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Special points of interest:

- **School Health Surveillance**—29 April 2011
- **Public Holiday Monday** 2 May
- **NAPLAN week 5** 10—13 May
- **School Photos Wednesday** 8 June
- **Sports Day**—week 10 Wednesday 15 June



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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We trust you had an enjoyable Easter break and a time to reflect on Anzac Day. Last Thursday we had a special Anzac school assembly. Thank you to Ms Bernardino, Mrs Briant and our student leaders for the excellent organisation and smooth running of the assembly. A special thanks to our invited guest, Corporal Rick Coulson, who delivered an inspiring speech on the meaning of Anzac.

Some information on NAPLAN testing...The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students will undertake the 2011 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

We had several winners of our "Guess the number of Easter eggs" competition. Congratulations to Olga Filippou, Takiyra Wunungmurra-Saywell, Miss Samantha Lim and Mrs Irene Haywood. Also, congratulations to 1st Lisa Edwards, 2nd Lia Gill, 3rd Zander Schmidt who won the preschool Easter raffle. Many thanks to our local MLA, Kon Vatskalis, who kindly donated the huge basket of Easter eggs. Kon Vatskalis is always a strong supporter of our school and we look forward to his visit at our school assembly next Friday 6 May.

Many thanks to those parents who have volunteered to assist in our kitchen, garden or farm. Alawa Primary is the NT Demonstration School for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. This program relies heavily on volunteer assistance during kitchen lessons and in the garden. Our school farm also relies on volunteers – families who help feed the animals on the weekends and during school holidays. We still require more volunteers for these programs. If you can spare some time (either on a regular or irregular basis) please contact the front office. We would love to hear from you.

A reminder that the canteen is no longer offering a breakfast menu. Students can still purchase breakfast but this will be provided from the before/after school care room.

Next Friday's assembly will be hosted by. TR Garrigan. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Regards,

Fathma Mauger
Principal

Ms Anne



Ms Anne's 'Learning, Caring and Sharing' Easter Egg prize
 Congratulations to Ethan Newton-Aragon (Yr 3/4),
 Hser Nay Wah Thein (Yr 5/6), Kyanne May (Yr 1),
 Jadon Jenner (Yr 1).

Farm, Kitchen and Garden Corner

Kitchen challenges last week



We will have Thriving Thursdays from 4-6 pm. You can come to the garden and just have a look or help out. The next dates for this are-

Thursday 5th May
 Thursday 19th May
 Thursday 2nd June
 Thursday 16th June



Delicious Prawn Laksa last term

ANZAC assembly



Anzac Day marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.^[3] The acronym **ANZAC** stands for **Australian and New Zealand Army Corps**, whose soldiers were known as Anzacs. Anzac Day remains one of the most important national occasions of both Australia and New Zealand.^[4] This is a rare instance of two sovereign countries not only sharing the same remembrance day, but making reference to both countries in its name.



Classifieds

Professional Maths Tuition

Is your child in year 2 - year 8? Could they do with a boost to their knowledge of fractions and decimals? Perhaps Professional Maths Tuition can help. Operated by registered teacher (TRB# 9508) with 11 years experience using a wide range of resources including tailored worksheets and computer based learning. We run Monday - Thursday afternoons 3 -5.30pm at Casuarina Baptist Church Hall on Dripstone Rd. We are currently offering special help with NAPLAN preparation. To reserve a place for your child or for further information feel free to call us on : 0410 498 691

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Community Notice Board

School Photos

Wednesday 8 June, payment envelopes will be sent out soon. Family photo envelopes can be obtained from the school front office



Sacrament of the Eucharist

The parents meeting for the Sacrament of the Eucharist will be held at St. Paul's, Nightcliff.

When: Thursday 28 April and 5 May 2011

Time: 6.00pm

Where: St. Paul's Church (cnr Trower Road & Francis Street, Rapid Creek). The actual date for the sacrament will be on the 19 June 2011. the child has to be in year 4 with the reconciliation done. Please bring the baptismal certificate.

Sr Rita Zuccher



Casuarina Soccer Club

Casuarina Junior Soccer Club is looking for some extra players, boys/girls, who turn 7 this year, (i.e. who were born in 2004). Training is from 5-6.00pm each Wednesday at Wanguri Oval, beside Wanguri Primary.

For further information please contact AB on 0429 956219

