park on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 3pm – 5pm as part of Water Safety Week. There will be lots of events and prizes so why not bring the whole family for a free fun day out! If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me Karon Lamb, Program Coordinator on 89815036

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**ALAWA'S 40TH BIRTHDAY BUSH DANCE**

