



Alawa Primary School Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Last Monday we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day that gives people the opportunity to celebrate our cultural diversity. Alawa Primary is so multicultural and it was great that students wore "orange" clothing to recognise and support Harmony Day. Last Wednesday both preschool groups celebrated Harmony Day as well. Thank you to everyone for supporting the school's participation in this special day.

This week I am meeting with each class teacher to discuss their students' data in relation to Literacy as well as student progress, reading assessment and reading programs. It has been highlighted in each class that those students who are experiencing greater success are those students who read regularly at home. Students learn to read by reading. Please encourage your child to read each afternoon/evening at home for regular reading practice. Talk to your child about what he/she is reading and visit public libraries. It is important that home and school work together to encourage students to become better readers.

We are asking parents not to bring dogs onto the school grounds. The school has a duty of care to avoid foreseeable injury to students under our care and control. Bringing a dog onto the school site when it can be surrounded by excitable students is an unacceptable risk. We would appreciate pets remaining at home.

This week's Assembly is hosted by 1 Jan. Parents are most welcome to attend. It is great to see an increase in the number of parents attending assemblies so please come along.

Next week is the mid-semester school break. We look forward to students returning safely to school, ready for Term 2 on Monday 11 April.

Fathma Mauger
Principal



Important Dates

End of Term 1 April
Term 2 11 April—
24 June 2011

Canteen

Dear parents, please assist your child/ren to write their lunch/recess orders at home. Orders will not be received at the canteen counter in the morning any more.

Lunch orders should be written at home or in the classroom. Students then place the order into their classroom basket to be sent to the canteen before 9.00am.

Canteen Specials

Wednesday 30.3.11

Recess/lunch

Fried Rice \$3.90

Orders for lunch please

Messages/Reminders

**Back to school
vouchers**

**This is the last week
for parents to re-
deem any credit left
on their vouchers.
Please contact the
school's front office**



Library Chatter

Darwin Public Libraries have great holiday programs. If you need to know more go their website – <http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries>

We are updating our Home Readers and need all readers back as soon as possible. Please have a look around with your child/ren to find any readers you may have at home.

Happy Reading
Mrs Price

“The greatest gift is a passion for reading.” **Elizabeth Hardwick** - American literary critic, novelist, and short story writer

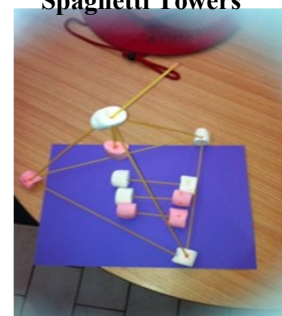
Science

This term, students in years 2/3 Ranie have been learning about changes that occur during cooking various types of food. Students have recognised that food can change with heating and cooling and can go through the process of a liquid, solid and a gas. They also have learnt that some changes are reversible and some are not and, different types of food are suitable for different types of things depending on their properties.

One investigation involved students making towers with cooked spaghetti. They were able to use the words strong, breakable and smooth to describe the spaghetti and towers. Students then thought about what their towers would look like if they used cooked spaghetti. Words such as weak, bendy and smooth were used. Students then decided that even though spaghetti was still smooth, many of the properties of uncooked and cooked spaghetti were different and could not be changed back.



Spaghetti Towers



Farm and Kitchen Garden Corner

Farm

Classes have been working hard in the farm caring for animals and their environment. Students have settled into new routines well and even enjoy cleaning out the guinea pig cages! Just a reminder that it is ideal for students to wear an old long-sleeved shirt, gloves, hat, enclosed shoes, sunscreen and insect repellent to shoes. These can be labeled and left down at the farm or if you wish, left in your child's bag for farm lessons. These items will also be used during garden lessons.

A good home for a male duck (gander). Beautiful and white. Free. Please contact Joanne Sachse through the school Volunteers for the upcoming 1 week holiday (preferably for the whole week or 3 or 4 days). Please contact Joanne Sachse through the school or e-mail joanne.sachse@ntschoools.net
Empty egg boxes ½ dozen to dozen. Please give to your child to bring to school.

Local families to provide fruit and vegetable scraps to poultry during non-school days (please place through scrap chute on road side entrance to the farm)

Volunteers for upcoming working bee. Information provided shortly

An old small bar-type fridge. Please drop off at the school

Kitchen

In kitchen this week we are making our Laksa paste, with lemongrass and galangal (which is like ginger) from the garden. We are using this to make beautiful Prawn Laksa, with prawns donated to our school.

Next term we'll be starting Thriving Thursday/open garden every other week—details later



Making Sushi



Alawa Outside School Hours Care Vacation Care program

April School Holidays

Alawa OSHC will be operating over the school break daily from 7:30am-5:30pm. Children attend 2 excursions in the week and take part in a range of daily art/craft and sporting activities.

If you require childcare over the April school holidays please fill in table below and return to classroom teacher ASAP. Enrolment forms can be collected at the front office. Please call Tara on 89279122 after 2.00pm or e-mail alawa.oshc@ntschoools.net for further information.

Childs Name/s	Monday 4/04/11	Tuesday 5/04/11	Wednesday 6/04/11	Thursday 7/04/11	Friday 8/04/11

Monday 04/04/11	Tuesday 05/04/11	Wednesday 06/04/11	Thursday 07/04/11	Friday 08/04/11
Open 7:30am	Open 7:30am	Open 7:30am	Open 7:30am	Open 7:30am
Morning Tea-Toast	Morning Tea-Toast	Morning Tea-Toast	Morning Tea-Toast	Morning Tea-Toast
11:00am: Skipping Games Craft: Lorikeet Bird Art	Excursion: Casuarina Cinema - Rango (PG) Depart: 11:00am Return: 12:15pm *Children not to bring money for movies a drink and snack will be pro-	Excursion: Fun in the Park – Jingili Water Gar- dens Depart 9:30am *Picnic Lunch 12:30 Return: 1:30pm	11:00am: Baseball Craft: Indian Ele- phants	11am: Badminton 2:30pm: Making shortbread Craft: Deep Sea Fish
Lunch – Own lunch	Lunch – Own lunch	Lunch – Own lunch	Lunch – Own lunch	Lunch – Own lunch
Afternoon Tea Fruit platter Milkshakes & Bis- cuits	Afternoon Tea Fruit platter Hot- dogs	Afternoon Tea Fruit platter Sand- wiches	Afternoon Tea- Fruit platter Pan- cakes	Afternoon Tea- Fruit platter Rice Crackers, Dip, Veggie sticks
Closed 5:30pm	Closed 5:30pm	Closed 5:30pm	Closed 5:30pm	Closed 5:30pm
Need to bring Hat Enclosed Shoes	Need to bring Enclosed Shoes Hat Jumper/cardigan	Need to bring Enclosed Shoes Hat	Need to bring Hat	Need to bring Hat Enclosed shoes



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Canteen Special

Friday 1 April

Recess—tropical fruit salad with honey and mint \$2.50

Pita pizzas with veggies and cheese \$2.00

Lunch—Pesto Pasta with roast pumpkin and veggies

Small—\$3.90

Large—\$5.90

NEEDED

Plastic soft drink/juice bottles are needed between 300 to 600mL range. Please get your child to bring to school with them and bring to their next science lesson

Key messages for schools to staff, students and parents to help minimise the spread of Influenza

Students and staff who are sick with a flu-like illness (fever and cough and/or sore throat) should stay at home until they no longer have a fever and feel well. Medicine such as paracetamol to treat the fever may be useful and sick persons should drink lots of fluids and get plenty of rest.

Students or staff, who develop flu-like illness at school, should be sent home.

Most people with a flu-like illness do not need to see a doctor.

Students and staff should be made aware that those with known health issues who become unwell with flu-like illness should seek medical advice without delay. They should check with their doctor if unsure about their health risk factors.

Students or staff, whose illness worsens or deteriorates rapidly and have shortness of breath, needs to see a doctor as soon as possible.

As a general rule, try to stay at least one metre away from others.

Simple hygiene practices such as frequent hand washing, covering your mouth when your cough or sneeze and disposing of used tissues in the bin are still the best ways to avoid passing influenza on to others.

A free influenza vaccine is available for all children with pre-existing medical conditions and parents are encouraged to attend their GP or community care centre to access this vaccine. All other children may also be vaccinated against influenza at their GP however this will incur a cost.

Harmony Day

