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FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Transition Parent Information Evening**
Room 1,
30 November 2011
5:30—6:30 pm
- **Year 6 Graduation**
Thursday 15
December
- **End of year school concert—12**
December 2011
- **Christmas Raffle**
12 December 2011
- **End of term 16**
December 2011



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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We would like to wish Miss Ana Bernardino all the best as she commences her maternity leave.

We thank Ana for her commitment and care that she has shown towards her students. She is an excellent teacher and we look forward to her returning in the near future. Mrs Margaret Scanlon will be teaching the Year 5/6 class for the remainder of the year.

This term, students from Years T-6 have been participating in a dance program in preparation for our end of year school concert. We have employed a part-time dance teacher, Kristy Rickert, who has been teaching dance classes twice per week for each class. The theme of the concert is "Celebrations" and the class items are excellent. We look forward to our concert on Monday 12 December at 5.30pm for a 6pm start at Dripstone Middle School. School Council is cooking a BBQ which will commence at 4.30pm.

Teachers are currently preparing classes for next year. Teachers consider various factors when placing students such as friendships, student ability and student behaviour. If you have a particular request, such as siblings being in the same class, please contact your child's class teacher. Class lists will be displayed on the office window on Thursday 15th December.

This week's Assembly will be hosted by 3/4 Cox.
All parents are welcome to attend.

Fathma Mauger
Principal



Library Chatter

Parents could you please help your child/ren to find their library book/s if they still have them at home. As we are in the process of moving to the new library, I would like all library books back as soon as possible. I sent notes home last week and some this week, to parents whose child/ren have outstanding books. Home readers, especially in the early years, need to be returned as well. Book Club should arrive today or tomorrow, but definitely this week. "*There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.*" - Jacqueline Kennedy (wife of the late President John F Kennedy)



Farm, Kitchen and Garden Corner

Students across the years have been very successful in caring for the variety of animals at the farm and applying animal husbandry skills they have learnt. They have also used the animals to learn about

concepts within science such as animal needs and survival and lifecycles and growth. Currently we have an excess of some animals that are not required to either learn scientific concepts or provide produce for the kitchen. Providing these animals with new homes will result in even better care and love of animals that are left in the farm as well those given to new homes. The animals to be given away include;

1 guinea fowl (non-laying), 1 black and white male guinea pig, 1 white female guinea pig,
1 blue tongue lizard (6 months old)

If you are interested in providing a new home for these animals, you can either come and collect them during school hours or provide a signed note for your child so they are able to take them home at the end of the day.

Kind Regards

Ms Joanne Sachse



Transition Parent Information Evening

On the 30 November, 2011 at 5.30pm a parent information evening will be held in room 1 for parents of perspective transition students for the year 2012. this evening will provide you with information regarding the transition program at Alawa, our teaching philosophy, uniforms, book packs and the opportunity to ask our teachers and senior staff any questions you may have about your child transitioning into their first year of school.

Christmas Raffle

AUSTRALIA COAST TO COAST
COUNTRYSTYLE

Embargoed until on sale: Wednesday, 23 November 2011.

GROWING IDEAS: COUNTRY STYLE'S HARVEST TABLE COMPETITION



Five months ago, *Country Style* launched its inaugural Harvest Table competition, offering the chance for city and country kids to get their class or school to present a collection of food that they had grown themselves, creating a traditional Harvest Table.

The aim of the competition was to show children how much fun it is to grow and prepare their own fruit, vegetables and herbs. Yet from the comments of several of the principals, the rewards extended far beyond that. "For many it fostered great pride," explains *Country Style* editor, Victoria Carey. "And none more so than at Alawa Primary School in Darwin, who *Country Style* are proud to announce as this year's winner of the Best School Harvest Table."

The students of Alawa Primary School made the most of their climate and gathered an abundance of luscious tropical fruit from their school garden to create their winning entry. "We loved the description of the garden produce by the children themselves," explains Carey.

Christmas Hamper

*Donations urgently
 needed for our
 Christmas Raffle.*



Please donate today!

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

PAWS Darwin Christmas Tree Appeal

Give the homeless pets of Darwin some Christmas joy with a gift to enjoy for Christmas 2011. Simply purchase a gift for one of our homeless cats, kittens, puppies or dogs and leave it under the PAWS Darwin Christmas Tree for our shelter dogs to enjoy on Christmas Eve. Phone us on 89472099 or email: pawsdarwin@gmail.com for more information!



Our Christmas Tree Appeal is located at PAWS at Pound, DCC pound Boulter Road, Berrimah (next door to the RSPCA). All donations over \$2 are tax deductible!

The Royal Life Saving Society Australia NT Branch is conducting their vacation Lifesaving Program. This is a program full of fun, fitness and lifesaving skills for ages 5 years and up. The program will run for 8 days from Monday 16 January - Friday 20 January and Monday 23 January - Wednesday 25 January 2012 inclusive.

For bookings or further information please contact RLSSA – NT on 89815036 or email: sportnt@rlssa.org.au



School Holiday Netball Clinics

24th— 27th January 2012

Location: Marrara Indoor Stadium, Abala Rd, Marrara.

5-7 years NetSetGO!
Date: Monday 23rd Jan
Time: 9am—4pm
Cost: \$60 without Pack or \$80 with a participation pack

8—10 years NetSetGO!
Date: Monday 23rd Jan
Time: 9am—4pm
Cost: \$60 without Pack or \$80 with a participation pack

11—12 years
Date: Tues 24th Jan
Time: 9am—4pm
Cost: \$60

13—14 years
Date: Wed 25th Jan
Time: 9am—4pm
Cost: \$60

SCHOOL HOLIDAY netball CLINIC

Our netball clinics cater for junior netballers of all abilities to develop their skills, understanding and enjoyment of the game.

Registrations close 15th December

Numbers are limited! To secure your place:
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