

Mallala Primary School



From the Principal

Welcome back! I hope you were all able to spend some quality time with your children during the break. This week students have been involved in NAPLAN testing. Some students were quite nervous however, teachers and SSOs worked hard to help them feel comfortable and make the testing as non-threatening as possible. We need to remember that NAPLAN is only one small component of the ongoing assessment that helps us to identify how our children are travelling with their learning. If you have any **concerns about your child's progress** throughout the year please remember to **contact your child's teacher**.

It was my first time attending the Mallala ANZAC Day Memorial Service this year as I usually attend in Gawler. I am so glad I did! The service was warm, personal and had a lovely feel about it. Two of our students, Kashaya and Juliette placed beautiful wreathes hand made by classes. The girls did a wonderful job. Well done to both students and to the teachers and students involved in making the two wreaths. It will be lovely to see this become a regular tradition at future services.

The MiniLit and MacqLit intervention programmes are well underway with students involved being initially identified through regular classroom testing and then a further test to determine their starting point. These programmes are research based and report great success for students involved.

The pre-school yard is really taking shape. The contractors employed are highly experienced in developing spaces for children and schools and are adding in some great unexpected touches. There is some flexibility required with outdoor play but the short term inconvenience is going to be worth it.

This term's Pupil Free Day is set for Friday 9th June. This backs onto the Queen's Birthday public holiday on Monday 12th June. Staff will be working with other schools in the Greater Gawler Partnership focusing on Maths. Half of the day will be working on the Big Ideas in Number which identifies clear assessment strategies and activities to support and develop essential maths knowledge and understandings. The second half of the day teachers will be moderating maths tasks to ensure consistency of A-E grades across the area.

After some initial surveying and ground work done last year by members of Governing Council and Alec, I have completed and sent in an application to the DECD OSHC Unit to progress the possibility of establishing an on-site OSHC. The success of this happening is reliant upon established providers putting in a tender for a service to start at the beginning of 2018. Hopefully this will happen as it will meet a real need in Mallala and support a large number of our families. I will keep you updated as I hear news.

Our year to date Attendance rate is slightly lower this fortnight at 93% compared with 94% at the end of last term. It is still up on last **year's 89% which is a really good sign. Strong** attendance is a key factor to improving the learning and social interactions of our students.

Enjoy the sunshine while it lasts.

Sharon



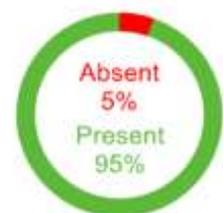
Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th May
Governing Council
Staffroom 7pm

Friday 9th June
Pupil Free Day
Students do not attend school on this day



Last Week



Attendance rate



Assembly Hosted by Room 3

Assembly Awards

Pepper Batten

Dahli Jacobson

Michaela Nicholson

Cheyenne Hornby

Aleisha Baker

Noah Quinn

Gracie Barth

Jorja Schutt

Bryn Trussell

Henry Neilson

Deegan Davis

Tyson Verbis



School Value Awards

Respect

Leyla Jacobson

Perseverance

Jayden Charleson

Diversity

Emily Curnow

Hugo Brown

Pepper Batten

Ryan Christoff



Anzac Day ~ "Lest We Forget"



Our students have been learning about the importance of Anzac day and why we acknowledge it and all who served for our country.



Kashaya Carpenter & Juliette Murrin-Neilsen

Representing our school at the Dawn Service

Around the Classes



So much positive learning and students working collaboratively in and around classes this week which is great to see.

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Community Announcements

Shop Lunch orders

Lunches from M&G are now available for students to order 4 days a week Monday to Thursday.

Friday Hot Lunches

On weeks 2, 4, 8 & 10 there will be hot lunches available through our "Friends and Families" group on a Friday. A flyer will be sent home with more information regarding meals available.



Empty Moccona Coffee Jars

If anyone has clean empty jars you are not using could you drop them into the library please. There will be a box inside the door for you to put them in. Many thanks for your help.



Influenza A

Just to let you know we have had a confirmed case of Influenza A in our school Community this week. If you have any concerns please see your doctor.

Balaklava High School



OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 24th MAY
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Balaklava High School
New Science Building

Staff and students warmly welcome you to spend an evening with us to find out what makes Balaklava High School so special.

Year 7 students and their parents are especially welcome.

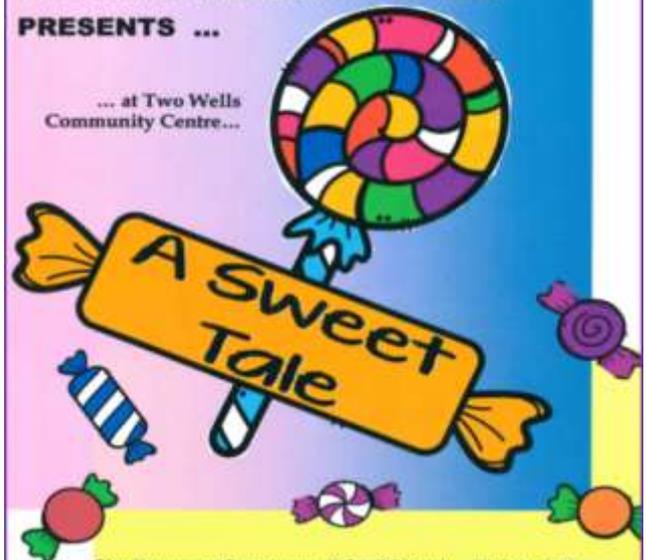
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