From the Principal

This Tuesday, Governing Council met to discuss the process for selecting the next Principal of Mallala Primary School with Educational Director, Kathryn Bruggemann. Kathryn presented a comprehensive explanation of the steps involved.

The position was advertised last Thursday and will be open until the 18th of August. Once the application process has closed, a panel will be formed comprising Kathryn, a Governing Council representative, a staff representative and a peer panelist, being a Principal at the same level from another area. During the meeting, Governing Council decided Jan Jacobson would be their representative. The panel will meet to discuss the criteria that they are looking for, then will meet again to discuss the applications they have read and whether they meet the criteria. The panel will then choose those applicants they wish to move to a shorter list, called “short listing.” Referees will be contacted and the panel will interview those who they still consider to be suitable applicants. Finally the panel can then recommend an applicant.

Please keep in mind that the whole process is very stringent and confidential. No panelist is ever allowed to talk about the applicants or anything discussed during the process, so I’m sure your Governing Council representative would appreciate it very much if you don’t ask.

Bookweek will be held in week 5, beginning on Monday the 22nd of August with our annual dress up day on Friday the 26th of August. More details will be sent home closer to the date. Our Preschool students will be holding their dress up day on a separate date and those parents have been notified. During the week we will also be holding a book fair. Students will be invited to look through the books and create a wish list. There are many items that are quite cheap, however, please let your children know ahead of time if they will not be able to purchase any books ahead of time.

Recently our office underwent a mini-renovation. While we are still waiting for some furniture to complete the project, it looks very different to previously. My thanks go to John and Tina for the amazing job they did during the school holidays.

You may also see a new face in our office from Tuesday to Thursday. Alin Hu has joined our team and will be doing administrative work as well as supporting some students in class. Alin is also working at Balaklava High School and comes highly recommended. Please make her feel welcome and be patient while she learns her new role.

The next Pupil Free Day will be held on Tuesday 6th of September.
Assembly Awards

Ebony Stuart
Juliette Nielson
Mercedes Cubley
Dylan Weetra
Ryan Backhouse
Billy Aston
Ryder Mead
Jake Shaw
Kurt Taylor
Iggy Stodart
Jedd Taylor
Taliesha Amor
Hamish Wildbore

School Value Awards

Respect

Kristy Baker
Dakota Moss
Cooper Wright

Excellence

Ethan Amor

Perseverance

Samantha Kea

The Arts Award

Jorja Schutt
&
Kurt Taylor

Ethan Amor: Going the extra mile to investigate topics with depth and detail.
Samantha Kea: Showing greater positivity in maths (brain fitness) lessons.
Kristy Baker: Finding and handing in $10 that someone had lost!
Dakota Moss: Finding and handing in $10 that someone had lost!
Cooper Wright: Above and beyond showing respect to all staff by helping.
Within the Technologies subject we are conscious of finding ways to improve our local environment. The students promoted the idea of herb planters through their created posters, they wrote to school leadership and interested teachers informing them of our idea. Students were able to recycle used bottles to create a useful planter.

This was made possible by the kind donations and help especially from Casey, Ella, Emily, Jack and John and all the students who brought in the bottles. This year Room 1 has made some herb planters for the Kindy and the Junior primary natural play area and they think they look good. Room 1 did some tests for wicks. They used cardboard, paper towel and chux. They checked if their wicks drained the water too fast or too slow. Only a few were perfect.

To hold the plant they used bottles that were cut in half and turned the top part around for where the wick goes and where the soil and plant goes. The bottom half was used to hold the water that dripped from the wick.

By Chad Jones – Room 1
Community Notices

Mallala Primary School Uniforms

Just a note to let you know that there has been a small increase in the price of new uniform items, which are listed below for your convenience. They are all available from the front office, see our friendly staff for assistance.

- Bucket Hat ~ $11
- Girl's Skort ~ $16
- Navy Shorts ~ $11
- Microfibre Pants ~ $23
- Polo T-Shirt ~ $21
- Polar Fleece Jacket ~ $27
- Polo Jumper ~ $23

For more detailed information please see the printed programme – available for $2.00 at the Balaklava Post Office, Balaklava Community Library, Balaklava Newsagency or at any of the venues on Friday 5th & Saturday 6th August 2016. More details on the website www.balaklavafestival.org.au.