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For Your Diary

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

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Alawa Primary School Learning Caring and Sharing

Issue: 26 Tuesday 6 September 2011

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Last week we celebrated national Literacy and Numeracy week. Students thoroughly enjoyed the activities and the human graph was a very interesting concept. Thank you to the staff Literacy and Numeracy Teams for organising the activities.

Congratulations to the winners of our Father's Day raffle – first draw – Ms Ros Solien, second draw – Cheyenne Graham-Macskimin. Many thanks to Heather Briant and School Council for organising this raffle. A huge thank you to the Mason family, Gellel family and Houareau family for their wonderful donations. We raised approximately \$192.80. These funds go towards our ICT, farm, kitchen and garden programs. We look forward to our Christmas raffle!

Welcome to our new volunteers Pauline Remfrey, Sonya Menzies and Rosemary Wood who are assisting in kitchen and garden. We are always looking for volunteers to help during kitchen/garden lessons. If you can spare any time on an ad hoc or regular basis, please let us know as your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Last Thursday, Alawa students came together as a school and joined hundreds of students around Australia to sing "We've Got the Music" as part of the national event "Music Count Us In". It was a great experience and thank you to Mrs Chellew for organising Alawa's participation.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held next Tuesday 13th September 3.15pm-6pm. This is an important opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher and to view their child's work. Open communication between home and school is essential. If you have not yet selected a preferred timeslot, please complete the form in this newsletter and return to school this week.

Next week's Assembly will be hosted by 5/6 Bernardino. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Fathma Mauger
Principal



Library Chatter

Book Fair is over for another year and again another successful event. The students (and adults), enjoyed coming and browsing the items for sale. We had approximately \$2900 in sales, which is a tremendous effort, and we will receive \$870 worth of books for our library. I will be asking students this week what they recommend for the library and showing them what I have put aside and getting their opinion on those books. Thank you to all students, parents, staff and Alawa community who supported our Book Fair.



Now that 'ban the bag' is in place at the shops, I would like to ask parents to make sure that their child/ren have some sort of bag for their library book/s. If students don't have a bag, they will have to make sure they leave their books at school. I still have a few plastic bags here and will ask the students to keep the bag for future use. If you have any unwanted plastic bags or any sort of bag from specialty shops, could you please send them along to the library. Thank you

Quote: "So please, oh please, we beg we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall". Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Council News

Council Meeting Monday 12th September 5:30pm

Agenda includes 40th Anniversary Bush dance. Parents and guardians welcome.

Contact Fiona Steele, Secretary of the Council, 0420500625

Fiona.steele@cdu.edu.au for details.



40th Birthday Celebration

Seeking parents to donate desserts for 40th Anniversary Bush dance.

Contact Fiona Steele, Secretary of the Council, as soon as possible if you can

help out: 0420500625/ Fiona.steele@cdu.edu.au

Canteen

Dear parents as you know we have been offering homemade cooking on Mondays and Fridays. We have tried many different specials over the year, now we will try something different. Every Monday we will be having homemade spaghetti bolognese for lunch and homemade pop dogs for recess, plus our open grills for recess. No other hot food available.

On Thursday as well as our other hot food we will be having fried rice for lunch.

Please try to support our program by ordering the specials. Friday specials will be advertised weekly.

Friday 9/9/11

Recess: Homemade meat pie \$2.50

Lunch: Chicken Carbonara

Small: \$4.50

Large: \$5.50

Thursday 8/9/11

Lunch: Fried Rice \$4.50

Monday 12/9/11

Recess: homemade pop dogs \$2.50

Lunch: Homemade spaghetti bolognese

Small: \$4.50

Large: \$5.50

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

Year 5/6

5/6 Bernardino and 5/6 Haywood need empty 2 litre drink bottles (e.g. Coke) are required, to be used for a project years 5 and 6 will be doing in Term 4 please leave your donations at the front office. Thank you



Honour Roll

FORM	STUDENT	AWARD FOR
3/4 Cox	Ayusha Subedi Michael Smith	All the work she puts into improving her writing and vocabulary Improvement in his proofreading skills
5/6 Bernardino	Chantelle Saimon Aaron Foster Finn Beattie Jayden Ilett	Taking time and care with her ART work Producing excellent ART work Displaying a confident speaking manner during Parliamentary Role Plays Writing an interesting and persuasive speech during Parliamentary Role Plays
5/6 Haywood	Nun Chatram Roslyn Nastasi	Being a friendly, helpful and positive class member Being responsible and always working at top speed to produce great results
Special	Dennis Manolis Haley Clancey	Caught Being Good Caught Being Good

Woolworths Earn and Learn points

Please keep your Woolworths shopping docket and bring them to school. From July 18 to September 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 dockets, which you simply take to your school for collection. When the 9-week program ends, schools redeem points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources including library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more. 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! Plus throughout the program there will be opportunities to collect bonus vouchers with our special promotional offers on selected products. So keep an eye out in store, online and on TV!



Learning Caring and Sharing

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD



NetSetGO!
School Holiday Program
Monday 3rd October - Thursday 6th October

Boys and Girls
5-10 year olds
9:00 am - 10:00am
Venue: The Sitzler Netball Centre
Abala Rd Marrara

*All Participants will receive a fun participation pack, including a ball, stickers and more!

To Register:
Go Online
www.nt.netball.asn.au
or call
89452399

REGISTRATIONS CLOSING DATE:
Monday 26th September



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. 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.

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
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 bigcackbake@redcross.org.au Thanks for your support and together, we can bake the world a better place!

